



Minutes of the Oldway Mansion and Estate Working Party

14 December 2017

-: Present :-

Councillor Robson (Chairman)

Councillors Sykes, Doggett and Amil

(Also in attendance: Kevin Mowat, David Clark, Louise Gilson, Colleen Moon ,
Mark Green and Lorraine Stewart)

(Apologies from: Richard Haddock, Paul Hawthorne)

65. Minutes

All agreed minutes were accurate record - CR proposed and LS seconded

66. Matters Arising

Visit to Oldway Mansion - CR introduced David Clark to the working party. CR advised that Historic England visited Oldway yesterday with Purcell and they have identified some issues of dry rot within the building. This is in the corner of the ballroom which has travelled through to the room next door. Plaster moulding has also fallen down. There are some issues with the roof and a blocked gully. Historic England will be sending a report about this. There are also some issues in one of the first floor offices. CR would like the Working Party to make a recommendation that regular visits from the TDA start again. Also that the heating is turned off as recommended.

CR stated that Historic England advised that the building may be added on to the at risk register. KM advised that he did request that the heating is turned off previously as advised by Purcell. KM has advised he will send an email to Liam Montgomery on behalf of the working party to request that the TDA are commissioned to reinstate the routine visits.

LSt to organise a visit to Oldway Mansion in January for the Working Party. Action LSt

Members of the Working Party - Nicole Amil has now joined the Working Party and Mark Kingscote will no longer be attending. Another representative from the Conservative Group to attend.

Planning consent position - KM has no further update from Carly Perkins on this. KM advised he will get an updated position of the planning permissions for David Clark for going forward before CP goes off on Maternity leave. Action KM

67. DCA Consultancy

David Clark (DC) gave an update on DCA and the progression that DCA have made so far.

They are currently looking at the different possible uses for Oldway and the various market options.

They will be putting together a report about the possible idea of adding Oldway Mansion to the at risk register due to the current condition of the building. DC suggested that once the TDA have been commissioned to inspect the building again and look at the current repair issues that they meet with Purcell for some further advice. DC suggested that the TDA can speak with Alex Jeremy.

DCA believe that they do not think they will find one use for the whole site other than looking at a hotel development proposal again. They will be starting to look at the plans of the building and what possible different types of uses can be introduced to the whole site. This could include cafes, conference use & weddings, possible residential flats or office use.

DC advised that they would like to start consulting with the public and different organisations in January as they would like to have the proposals ready for March. MG suggested that the Culture Board can assist with consulting. LSt will circulate contact details for all the members of the working party to DC.

DC advised that there have been changes to the way of applying for funding through Heritage Lottery fund for 2018/19.

LG asked what will happen about the Mayor's deadline if cannot apply for funding. KM advised that the Mayor would like an update as to what options are viable for Oldway in March to be presented to him.

LSt to try and find the spreadsheet with options for Oldway that Iain Masters held - Action LSt

Ideas were suggested for using parking and tennis courts to increase income to the Council whilst waiting for the business case brief to be agreed.

68. Budget

KM handed out two copies of the budget spreadsheets with the figures for 16/17 & 17/18.

KM ran through both reports to give an update of the expenditure for both years.

Updates since the reports were printed - the scaffolding has now been purchased and will be looking to have the heating switched off which should reduce some expenditure.

LG asked about the idea of the handy man being employed to work there during the day instead of security. KM advised that he will speak to the TDA again and the CCTV idea may be reintroduced when the new corporate CCTV is introduced.

69. Update on Current Repair Issues

Nothing to discuss

70. Any Other Business

Nothing to discuss

Chairman/woman