

Press Release

Wednesday 4 March 2009



Future of Old Town Hall looks brighter

The future of Weymouth's Old Town Hall looks more secure following the decision of Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Management Committee to lease the building to the Chapelhay Community Partnership.

The terms of the lease will see the building properly restored to be used as an art heritage centre, focussing on the siege and Battle of Weymouth during the English Civil War.

Finance and Assets Brief Holder Councillor Peter Chapman said 'We see this as a tremendous opportunity to preserve part of Weymouth's heritage by working with the Chapelhay Community Partnership, who are seeking to restore the building and make it available to the community. The Partnership has some impressive plans and we wish them well for the future.'

Martin Hedley, Vice Chair of the Chapelhay Community Partnership added 'This is fantastic news. Many people have contributed to where we are today, and we are delighted to have the opportunity to bring the Old Town Hall back to the community. Thank you to all who have helped and all who will help in the future. There are many exciting ideas we plan to develop as part of this project which we expect to publish in the very near future.'

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PHOTO CALL

Wednesday 4 March 1.00pm at the Old Town Hall, High West Street, Weymouth

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