

Marden Parish Council

New Community Facilities Working Group (NCFWG) Meeting
for the New Community Centre
on Monday 29 February at 19.30 in the Community Centre

Notes of the Meeting

Present: David Bennett (Chairman), Arthur Fraser, Geoff Nash, Sandra Gladwyn, Robin Brook, Chris Wathen, Paula Barratt, Dave Lloyd and Stefka Glavcheva

In attendance: Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk

1. **Apologies** – Jess Tidball.

2. **Open Forum** – None.

3. **Recommendation of architect to Parish Council**

Members of the group gave their choice of preferred architect and the reason for their choice:

Paula – Architype – most professional and feel can get on with them

Chris – Architype – liked basic plan and use of natural light, sketchplan seems to fit build

Stevka – Architype – capacity to fulfil project and certification

Robin – Architype – not convinced OKX have capacity to do project

Sandra – Architype – felt they want to make a good job of New House Farm & this & can deliver

David – Architype – provide greater flexibility to work round budget, feel will have synergy with the project

Dave – Architype – professional throughout, all skills in-house

Arthur – Architype – more approachable and attractive

Geoff – Architype – second OKX presentation was not good.

Unanimous decision to recommend Architype to the Parish Council as the preferred architect for the project.

Agreed feedback to OKX – group were impressed by first presentation but felt the second one did not move ideas forward; on reflection, the group felt they wanted to avoid the need to employ various professionals direct, as a risk to the PC.

4. **Discussion of response from lottery and options for application**

Main point made by lottery is about justifying the cost of the build, need to be able to justify that the large cost is in proportion to the gain to the community – going to be very difficult to do, as this is a small community in lottery terms.

Noted Alison's discussions with solicitor at Clerk's conference last week – real doubt raised about whether PC can use £150k lease termination monies towards build – as will go to Marden Village Trust. Alison will ask Rob Bartup for copy of the MVT charity founding document and contact the solicitor for advice.

After much discussion, agreed that need to aim for total project cost of £850k including fees, contingency etc. Agreed ask for £500k from lottery and aim to get £350k from fundraising and PWLB loan to PC.

Exclude £150k from lease but may have flexibility if legally possible to use it later to pay off part of PWLB loan.

5. **Next N&V copy** –

Sandra and Paula will draft and send to Alison to check and put in template.

6. **Next steps** –

Alison arrange Architype for next meeting – ask to consider what can have using figures above and Passivhaus light standard.

7. **Next meetings** – Monday 21 March at 7.00 pm.

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

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