

Marden Parish Council

Community Facilities Working Group (CFWG) Meeting
on Wednesday 20 January 2021 by Zoom

Notes of the Meeting

Present: David Bennett (Chairman and PC), Dave Tidball (Marden Church), Jess Tidball, Angela Sasso and Chris Wathen (Parishioners), Dave Lloyd (Marden Church) and Kate Ryan (PC).

In attendance: Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk.

1. **Apologies** – Steve Miles (MRGT).

2. **Tenders for new architect**

- When tenders opened, felt necessary to check if Architype still interested in project, given that figures they previously quoted were very close to tender figures
- Confirmed Architype still interested and will provide updated figures shortly, though may take week or so
- Funding streams - £500k from Public Works Loan, reserves £80k +/-, fundraising £7k, other grants £25-40k and community funding £30-40k
- Consider another tender process to include Architype, as planning approval not imminent.

3. **Recommendations to PC re tenders**

- Obtain updated ballpark figure from Architype and have quick CFG meeting
- If in same region as tenders, recommend to PC that go through tender process again.

4. **Community consultation**

- On basis of planning approval hiatus and possibly another tender process, defer community consultation until have more information.
- Aim for consultation in the summer possibly.

5. **Business Plan**

- Largely drafted, recommend finalise with running cost figures, architect's build figure, results of community consultation and hold submission until planning approval granted – but as drafted will be able to get going quickly
- Need to finalise rest of Business Plan before community consultation.

6. **Continuing fundraising**

- Need to continue with fundraising, though difficult during Covid restrictions
- Think more broadly eg. sponsor a brick etc
- Start looking for pledges of help to do certain work like landscaping, rather than just raising funds.

7. **Next steps –**

- Support MVT to move to CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
- Parishioner's concerns in email received by PC – too much money spent on project and with Eco features and extended footprint PWL size increased from £400k to £500k
- However noted that if architect cannot come up with affordable building as current plan, will have to re-evaluate
- Parishioner also felt consultation should be delayed – agreed
- Other queries about status of land raised with CFG member – land will be freehold; land offered by New House Farm; all land sold to developer who will cede land to PC under Heads of terms legal agreement for S106
- Other S106 contributions for highway work, education and sports contributions to parish
- Hope to agree with developer that synergy to use community site for welfare buildings, so reduce costs of our build project as ground preparation etc will be done by developer.

8. **Next meeting** – Monday 1 February 2021 at 7.00 pm by Zoom to consider figure from Architype and finalise recommendation to PC.

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

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