
SPECIAL MOTION NO. 4 – BIG SOCIETY COMMUNITY GROUPS

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Andrew Jones
- (ii) Councillor Michael Cartwright

“This Council recognises the contribution that volunteer community groups and community centres have in building our Borough’s local “Big Society.”

This Council therefore appreciates the value that well run community facilities have in giving young people positive new opportunities; giving elderly people chances to live fuller lives and adding to the physical and mental well-being of all who use them.

The Council confirms that it will audit each bid for each of the community centres it proposes to sell off so that it is able to place independently verified figures on the enhanced value of maintaining each community centre via a “Big Society” community social enterprise. The Council therefore agrees to assess that value using the following criteria:

- i) the promotion or improvement of economic wellbeing;
- ii) the promotion or improvement of social well-being;
- iii) the promotion or improvement of environmental well-being

The Council confirms that it appreciates the work being done by the residents of Sands End and Shepherds Bush to find new ways to maintain their community centres and the services within them. It resolves to support their bids and work with residents to improve and enhance the quality and quantity of their “Big Society” style volunteer and social enterprise services available in Sands End and Shepherds Bush.”