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Press Statement

Extension to The Willows Nursery School hire at the Liphook Millennium Centre

The Liphook Millennium Centre, at its meeting on 19th November, agreed to extend the hire period for The Willows Nursery School to the end of the academic year (July 2016). Furthermore, the committee agreed an extension of the rental amount agreed in August 2015, of £31.74 per day, up until February 2016, with the rest of the academic year being charged at a fee of £54 per day, with free use of the kitchen and a small charge for storage. This falls well below the fees usually charged at the LMC but the committee were mindful of the current financial situation of the nursery and wanted to support them whilst they seek alternative premises.

The committee did not agree to the request for an extension beyond July 2016 as they were of the view that the LMC is a community facility and is currently heavily subsidised by the council tax payer. It felt that usage of the Centre should be, as far as is possible, to the benefit of community users and having a permanent pre-school housed in one of the most popular rooms does not allow for this. It was also felt that the layout of the building is not conducive to housing a pre-school, for example, the toilet facilities are not adjacent to the room and there may be some disruption caused to other users.

The Parish Council have recently met with the Scouts & Guides Hall Committee but they are not currently in a position to house a pre-school. The parish council will continue to look for alternatives but would urge any land or property owners to come forward if they have premises which may be suitable for this purpose.

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