

Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

Minutes of Library Working Group Meeting

Held on 14th May 2024 at Rhuddlan Library

Present:

Cllr Val Simmons (Mayor)
Cllr Mike Kermode
Cllr Gareth Rowlands
Mathew Maker (DCC Libraries)
Richard Polden (Rhuddlan Local History Society)
Steve Wilson - Clerk

1. Apologies

Cllr Mike Elgin

2. Declaration of Interest

None given

3. Discussions

Cllr Val Simmons opened the meeting. Cllr Mike Kermode proposed Cllr Gareth Rowlands as chair, seconded by Cllr Val Simmons. **Resolved.**

Cllr Gareth Rowlands run through the group's terms of reference and explained his previous involvement in saving Rhuddlan Library from closure. He explained the importance of the library and concerns that they may be further financial cuts in future years.

The importance of finding alternative funding streams was discussed and Mathew was compiling a list of potential sources of finance which he will share with the group.

Cllr Mike Kermode said it was important for the group to show how successful the library is and that the development of the Museum would need expertise from DCC's property services team.

Richard suggested that the building could be used by other groups on a paying basis. Mathew confirmed that DCC are already looking at this. The lottery was identified as a potential source of funds for the museum.

The importance of a business plan was agreed which needed to include income, expenditure, footfall, community outcomes and sustainability. Mathew agreed to compile a list of all users, what they use and what the positive outcomes as a result are.

The formation of a friends of Rhuddlan library were discussed and it was decided not to pursue at this time.

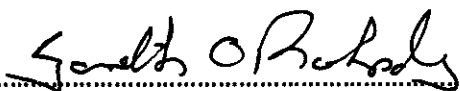
The museum was discussed including DCC officer support for the plans and design, what it will look like, what will it be used for etc. There is a museum at Rhyl library and one in Corwen which may be worth looking at.

Cllr Mike Kermode proposed two workstreams, one being the day to day operations and funding of the library and the other being the museum.

Summary of actions agreed:

1. Develop a list of potential funding sources – Mathew is already doing this and will share with the group so they can add to it.
2. Create a list of what the library does, for who, when and the positive outcomes and community engagement – Mathew
3. Approach DCC through our County Councillors in relation to supporting the planning and design of the museum – Clerk
4. Create a shell for the business case – Clerk and Cllr Mike Kermode
5. Brainstorm ideas of what the museum will look like – all working group.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 12th June at midday at Hwb Rhuddlan.

Signed  Cllr Gareth Rowlands