



Minutes of the Oldway Mansion and Estate Working Party

26 July 2017

-: Present :-

Councillor Robson (Chairman)

Councillors Doggett, Haddock and Sykes

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

55. Minutes

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting on 26th June were an accurate record.

56. Matters Arising

- Commissioned business case brief - Josephine Brown. KM issued a copy of the document of the Consultancy service for Oldway Mansion with tracked changes. Was proposed by RH and seconded by ID and all agreed that the process should go ahead to work with procurement team to go out to the market place asap.
- Culture Board attendee - MG introduced himself to the working party as the Culture Board representative.
- David Watts - Oldway Inventory - KM read out email response received regarding the Oldway inventory from Joseph Harvey from Torre Abbey. There are various collections and some are stored at Oldway, Torre Abbey and in other storage sites.
- Oldway Reserve - KM advised that he has spoken with Martin Phillips and any revenue overspend will be met from the Oldway reserve.
- Planning consent position - KM advised that he does not have a definitive answer on this as yet. Currently trying to work out if the planning conditions on the planning consent have been discharged. PH commented that he has concerns over enabling development consent and that this will result in the mansion not being reinstated. RH commented that he has concerns that if there is no enabling development then this could result in nothing happening to the asset and in years to come there could be serious implications for the Council.

CR commented that the enabling development would have to be considered by the consultancy company and the planning department in the future.

KM explained that he had held a meeting with AMB and Carly Perkins from Planning and ran through the planning applications which were still pending and those that had been discharged.

57. Budget

KM passed out a document which showed the latest position on the Oldway Budget as of 11th July. KM explained that column A is current budget and there is £82,000 for Oldway. The rotunda has a zero budget. 66% of the available budget has been used and has commitments against it. The forecast spend is £143,000.

58. Update on current repair issues

KM advised as Iain Masters is not in attendance he is only aware of a leak that has been identified due to the large rain fall last week.

CM advised that in the gardens there is a dead tree and wondered if it should be removed before it falls down. It is located near the stream area near the grotto. KM advised he can ask Council officers to go and have a look at the tree to see if it is a safety issue. Action - KM

59. Any other business

RH - Queried about the members of the Working Party as there is one member who has never attended so should he be replaced? CR advised that he will speak with the conservative group regarding this issue. Action - CR

MG - advised that they have a regular visitor from Heritage Lottery fund who has never been shown around and would like a visit. PH advised that he would be happy to show him around. LS advised she was not in attendance on site visit so would like to attend. Action - LSt

PH - asked what can be reported back to the members of public regarding the 1st September deadline and current situation. CR commented that he will be attending the next Strategic Land Task Group meeting and will be asking for an extension to this deadline with the fact that the consultancy brief will shortly be going out to the market place.

KM commented that at the last Strategic Land Task Group meeting the Mayor agreed to allow CR to attend to make a case for extending the deadline. KM indicated that he will be advising the Mayor to allow the deadline to be extended due to the work that is now taking place and the budget for running Oldway for this year has already been committed up to 31st March 2018. All agreed that the date of 31st March 2018 is the best date to ask for so that the business case work can be carried out fully so that the Working Party can then make recommendation to full Council with the proposed outcome of Oldway. Action – KM

KM - raised the question of the date for the next meeting. Should it be before the Strategic Land Task Group meeting which is scheduled for 20th September or after? It was agreed to set the meeting up after 20th September as soon as possible at 3 pm in the afternoon. Action - LSt

Chairman/woman
