Community Reference Group Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday 1 August 2018
Time: 5.30pm for 6pm start until 7.30pm
Venue: The Cottage, Thomas Street Centre, 1 Thomas Street Nailsworth
Chair: Ben Footner (Manager Library Services)
Note taker: Melissa O’Kelley (Senior Library Officer)
Attendees: Lee Clark (proxy for Prue Blaikie), Anna Graves, Sue Michael, Ali Blake, Shaun Lyon
Other Attendees: Liz Gunn (Community Development Officer), Chris Newby (CLIC Project Lead)
Apologies: Vicki Rigney, Jess Tovara, Sharron Ward, Frances McKenzie-Smith, Caroline Ashmeade, Kym Whittington, Tyler Gates, Reb Rowe, Deputy Mayor Mark Groote

1. Welcome – (Ben Footner)

2. Update on progress for construction of the facility – (Chris Newby)
   - PowerPoint presentation by Chris of site demolition/construction and facility plans
     - ACTION: Liz to email CRG members the PowerPoint presentation
     - Site construction
       - Demolition of old site has been completed
         - Contaminated soil was found and had to be sifted which added additional cost and caused a slight delay in the project
       - Removal of some trees directly adjacent to the Town Hall in Vine Plaza at the recommendation of a Heritage architect
         - Council’s Infrastructure team is working on a Vine Plaza Integration Plan which involves a comprehensive landscaping plan for Vine Plaza
           - Separate to the CLIC project but running concurrently with it
       - Moorings, capping beam and piers have been put into place for the new facility
     - Facility plans/design
       - Disability Forum held by the Mayor resulted in subtle changes to the design to improve disabled access and use of the facility
       - Currently undertaking wayfinding and signage design for the facility and carpark
       - Public photocopier has been relocated closer to the front of the building near the service area
       - Still exploring options for Makerspace floor covering
       - Expressions of Interest for café space in Town Hall will be released to the market in approximately one month
       - Discussion about meeting/events space on 1st floor
         - Elected members reconsidering their choice of timber fitout in the meeting space and Local History area
         - Community Reference group comments
           - Consensus of hard and durable furniture and flooring
           - Furniture should also be flexible to accommodate a variety of
uses for this space
  o Children’s area could possibly feature a mural from a local indigenous artist
  o Discussion about naming of facility or certain areas of the facility
    ▪ CRG supportive of having a catch-all name for the facility
  o Before the facility opens the CRG will have the opportunity to do a tour of the building

3. Community Consultation on 11 August – (Liz Gunn)
   • Drop-in session between 9am to 2pm on Saturday, 11 August
   • Flyer went out with residents’ rates notices about the Community Consultation
   • Purpose is to give the community a chance to see and provide feedback on the latest CLIC designs

4. Round Table Discussion – (Ben Footner)
   • Discussion about how particular CRG members think they will use the new facility (services, activities, etc.)
     ▪ Shaun Lyon
       o Library is the least likely service/part of the facility that he would use
       o Would use other parts of the facility such as the meeting rooms, planning services, attend events, etc.
       o Would enter the building from Town Hall or front entrance
       o Concerned about the carpark not being integrated with the rest of the building
       o Also concerned about wayfinding and people not knowing where they can/can’t go in the facility
       o Believes the new facility will re-centre the Village Heart
     ▪ Ali Blake
       o Library is main service/part of the facility that she would use
       o Convenience to other services like immunisation clinic is important to her
       o Likes that the children’s area is at the back of the building because that gives her a chance to walk through the building to see other things on her way to the children’s area
       o Doesn’t foresee herself using Level 1 at this point

Meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 5 September 2018 at 6pm – 7.30pm (refreshments available from 5.30pm) at the ‘Cottage’ behind the library at 1 Thomas Street Nailsworth.