Ryhall Parish Council (RPC)
Save Ryhall Library Sub Committee
Terms of Reference

Proposed and adopted: 23 January 2025

1. Objective of the Committee

To liaise with all relevant parties connected with the threatened closure of the Ryhall Library building and work in concert with the community Action Group aiming to retain the building's availability for delivery of Library Services and for Living Well and Warm Spaces purposes.

To work at pace given the urgency of the situation, keeping Ryhall Parish Council appraised of it's activity by reporting at normal meetings and by ad hoc communication via the Parish Clerk.

To see thorough the successful categorisation of the building as an Asset of Community Value.

To assist the community Action Group respond to such consultation opportunities as presented by Rutland County Council [RCC] by presenting a Business Case demonstrating the viability of affordable remediation of the building's fabric and utilities such that it can continue as a venue for provision of Library services.

To explore the feasibility of negotiating with RCC for the building to become a Community Managed Library [CML] operating under a leasehold arrangement or following a transfer of ownership.

To examine opportunities for the CML to be incorporated as a standalone Charity or enter into an arrangement with the Ryhall Village Hall Association [Charity Number 522347].

To act as spokesperson for the Parish Council in dealings with RCC, third parties and media.

2. Membership

Cllr. Andrew Nebel
Cllr. David Wilby
Cllr. Kevin Corby
Cllr. Jon Whowell
David Denman
and other Councillors or experts to act as advisors as and when required.

3. Areas of Responsibility

The Committee is accorded full delegated authority under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 from the Full Parish Council to receive and comment upon issue regarding the Ryhall Library closure without further reference to Full Council.

4. Responses

Cllr. Nebel to report at the next available Full Council meeting his progress or via group email.

Cllr. Whowell to be the main lead auditor for media.