

Almonry Development Working Group

Notes from a tele-conference meeting on 12 June 2020

Present:

Cllrs Favell, Kiloh and Sharman

BTC website

The group would like the Marketing & Town Development Officer to draft a web page for the project that includes an overview in the style of an engaging, friendly newspaper article that explains very simply how the project is moving forward and what is envisaged for The Almonry i.e. the Civic Centre.

The introduction could be based on the background article on p12 of the June Newsletter.

The information about The Almonry that follows should get across a powerful message that the Civic Centre will retain the building's heritage, but make it a suitable place for everyone - residents, visitors and organisations - that is open for everyone to use, a place to go for help and information, tourist information, displays and also to just visit and enjoy. Hyperlinks should be inserted where applicable.

Documents to be included on the page:

- Photos (There is also an artist's impression on p21 of the Strategic Plan)

- Plans (Strategic Plan Appendix H)

- Heritage Charter (Strategic Plan Appendix B)

- 2019/23 Council Plan

- Strategic Plan - once agreed by Council

- Abridged Plan - once agreed by Council

- Strategic Plan Appendices - once agreed by Council

- Results of questionnaire when available

Heating

A response from Carnell Warren regarding the change to electric heating was discussed:

If there was a "move to a direct electric heating, with immersions and electric panel rads for instance there would be a saving for the installation, but the running costs will be high and we will not comply with building regulations as we will be making the energy consumption/CO2 production worse."

At the tender interviews and on other occasions, the group had been led to believe that the installation would be much cheaper and that electricity would likely to be comparable with gas. We also needed to be aware that, in the future, gas heating will

need to be phased out. There was no mention of electricity making the energy consumption and CO₂ production worse, which would affect Buildings Regulations.

Since electricity is increasingly being generated by renewable energy, MK agreed to investigate further by contacting the department at RDC concerned with Building Regulations.

Questionnaire

The group will meet to discuss the questionnaire results during the week commencing 21st June 2020.

Next meeting: Tuesday 16th June at 18.00 to which all Councillors are invited.

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