

**Rye Town Council**

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**Cc:** "Malcolm Johnston" <Malcolm.Johnston@rother.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 28 January 2011 17:21  
**Subject:** Rye Allotments  
Richard,

This all seems to have gone quiet. I've heard no more from your Solicitors about the threatened legal challenge; is that still active? If so, it would be unprofessional for me to discuss at least that matter with you direct, but provided you have not instructed them in relation to the proposed Lease there is no reason why we cannot discuss that.

With its financial position transformed, it seems this is a service to be discontinued by RDC. Is RTC at all interested in the Lease offer? If it helps, I'd be quite happy with a proviso to the effect that Grant and Acceptance of the Lease from RDC was entirely without prejudice to the entitlements of the parties (if any) to the Freehold, so therefore that dispute would just be "parked", and RTC could resurrect it whenever they wanted and their position would not be any weaker (or stronger) than if they had not taken the Lease. It also seems that in accordance with the Localism agenda my previous reservations about the Allotments Society would be withdrawn so therefore if RTC wants to devolve management to the AS (on terms it follows a fair, lawful allocation policy) that would be acceptable.

The main legal function of the Lease will therefore be to ensure that neither RTC nor RDC compromised their position in relation to freehold ownership. It would really only become relevant if RTC itself wished to realise the development value implied by the Local Plan Policy; the lease would effectively prevent RDC from doing so independently notwithstanding that it retains the Freehold. So the Lease would be a very effective "double-lock" guarantee of the Allotments' future. I'm not aware of any issues other than the above, but I'm happy to discuss any other details there may be. Please ask your Solicitors to advise on this proposal, if you haven't already. I'd be very surprised if they tell you there is anything to fear, particularly in light of my suggested proviso that the lease would be without prejudice to RTC's Freehold claim. If they do raise any issues, again, I'd be happy to discuss them.

I don't want you or your Council to feel pressurised, but we are all in a very different place now compared with a year ago. The dogs are barking and RTC really does need to consider soon whether it is happy for the leasehold caravan to move on, with all that may entail.

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**RYE TOWN COUNCIL  
Draft Provisional Timetable of Meetings 2011-12**

*Meetings are held normally on Monday at 6.30pm*

Month	Council	Policy	Planning & Townscape	Public Services
May	5 E		3 (Tues)	
	16 MM* 17(Tues)CF	31 (Tues)	17 (Tues) 31 (Tues)	
June	20 AR		13	
			27	
July				4
		25	11 25	
August	22		8 22	
September			5 19	
October		3	3	10
	17		17 31	
November			14 28	
December	12 NOM	5	12	
			19	
January			3 (Tues)	9
		30 B	16 30	
February	13 P		13	
			27	
March	7(Wed)ATM		12	
			26	
April	10 (Tues)	2	10(Tues)	16
			23	
May	7MM(11am)		8 (Tues)	
	14 CF			

<b>MM</b>	Mayor Making	<b>CF</b>	Committee Formation
<b>ATM</b>	Annual Town Meeting	<b>B</b>	Budget Meeting
<b>E</b>	Parish/Town Elections	<b>P</b>	Agreeing precept
<b>TBD</b>	To be determined	<b>AR</b>	Annual Return approval
<b>NOM</b>	Nominations for Mayor & Deputy Mayor (not in an Election year)		

*Notes*

\* 6.30pm - No church service or meal (Election year)

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**From:** "Kevin Barry" <kgbarry2010@hotmail.co.uk>  
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**Sent:** 01 February 2011 11:58  
**Subject:** boathouse  
 Good Morning Richard

As per our conversation yesterday I would be most grateful if the Town Council can give or lend us one or two Tricorn Hats for use in our forthcoming performance at easter, but let me tell you a little bit about Boathouse.

Boathouse is a new performing Arts project for people of 16 plus who are in supported education/learning in the Rye and Hastings areas. It has been set up by people who recognise the need for young adults to participate in community based performing arts. We came up with the idea as a way for everyone to meet up with friends and take part in drama dance singing/signing and prop and mask making. Each session takes place in Pett Village hall each Sunday between 1030 and 1230. Our fist Showcase performance will be on April 10th at 2.30pm. Th hats would be very useful and indeed anything that the council feels it no onger wants but would donate to a worthy cause would be received with open arms. And of course we would make sure the acknowledgements were made public to show people the support the council have given.

fingers crossed

Kevin

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## Pett arts group fulfils vital need



PETT'S new Boathouse Arts Project is enjoying great success with new members joining every week.

Kevin Barry, who launched the project at Pett Village Hall last month with wife Kim, said: "The word is certainly out that for adults in supportive learning/education that there is somewhere to go on Sunday mornings to be creative, whether it is singing/signing or dancing, and the prop and mask making is very popular.

"We always knew there was a need for something like Boathouse and guardians, parents and carers alike are telling us that Boathouse is fulfilling a need that the students wanted.

"We are also excited that we have launched our website this week [www.boathousetheatre.co.uk](http://www.boathousetheatre.co.uk)

On the site it has details of our Easter showcase which takes place on April 10 starting at 2.30pm.

"We have already sold quite a number of tickets so we are hopeful of a big turn out.

"The website also tells you a lot more about us and we will be updating this regularly to keep everyone informed of forthcoming performances and visiting artists."