



PRESS RELEASE

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Newhaven Town Council Considers placing Meeching Hall on the Market.

At an Additional Meeting of Full Council scheduled for Thursday February 12th 2026 (which the public may attend and observe), Newhaven Town Council will be actively considering its final decision to place Meeching Hall on the open market for sale.

In recent years, the Council has faced significant financial pressures, particularly rising utilities costs, increased material prices, and the significant level of potential investment required to bring Meeching Hall up to a modern operational and environmental standard and its maintenance thereafter.

The Council recognises that the potential sale of Meeching Hall may be upsetting to some individuals and groups, however, such a sale is anticipated to generate capital receipts that will facilitate investment and improvement in its other remaining Halls across the Town.

With Meeching Hall already being listed as an 'Asset of Community Value', a regulatory moratorium of six months will be implemented should the Town Council decide to sell, and this will enable interested community groups to develop their own purchase bids.

The Council is committed to being open and transparent throughout this process and will provide further updates as appropriate. We thank residents and community groups for their understanding and continued support as we work to make responsible decisions in the best interests of Newhaven.

Mayor of Newhaven, Councillor Kim Bishop said;

'Having considered the many factors affecting the Councils four Community Halls and its other properties across the Town, the potential sale of Meeching Hall is anticipated to generate the level of investment required to improve and maintain our remaining buildings into the future.'

For further information, please contact Newhaven Town Council Town Clerk, Mr Ken Dry, ken.dry@newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk.

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