

### Report from Cllr Tony Walker

I attended the Warehouse Theatre's EGM on Thursday 12 Jan 2017. The main purpose was to consider the possible purchase of the Old Bakery adjacent to the theatre. The meeting was well attended. The benefits of purchasing the Old Bakery included providing much needed space for the theatre, in particular for the work they are doing with the youth.

The purchase cost was estimated at some £125k to which would need to be added additional costs to meet theatre requirements.

A three phase approach to the project was put forward with the need to go ahead with a structural survey being current top priority to ensure that the use proposals were viable. The theatre finances are reasonably strong and it was felt that the theatre was in a position to be able to carry out the required fund raising as they did when the Warehouse project was first started some thirty years ago.

A strong majority of members present supported the motion that the Committee should commission a structural survey to determine the appropriateness of going ahead with any possible purchase.