

Meeting Minutes from HUB Steering Group

Apologies- Ian Truman & Nick Noot Davies

Present- Ian Harrison, Nigel Pimlott, Peter Hibbert, Nick Hutchings Brian White, Valerie Martin, Mary Fletchers, Sam Waterhouse

1. Peter currently trying to get hold of the legal team, to make sure legal protection can be assured and a draft agreement prepared. His feed back is that the Methodists highly support the idea at local level. There is a 5 yearly Methodist Church project facility, which will help with costings and valuation of Church. Difficult to get a valuation, and he has been advised to sell the property with planning permission given It will need a change of usage also. Nick Hutchings has been appointed by the Methodists to submit the application and is to try and find out bare minimum required to get planning submitted and then advise of costings. Nick is to liaise directly with Peter, as cost will be incurred by Methodist Church and any transactions are outside the scope of the steering group.

2 Ian H advised that since the last meeting, MRCC & parish Council had met with Peter and are supportive for the project to proceed with the condition that full protection by all parties is in place. A member of the public has raised concerns over ownership and control.

3. Discussed protection for all concerned:

IH suggested some risk scenarios including What happens if CBS folds, what happens to the building, and the possible need to future proof that the Methodists or the MRCC has the building as an asset. Need a legal entity so there is protection for all parties on use of Hub/Café.

What degree of Methodism and religious emphasis will be required? Peter advised that they will want to hold their usual Methodists weekly Sunday Service (FOC) and possibly 10 hours midweek.

Peter would possibly be able to offer his time on a regular basis to help create a community where certain sessions would be led by someone paid by the Methodists, available for all faiths and none EG Knit and Natter, Team building, First Aid training, safe Guarding and Bereavement sessions. An outreach programme with 'The Church at the Margins'

4. Nick H showed a rudimentary plan of what the new space could look like. Based on 25 person Occupancy plus kitchen/storage/WC etc

Building costs would be approx. £160-170K Looking at Solar, Underfloor heating, Air source funding possibilities.

5. Nigel-Re Business Plan

Used the template based on lottery protocols. Ian asked Val to have a look from a retail point of view, And Ian Truman to look from hospitality point of view and to report back at next meeting with specific regards to the revenue costings.

As discussed above, possibility to get some of the items in the costings funded.

Need to ask MRCC about energy consumption, cleaning, insurance etc.

Ian H and Nigel to look through business plan together before next meeting. Nigel advised to take out the google maps picture due to copyright.

Need to ask an Electrician re 3phase supply. Running cost will be approx. the same as a 2 Bed House.

6. Peter advised that it is the Churches Anniversary on the 20th September and it would be nice to put something up to show what the Hub/Café could look like and what could take place there. Nick H to do rough plan to show people. Committee all in agreement with this.

Next meeting 2nd October 7pm MRCC