

NOTES FROM THE PROJECTS WORKING GROUP
11:00am 21ST MAY 2019 AT THE CRISPIN HALL.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Axten, Birch, Daniells, Drew, D Goater, P Goater, Shearer
County Cllr. Leyshon,
Oliver Woodams – SCC Strategic Manager Community and Traded Services
Emma Mercer & David Hayden – Somerset Libraries
Ed Medicott and James Ellis – Orme Architects
Linda Ruff – SPC Clerk, Jenny Marshfield – SPC Assistant Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllr Carswell, Napper, Prior, Zaky

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was agreed that Cllr. P Goater be elected as chairman of the group for the year.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was agreed that Cllr. C Axten be elected as vice chairman of the group for the year

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the two design options for the ground and first floor of the Parish Rooms.

Ed Medicott explained the two design options for the library use and for the future Parish Rooms use. He suggested that the group choose an option and then move forward with the design process in detail.

The following thoughts/concerns were made: -

- The Library needs to be a flexible space, incorporating private and public areas and evening usage for the Council.
- The whole of the Parish rooms to be accessible and available to the community for hire.
- The Library would need a work room space outside of the public Library area.
- Storage space would be needed with option 2 for tables and chairs etc- the possibility of removing the ground floor toilet area to overcome this.
- To ensure the option chosen is the best value for money and how it would benefit the Street community, cost benefit analysis – Library would not move for 3 ½ to 7 years. Sustainable building for future uses including income generation from hot desking etc and community uses.
- Is the JW room enough space for the Library? Some compromise will be needed - SCC will ensure a good design which will be funded from the £50,000 already guaranteed. Further funding has been earmarked by SCC to help the Council maximise the use of the Parish Rooms of £60,000 – not yet approved. £50,000 earmarked by SPC probable need to borrow £100,000 plus provided approval given by Secretary of State following public consultation. If additional funded provided SCC would expect to be in the building for 7 years or would claw back. The permanent CLP agreement for 7 years, to be signed this year and the SCC funding spent in 2019 or 2020.
- Would there be the same amount of footfall with a smaller Library?
- Residents are delighted that Street will keep their Library and are happy to continue using the service at the Parish Rooms.

- How long would the renovations take for option 2? – The project could be phased with a possibility of a 3-4-month build.
- If the Library had to close whilst works to the Parish Rooms were carried out, this would make a huge impact on the Library. Also will be implication for the SPC office.

The Councillors unanimously agreed for the option 2 design and arranged a further meeting on Friday 24th May at 9:30am in the meeting room on the 1st floor of the Parish Rooms with Emma Mercer and James Ellis to develop design 2 ensuring the brief is right. The meeting to be attended by Cllrs. Axten, Drew and P Goater and to consider all members wish lists.

Uses will be key plus how often used, size of rooms, storage for gazebos etc, number of entrances, security and fire strategy. James Ellis will then draw up the Councillors 'wish list' and develop the design. This can then be taken to the full Council to agree following public consultation. Orme to give a price for the next stage of their work.

Ollie Woodams asked that a plan of the new Library design be available by the end of June-mid July.

Meeting ended at 12:20pm.