

BOVEY TRACEY COMMUNITY CENTRE STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON FRIDAY 2nd June 2017 AT 2.00PM

Present:

Cllr Rob Bray
Cllr Eoghan Kelly
Mrs Jackie Paxman – Bovey Tracey Library
Miss Erica Steer – Bovey Tracey Information Centre Trust
Mr Mark Wells – Town Clerk
Mr Peregrine Mears – Peregrine Mears Architects
Mr Jason Skelton – Peregrine Mears Architects

The meeting was chaired by the Town Clerk in the absence of Cllr Kelly.

The Town Clerk explained that a new Town Mayor was elected on 8th May at the Council's Annual Meeting and therefore Cllr Mrs Kerswell (newly elected Town Mayor) will replace Cllr Tony Allen at future meetings.

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Mrs Kerswell – Town Mayor
Mr Peter Hall
Cllr Bob Ashby

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mark circulated copies of the meeting minutes of 31st March 2017. The group agreed they were an accurate record of discussion.

Mark noted that the Facebook page for the project is now live and will be publicised via the development site hoarding very soon.

Cllr Kelly arrived and took over Chairmanship of the meeting.

3. Presentation/Review of Updated Plans

Following a meeting with Teignbridge Officers and visits to the Hayridge Centre and Exeter Library, Peregrine presented updated plans to Steering Group Members, which covered:

- Site constraints – views and movement
- Streetscape and boundaries
- Design principles
- Draft Ground floor plan layout
- Alternative layout option (increasing office to-let area)
- Bovey Tracey Heritage – to inform external design
- Main Hall roof options
 - o Simple ridge
 - o Skewed ridge
 - o Saw tooth
 - o Kiln inspired form
- Preferred option for roof

- Perspective drawings (East/West/Overview)
- Building precedents

Following discussions, it was agreed that:

- a) a further review of the Public Conveniences (RG24 – RG26) should be undertaken in order to better align the public toilets together and perhaps relocate the library store (RG28) to enable this. It was also suggested that the Public Conveniences should all be of a suitable accessible size.
- b) a review of the general office space (RG18) be undertaken (adjacent to the home worker offices) and linked with this should be a review of access to the staff toilet (RG19) in addition to perhaps removing the staff kitchen area (RG20).

Following further discussions, the Steering Group agreed that the 'alternative plan' was the preferred design, which includes provision for home worker offices.

A summary of the above presentation will be presented to Recreation, Parks & Property Committee on 5th June 2017. It is hoped that final plans will be presented to Full Council on 3rd July 2017.

4. Agenda items for next meeting

It was suggested that no further meetings would be required prior to the updated plans being submitted to Full Council on 3rd July 2017.

5. AOB

The Town Clerk suggested that an early meeting should be arranged with Teignbridge's Conservation Officer and Planning Officer to gauge initial views. Mark to obtain dates/times.

6. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.