

**Minutes of the Advisory Committee for the Old Library Project
at Manor Close Community Centre on Thursday 11 November 2010 at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillor S Brown (Chairman), Councillor G De Barr, Councillor Cossins, Mr C Grumbley, Councillor A Gunton (left the meeting at 7.45pm), Ms H Gundry (arrived at 7.30pm) and Mr J Coughlan (arrived at 7.45pm)

Also Present: 2 Members of the public, County & District Councillor V Arnold and the Assistant to the Town Clerk, Mrs C Eve.

9. The Committee **ratified** the appointment of Councillor Brown as Chairman.
10. The Council **resolved** to elect Councillor Brown as Chairman.
11. Apologies were **received** from Mr J Coughlan in advance of his late arrival and from Councillor Gunton who will leave the meeting at 7.45pm.
12. The Committee **received and noted** the minutes of the Advisory Committee for the Old Library meeting held on 28 October 2010.
13. Councillor De Barr declared an interest as the Library Project is a Town Council Project and property.
14. Public Session: Members of the public spoke during this agenda item and the following points were **noted**:
 - A plan to convert the Memorial Hall into offices on the ground floor in 2011 and planning permission is being sought. There is no accommodation for the Town Clerk in the short term. It is thought that the project will probably require external funding.
 - Councillor De Barr briefed the Committee on a meeting with the History Society and whether the Harrison Collection could come to the Old Library. Constraints would be the size of the collection, temperature control, provision of CCTV, refurbishment etc and what Richard Harrison thinks about moving the collection. The History Society is not in a position to buy the property but could they lease or rent it?
 - Councillor De Barr also spoke to Ian Wain from North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC), (and had hoped he would be here tonight) about provision of amenities for young people in the town. He will be at the consultation on the 20th November.
 - Councillor De Barr spoke to Janet Waggot (Chief Executive) and Clare Slater (Head of Transformation) from Ryedale District Council (RDC) and they will hopefully be available at the consultation too. Nothing has been heard from the Parish Church Council as yet.
 - Mr Grumbley said that he had heard of commercial premises becoming available in 3 or 4 months and asked if this be looked at as office space for the Clerk?
15. Members of the public were given an opportunity to speak and the following points were made:
 - Richard Harrison should be kept informed of any possible plans to move the Harrison Collection.

- Request for a ‘true record’ of meetings to be kept rather than suspending standing orders when the public make representations.
 - Request that the committee shouldn’t have a deadline in January of reporting back to Council on their suggestions for the Old Library, that there is no support for an expensive development and that the role of the council should be defined at the consultation.
 - Annual running costs need to be considered, in particular the cost of disabled access (lift) and there is a contact in Whitby who can give advice.
16. Agenda Item 4 was returned to so that Mr Coughlan could speak about his meeting with Simon Leach from North Yorkshire County Council regarding Church House and the possible provision for council staff. Mr Coughlan suggests that Church House be used as a community facility and staff could offer a ‘one stop shop’ for Town, District and County Council matters. Staff could be trained on the front desk to answer questions or refer the matter onwards. A ‘front and back office’ so perhaps the council staff work in the Old Library where public access is not required. The committee **noted** these points but the Chairman reminded the committee that their duty was to advise the council on alternative plans for the Old Library.
 17. The Committee **noted** information presented by the Town Clerk regarding duties of the council and clerk and her opinion of office requirements for the Town Council. This information is available in the Committee Meeting Documents Pack.
 18. The committee discussed the use for the Old Library with particular regard to suggestions as a museum of the future which would mean involving the History and Environment Groups. Or perhaps having an artist in residence or a gallery? These ideas need to be explored further and the public will be asked at the consultation day. The committee discussed details for the consultation: timings, printing posters and questionnaires, refreshments (provided by the Kirkbymoorside Children’s Eco-Building group), a press release and requested that information be put on the council website. The Chairman thanked Ms Gundry for all her input into this committee meeting and hard work towards the consultation.
 19. The committee did not discuss an extension to the deadline here.
 20. The committee noted the dates of the next meetings:

7pm	Mon 22 Nov 10	Manor Close Community Centre
7pm	Wed 24 Nov 10	Manor Close Community Centre (review consultation papers)
7pm	Thurs 9 Dec 10	Manor Close Community Centre

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Chairman
21 December 2010