Community Reference Group Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday 3 April 2019
Time: 3.50pm for 4pm start until 6.30pm
Venue: ‘CLIC’ 128 Prospect Road for tour – Cotto for discussion
Chair: Ben Footner (Manager Library Services)
Note taker: Melissa O’Kelley (Senior Library Officer)
Attendees: Prue Blaikie, Caroline Ashmeade, Anna Graves, Sue Michael, Shaun Lyon, Frances McKenzie-Smith, Ali Blake
Other Attendees: Liz Gunn (Community Development Officer), Chris Newby (CLIC Project Lead), Merran Fyfe (Manager Arts & Events), Ann Newmarch (tour only), Cate Hart (CEO – City of Prospect)
Apologies: Brendan Lott, Deputy Mayor Matt Larwood, Kym Whittington, Reb Rowe, Tyler Gates, Sharron Ward

1. Welcome – (Chris Newby)

2. Tour of the ‘CLIC’ facility – (Chris Newby)

3. Debrief of Tour – (Chris Newby)
   - CRG Feedback of facility
     - Prue and others expressed disappointment that there are not any tea/coffee making facilities for the general public (as witnessed at other library visits to Cove Civic Centre and Parks Library)
     - The proportions of the spaces are well-done
     - Concern expressed by Anna and Prue regarding the height of the railing on the first level (especially once there are desks in place as there is a concern that people including children can climb on the desks and fall/jump over railing)
     - Merran (on behalf of Ann Newmarch) expressed that Ann felt humbled and honoured about the art gallery being named after her
     - Good integration of the Town Hall with the new facility
     - Cate discussed the budget and its impact on the fitout
     - Shaun commented that it is an impressive project and he’s been pleased with the consultation process

4. Name of building – (Ben Footner and Chris Newby)
   - Elected Members knocked back the name suggestion of ‘Prospect128’ expressing that it wasn’t exciting and didn’t speak volumes
   - Cate challenged that maybe the facility doesn’t need a name as people will naturally call it different names depending on why/how they use it
   - Ben pointed out that the commercial tenancies will be in the same building so a name for the building could be a distraction for them
   - Sue enlightened the group with suggested names that had powerful dynamics from a numerology perspective
   - Ultimately, it was generally agreed that the building doesn’t need a name

5. Feedback from last meeting regarding community usage of building and fees – (Ben Footner)
   - Prue put forward that some groups shouldn’t have to pay (like Friends of the Library and the
Prospect Local History Group

- Ben explained that the fees could still apply but get waived for those groups that are giving back to the community and used the example of the Family History Group volunteering in the library to assist customers with research.

Meeting closed at 6.35pm.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 5 June 2019 at 6pm – 7.30pm *(refreshments available from 5.30pm)* at the ‘Cottage’ behind the library at 1 Thomas Street Nailsworth.