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PETITION

RESTORE NIGHT SHELTER IN MONMOUTH

PETITION TO THE COUNCILLORS OF MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MCC)

We, the undersigned, are supporting There's NO PLACE Like Home proposal to reinstate the Night Shelter based at Market Hall, Priory St, Monmouth NP25 3XA, under the management of Churches In Monmouth Housing Group, for the purpose of providing emergency, temporary accommodation, and 'out of hours' advice and support, to vulnerable people.

Churches In Monmouth Housing Group had responsibility for the management of Monmouth Nightshelter until the Covid Pandemic lockdown in 2020 when the building was taken back under the control of Monmouthshire County Council. Prior to the pandemic, Churches in Monmouth Housing Group had provided furniture, equipment (kitchen, dining, etc.,) through fundraising and community donations. These resources are still stored within the building, but have not been used for nearly 4 years.

Given the increasing level of hidden and recorded homelessness in Monmouth, it is a travesty that the Nightshelter building and resources are no longer used, forcing homeless and vulnerable people to sleep out on the streets, in subways and churchyards or other unsuitable accommodation e.g. fleeing abusive relationships. Returning the management of the property to the Churches in Monmouth Housing Group would provide a much needed warm and safe accommodation at very little cost to MCC as the Nightshelter was staffed by qualified volunteers. In addition, it would demonstrate community compassion, potentially reducing criminality, antisocial behaviour and restoring dignity and hope to homeless and vulnerable people.