



TOURISM, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2025

REPORT TITLE:	EXPLORING COMMUNITY MANAGED LIBRARY MODELS
REPORT OF:	PAUL KELLY, REGIONAL CO-DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY MANAGED LIBRARIES PEER NETWORK

REPORT SUMMARY

At the meeting of the Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee on Thursday 24th October 2024, it was agreed to invite Mr Paul Kelly, the Regional Co-Director for the Community Managed Libraries Peer Network (CMLNPN), to a future meeting of the committee.

This report sets out the work of the Community Managed Libraries Peer Network. The presentation on behalf of the Regional Co-Director is attached at Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee is recommended to note and comment on the presentation by the Community Managed Libraries Peer Network.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 The presentation supplied by CMLNPN will inform the Committee on the mission of and work undertaken by CMLNPN. Members may wish to comment on or make suggestions to add to the work programme.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 No other options have been considered as Members of the Committee requested that CMLNPN be invited to present their work to the Committee.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Community Managed Libraries National Peer Network is an independent charity, funded by the National Lottery, covering England and Wales. The CMLNPN helps community managed libraries to run effectively by sharing ideas, learning, experiences and inspiration. There are 542 community managed libraries currently open which makes up around 19% of the total library provision.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

- 6.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 There are no risks arising from this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee is committed to engagement and consultation with Third Sector organisations.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity.
- 9.2 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no environment and climate implications arising from this report.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no community wealth implications arising from this report.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Exploring Community Managed Library Models presentation

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minutes of meeting of Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee, Thursday 24th October 2024.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

This report is being considered by the Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee in accordance with Section E of its Terms of Reference, “for delivery of the authority’s library and museums services, including but not limited to art galleries, historic buildings and their gardens and the functions of the Council regarding public records”.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee	Thursday 24 October 2024