

Minutes of the Community Centre Committee of Aston Clinton Parish Council,
held on 18th January 2017, 7.00pm,
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

T Comerford - Chairman

M Mason

R Stewart

M Osborn

L Tubb

Absent: P Hughes

Minute-taker: L Tubb

0 members of the public

17.01 Apologies

No apologies were received

17.02 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations.

17.03 Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2016

These had been circulated and were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

17.04 Public Participation

There were no items

17.05 Public Event:

- i. **Summary of Feedback:** Cllr Comerford reported on feedback from the public exhibition/consultation held during December. All comments had been scanned/saved and the breakdown was as follows: 35 Completed, 28 positive (80%), 5 very negative and 6 said no to an increase in council tax to help pay for the build. The negative comments had questioned the need, the scale, the design and the appropriateness of the look for the surroundings. There had been helpful comments on design. Cllr Comerford agreed to forward a summary.
- ii. **Further Consultation:** Cllr Comerford suggested that a working party including the New Homes Bonus officers from AVDC, would be his preferred route for their involvement. The clerk would be asked to set up a meeting. There is a smaller, ongoing display of the plans in the Cafe.

17.06 Funding Updates

- i. **S106 Money:** The Clerk had circulated details of what stage the developments were at for the S106 amounts allocated to this project, including the triggers for money to be released. The Stratford Close money (£120,138) is available, although cannot be released until the build has started and invoices are in.
- ii. **Sport England:** Cllr Stewart had spoken to Sport England who had directed her to the Strategic Facilities Fund. £30million is available but application must come via the local authority. Cllr Comerford suggested speaking to Jan Roffe to assist with this. Cllr Stewart also pointed out the Community Asset Fund as a possibility but it would be necessary to note the closing date for applications. The Inactivity fund was then discussed and the fact that there would need to be provision for the 55+ group, to meet the criteria. It was agreed to incorporate this provision and the closing date for application was 13/2/17. Cllr Stewart and Comerford would meet separately to work on the application.

- iii. **F.A.:** Cllrs Hughes and Comerford had met and discussed the FA funding and are 80% through the application process. ACFC needs to support any application made by confirming size and type of facilities. Cllrs Hughes and Comerford plan to have the application submitted within the next 2 weeks.
- iv. **Other Sources:**
 - Borrowing: It was discussed and agreed that the committee would make a recommendation to full Council of how much should be borrowed and how it would be repaid. The business case will be needed and it was agreed to discuss this with AVDC officers in the first instance.
 - Cllr Tubb agreed to continue reviewing the London Marathon Fund
 - Cllr Comerford discussed the Football Stadia Improvement Fund which must be applied for in conjunction with the football club. Chinnor had applied for and received a grant from this fund. Cllr Comerford agreed to ask Cllr Hughes to work on the application with him and will send a summary to the committee.
 - The Lottery Heritage Fund and the Community Building Support Grant needs to be investigated further and Cllr Mason agreed to work on this.
 - Cllr Mason is pursuing the following funds: Heart of Bucks Fund, Trust House Charitable Foundation, the BIFA Award – between 10-50k for community buildings and the Henry Smith Charity – grants of £10k+ - may provide revenue for core costs.

17.07 Timeframe and Project Plan:

The committee discussed visiting both the Chinnor and Westbury builds and agreed this would be productive. It was agreed that a robust case for both the project and the funding will need to go to the full Council and this should be sense-checked by an external person. 2 members of the public had spoken to Cllr Comerford at the public event and had offered their experience and help. Cllr Comerford will meet them to pursue this further. Cllr Comerford will now instruct the architects that phase one (planning application) is to be implemented and ask them to re-work the plans accordingly. These will then be presented to the committee at a future meeting. It was agreed to aim to submit plans to AVDC in July 2017, for possible determination by October. A presentation will be given to the full council prior to the application being submitted. The remaining timeline will be put-together by the architect.

17.08 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th February at 7.30pm

..... Chairman’s Signature Date