

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 8 December 2016
Report of: Executive Lead for Strategy, Governance & Law
(Monitoring Officer)
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 To receive those petitions presented to the Full Council and referred to the committee for consideration.
- 1.2 To receive any petitions to be presented or which have been submitted via the council's website or for which notice has been given directly to Democratic Services.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee gives consideration to the petition request.
- 2.2 That the Committee responds to the petition either by noting it or writing to the petition organiser setting out the Council's views, or where it is considered more appropriate, calls for an officer report on the matter which may give consideration to a range of options, including the following:
 - taking the action requested in the petition
 - considering the petition at a council meeting
 - holding an inquiry into the matter
 - undertaking research into the matter
 - holding a public meeting
 - holding a consultation
 - holding a meeting with petitioners
 - referring the petition for consideration by the council's Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee
 - calling a referendum

3. PETITIONS

- 3.1 Referred petitions:
 - i) **Save the Dyke Pub**

Petition from Ms. Sigfrid referred from the Council meeting held on the 20 October 2016 (1,413 online signatures).

To receive the following Petition:

“We the undersigned value the Dyke Pub as a community asset which furthers social wellbeing, and urge the council to accept the nomination as an Asset of Community Value so we can work to save this important and historic community venue for generations to come.

The Dyke Pub has served the community for 121 years, but on September 3rd the doors closed and the next day it re-opened as a furniture shop. This happened in great secrecy. We, the local community were not consulted, and not even staff members knew. Under current planning law, the owners were able to do this legally, without full planning permission.

We want the pub to be a pub again! Sign the petition to show support for a nomination of the pub as an Asset of Community Value, which would give the building some protection under planning law, and could pave the way to make the building a pub again! Let's do what we can to save the historic Dyke pub so that it can be the great, historic community venue it should be!

The Dyke pub not only has historic value, it is also an important community meeting point for the wide community around it. The Dyke pub is used regularly by us, the community as a venue to meet new and old friends and as a regular meeting venue for a range of organisations, including PTAs, book clubs, reunions, sport and social clubs, Reigate road community organisation, Tivoli road community organisation and many others. It has been used regularly by these organisations for many years and as a meeting venue for organising local street parties, charity, fun days and other community events, bringing neighbours of all ages together. It is regularly used by families, young and old. The fact that many people today live far away from family makes the pub even more valuable as a warm community venue which reduces isolation, and is open and welcoming to all. The Dyke pub on Dyke road is a historic and important venue which has brought communities together for decades.”

- 3.2 Extract from the meeting of Council on 20 October 2016 attached as an appendix.