

## **Chambers Institute Beneficiaries**

### **Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 held on Zoom**

#### **1. Present:**

Robin Tatler, SBC (Chair)

Lorna McCullough, The Bridge (Minutes)

Geoffrey Hamilton, Tweeddale Society

Sam Coe, Peebles Civic Society

Julie Peroni, SBC

Anne Snoddy, Peebles & District Community Council

Gareth Smith, Property Officer, SBC

Fiona Colton, Live Borders

Sam Coe, Peebles Civic Society

Kenny Harrow, SBC

Joe Fernand, Renew Crew

Laura Scott

Viv Marshall

Hannah Lacon

Ian Buckingham

Brian McCrow

**Apologies:** Paul Shields, Estates Team SBC

#### **1. Welcome**

Robin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **2. Apologies**

Noted above.

#### **3. Notes from meeting on 24th January**

Minutes agreed.

#### **4. Burgh Hall Project – updates (Project team and sub-group)**

Gareth – Electricians have now cabled everything needed, window blinds etc

Ornamental plaster work contractor has checked framing work and is happy all is well and should go ahead on time.

Paint samples are done and available to view. Invite will be sent to relevant people to go and review.

Chosen paint colours were;

Midnight teal

Ash white

Lead white

Charleston Grey

Oxford Stone

Elephants Breath

Lights options need to be decided. Revised quote from electricians, originally £32k estimated, compared to now option 1 is £36k and option 2 is nearly £46k. Considerable cost attached to the hoists for the lights to enable the lights to be lowered and raised, whereas depending on the height set the hoists may not be needed.

Some attendees felt investment now in hoists would benefit maintenance in the longer term as opposed to the need for scaffolding as and when needed. However, others felt such a cost didn't justify a scaffold every 6 months. Agreed not to invest in hoists at this time but agreed to check the cost of purchasing scaffolding for use as a more cost-effective solution.

The bronze ONDARIA II pendant was favoured if the wall lights can be matched at 1050mm diameter as a suitable size compared to the larger and more expensive model Basic-G1 as it's too big at 1500mm diameter.

Grand design blinds have been in contact to provide costs. Gareth will confirm once received.

WIFI - GB Technologies. Live Borders are leading on this work. SBC finance needs to place this order. Gareth confirmed he can take this up.

## **5. Consultation – Comms Strategy and Stakeholder list**

Strategy – updated to match facilitation.

Stakeholder list has grown but still want to spread awareness and engage more people from both in and outside of Peebles. Discussed further posts on social media via community posts and SBC. Engage Community Councils, re-send update sent 25<sup>th</sup> January.

## **6. Facilitator appointment**

Update provided from Sam Coe on facilitator brief. See attached.

Kenny – SBC procurement happy with the proposal. Clarity needed around hours.

Noted the need to continue to liaise with existing tenants like CAB and involve them in the conversations, ensuring consultants include them too. Aim to appoint by the next meeting.

## **7. Page/Park – Mezzanine drawings**

Drawings were shared. See attached.

Options include partial and full mezzanine floor using additional spaces for storage/archive. Noted this would create the brilliant views of the hills from the large picture windows.

A key consideration is whether and how much additional space is needed and what for? E.g. accessible additional library space or extra office space for CAB?

Live Borders - There is limited storage and issues around accessing a flexible space. A refreshed options appraisal is needed.

Engagement with Page/Park is needed. Suggested a sub group (Sam & Andy as architects from the community) could do this based upon decisions on requirements.

Noted important to consider what other facilities are available in the community and the audience the facilities are aimed at. This is already included in the brief.

## **8. AOB**

None

## **9. Date of Next Meeting – 14th March, IN PERSON time and venue tbc**

Robin asked the group to consider if monthly meetings are still needed going forward.