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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD AT THE GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM ON MONDAY 24TH OF APRIL 2023

Chair: Councillor Mr P Vaughan

PRESENT Councillors Mrs S Benbow Jones, Mrs J Jones, Mrs I Twigg, D Wright and Mrs G Wright, also Helen Williams from Cadwyn Clwyd, Rob Chambers from John Gallanders from Praxis and Deio Jones Project Coordinator.

APOLOGIES – None received.

Due to unforeseen issues, a change was made on the agenda, John Gallanders of Praxis gave his report first, followed by Rob Chambers.

TO RECEIVE THE FINAL REPORT ON THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES STUDY ACTION PLAN/GENERAL DISCUSSION

John Gallanders gave a brief overview of the updated study, and stressed that this was not the final report. He stated to members that he welcomes any changes to accuracy and will amend accordingly. One hundred and twenty residents in various locations in the community have been interviewed so far to obtain their views on community facilities. Accessibility was highlighted by many, and across all ages.

The population within the community is aging. New housing developments may mean bringing younger families into the community, but within the next 15-20 years, 50% population will be over the age of 60 on current projected figures. The issues around isolation were discussed, and the potential to bring members of the community together.

The report has found that there are many opportunities within the community, and even though people complained about lack of information about these opportunities, the report contradicts this. The study is finding that Covid still plays a large part in people attitudes to socialising. The upside to the pandemic, was that people were forced to become more tech savvy - 60% of people said they used social media and the internet.

The report highlights areas where the council could attract volunteers, Ty Mawr was identified as an area that people were more likely to engage in volunteering activities.

TO RECEIVE THE FINAL REPORT ON THE GEORGE EDWARDS HALL FROM ROB CHAMBERS

2D maps of the hall and adjoining building were shown to the committee, these showed different perspectives of the hall, and the current composition of the entire site.

Rob Chambers reported a few changes made from the last meeting, and currently the main issues were how to better improve access to the building from the rear car park. This is proving challenge, but several options have been drafted. The rear entrance has been identified as the best entrance to maximize the opportunities at the site.

A few options have been looked at on how to link the front and the back on the building, due to access difficulties as the site is on many levels.

The report aims to explore options to create more space in the building, as there is a large amount of space which could work better, especially the underused green room space below the stage, and the toilet provisions.

Rob Chambers ran through the costings for these options as drafted by a quantity surveyor. Low medium and high priority remedial works have been identified, and the report has highlighted structural works which will need to be completed as soon as possible to prevent further damage to building.

TO DISCUSS AND RE-CAP FOLLOWING ON FROM THE LAST MEETING.

Cllr D wright would like to see more reported about the pro activeness of the council within the last few years., this needs to be reflected in the community facilities report as evidence of a council that is trying to strengthen the community facilities, he would also like it noted that the rock stadium is a community facility, and that the council has commissioned a feasibility study On current sports facilities. The close relations with the schools should also be included, and the work of the council with local housing developers.

Helen from Cadwyn Clwyd advised that the feasibility study for the bridge at Ty Mawr is now on 'Sell 2 Wales'

Deio Jones discussed the funding for a development officer and all the evidence gathered is essential to form the lottery bid.

John Gallanders stated that Cefn Community Council should sign post their assets so that members of the community know what is owned and funded by the local council.

ACTION PLAN/GENERAL DISCUSSION

The clerk stated that if there are further changes to be discussed on the reports, they be sent directly to members and they can decide if they wish to arrange another meeting.

John Gallanders to draft a summary of community activities, to be used in the lottery funding bid Deio Jones is preparing.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The committee only will meet on 24th may, at 1pm

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

