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**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD
AT THE GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 24TH OF MAY
2023**

Chair: Councillor Mr P Vaughan

PRESENT Councillors Mrs S Benbow Jones, Mrs J Jones, D Wright and Deio Jones Project Coordinator.

Rob Chambers joined on the Zoom platform.

APOLOGIES – Mrs I Twigg and Mrs G Wright

TO REVIEW REPORT FROM ROB CHAMBERS

Rob Chambers reported to the committee that he has almost completed the final report on the George Edwards Hall. There are 3-year financial projections to do and ensure that all the elements of the study are covered.

Mr Chambers reported that he has been through the feasibility studies compiled by John Gallanders, and cross referenced with his own report, to ensure that they compliment each other.

Following on from the last meeting, Mr Chambers detailed the slight changes that he has made to Option 2 (the councils preferred plan). Outlining the small update that has been made to the outside footprint the incorporates the outside lift, and changes to the stairs.

The scheme should be phased, and the plans discussed to prioritise the most important changes happening first. A up to date condition survey has been completed so the priority areas can be identified. The main idea will be to make the back of the building more appealing and accessible, therefore becoming the main access point for the hall and adjoining offices.

Cllr D Wright requested that Mr Chambers attend a full council meeting so that he can explain his report to council members, Mr Chambers agreed, and stated that he would require a 30 minute slot to present his study.

**TO DISCUSS AND RECAP FOLLOWING ON FROM THE LAST DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The clerk reported that the WCVA landfill tax grant has been finalised.

Rob Chambers confirmed to members that he has been in touch with WCBC and Snowdonia windows on the community councils behalf, to try and move things along with the fitting of the

windows for the hall. The replacement windows for the front of the hall are in storage, and the clerk confirmed there hasn't been any successful outcomes from dealing with planning at WCBC. The clerk has been advised by an officer from WCBC planning that the profile of the new windows are required to replicate what is currently in situ, or the planning application will not be supported.

The Lottery and green spaces projects have now been finalised; the clerk will make enquires to check if the wildflowers have been sown for this season. Deio stated that the re-seeding of the meadows will be tied into the Green Spaces project.

Cllr D Wright stated that he had a meeting at Ty Mawr on the 9th of May, to discuss the proposed footbridge over the Dee. The view was that the bridge will be expensive as it will be placed in the world heritage zone and will have to adhere to certain requirements.

Cllr Wright has asked for two options, low and high costing bridges, and also the best place to locate it. He is due to be updated on the findings and will report back in the next meeting.

There are already proposals within the Trevor Basin masterplan for a bridge over the Dee at Ty Mawr, but towards the end of the project.

ACTION PLAN/GENERAL DISCUSSION

Cllr D Wright stated that he would like the council logo added to the signs around the MUGA and any other council owned and operated assets. Deio Jones added that signs on the MUGA should include the FAW Trust as a sponsor.

The Clerk reported that the Chair of Cefn Albion has been in touch to request that a meeting be convened between themselves and the Development committee, when this meeting has been arranged the clerk will forward the details to members.

Cllr Helen Brimfield would like the committee to discuss her proposal for a community cinema club at the George Edwards hall on a regular basis, and asked the project coordinator if he could look at possible ideas for funding streams. Deio Suggested that the Shared Prosperity fund will have smaller pots of money via Cadwyn Clwyd and this could be a good avenue to explore, there is also a possibility to share portable equipment with other community facilities, and share the cost of purchasing.

When the report on GE Hall is complete, Deio Jones confirmed that he will go through all of the studies together and prioritise elements which need to be looked at first. This is with a view to gathering enough evidence to apply for a lottery bid, either shared prosperity or people and places. He will make a list of options for the next meeting.

Cllr D Wright stated that he would like discussions with local businesses to find out if they are willing to donate any funding to community projects.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for the Monday 17th of July at 10.30am

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