

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHTER WITH NEW 'COMMITMENT'

Latest news from Malmesbury Town Council

The future of Malmesbury's Riverside Community Centre looks brighter following a commitment between Wiltshire Council and Malmesbury Town Council to work towards keeping the centre open for use by local residents and groups.

Wiltshire Council, which currently funds the lease for the Gloucester Road building, has signed a Memorandum Of Understanding with Malmesbury Town Council about the centre and its future.

This paves the way for the town council to look at options for taking on the running of the building within the next 18 months. An internal meeting has been arranged for November 13 with Malmesbury Mayor Cllr Stephen James and the centre's user groups to discuss the MoU.

The Riverside Community Centre, in Gloucester Road, is home to a range of groups and activities, including Malmesbury Skate Park, and is a much-valued space for local people. Concerns about its long-term future had been raised after Wiltshire Council confirmed last year that it was considering ending its lease early, which could have led to the closure of the centre by January next year.

"This is very encouraging news for the future of the Riverside Community Centre," said Cllr James. "I know many people have been concerned about its fate, and this agreement is a positive and important step toward securing the centre's place in our community for the long term.

"While there is still work to be done, this Memorandum Of Understanding gives us a strong foundation to build on and a clear path forward."

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