

Agenda item 7

For decision - To apply to MDC to designate the Keyford Community Garden as an asset of community value

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Keyford Community Garden is the last surviving member of a group of Community Gardens established by Mendip in the 1990s. It's a well-used garden, just off Keyford, and is a mixture of individual plots, shared borders and wildlife areas. It has been much appreciated by the community during the last year, in particular.

It sits on land owned by Mendip, but no lease appears to exist with the Keyford Community Garden organisation. The latter would like to register it as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) to give it more protection, but Keyford Community Gardens is not registered as a charity or similar, so can't make a proposal to Mendip itself.

However, Frome Town Council can, and the proposal is that FTC submit the application to designate the garden an ACV. This would result in no future commitment towards the garden nor involve any financial liability. It would mean that if Mendip decided to put the land on the market, FTC would be informed and could submit an offer to acquire it.

Rebecca Morland, on behalf of the Keyford Community Garden, has drafted the application (attached at [Appendix 2](#)), she has checked with Mendip, and in order for FTC to nominate it, it would need to be an agenda item at a FTC meeting (hence this report) and a minute from the meeting would need to be submitted as part of the application.

Recommendation

Apply to Mendip to designate Keyford Community Garden as an asset of community value.