

**QUESTION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12**

Council Meeting: Wednesday, 23 July 2025

Question from: Anthony Shaw

**Question to: Councillor Danielle Durrans, Lead Member for
Public Services and Communities**

QUESTION

The Save the Square Chapel for the People campaign were disappointed nobody from Calderdale Council addressed our recent public meeting despite our invitation.

Will the Cabinet Member for Public Services and Communities agree to meet representatives of the campaign and work with us to re establish the Square Chapel as an Arts Centre with a varied programme and good community links and outreach.

RESPONSE

As has been mentioned, Square Chapel is not owned by Calderdale Council.

I am (to be confirmed) willing to meet with two representatives from the recently established campaign group together with a Council officer.

However, I would repeat that the Council's role would be to advocate for Square Chapel to be brought back into use as an arts centre as the Council does not have any direct influence over the owner and operator of Square Chapel or over Arts Council England that has a charge over the building.