

## Corsham Shadow Community Operations Board

Corsham Community Centre 2:30pm Wednesday 26 October 2011

### Attendees:

**Shadow COB Members:** Allan Bosley (Chairman), Marcus Chapman, Steve Hammond, Pat Kelly, Anna Mackie, Cllr Alan MacRae, Christine Reid

**Shadow COB Support:** Sally Fletcher

**Wiltshire Council:** Jan Thatcher, Andrew Foster

**Apologies:** Lucy Murray-Brown

**Present:** Inspector Martin Scorer, Area Commander for Chippenham, Corsham & Calne (Item 2)

### 1. Review of Workshops 1 & 2

The main areas identified as requiring follow up were:

- a. Schedule of meetings needed to allow for discussion of requirements by full Shadow COB prior to their consideration at a workshop with the architects
- b. Aspects the COB would want to see covered in a public exhibition/roadshow should be fed in to the Client Workshop that will discuss timing and format of the next round of consultation. For example there should be material available on line and 'drop off' points for comments
- c. Clarification of the projected completion date, and reassurance to be conveyed to organisations using the Community Centre that room bookings will be respected

### 2. Police Requirements

A document setting out requirements of the police in the community campus, and identifying the scope for sharing accommodation and facilities, was discussed in detail. For some purposes access to suitable rooms or desk space already envisaged would be acceptable, but a few specialised requirements (including equipment storage and emergency access) would be unique to the police.

Under each item listed, MS was able to elaborate on what was involved so that the COB could gain a better insight into how the various functions and facilities could be integrated at the design stage in order to avoid duplication and ensure optimal use of space. MS pointed out that sharing space with partner agencies was not new, and the arrangements would be backed up by locally agreed procedures and training.

JT said that a number of related discussions were underway - about security for the various campus sites, IT provision and financial contributions, but the amount of detail discussed at this COB meeting would be enough to let a specification go to the architects covering the space requirements.

AB thanked MS for his co-operation, stressing that it would be most helpful if he could also attend the workshop with the architects to ensure they could acquire a good grasp of the police requirements, the implications for the layout of the building and the scope for sharing space and facilities.

### 3. Catering Requirements

Before COB members discussed the document prepared after a meeting of the catering sub group, SH drew attention to an e-mail he had sent after attending the catering group. This had expressed his concern that the policy on catering reflected views coming from Wiltshire Council rather than the requirements of those local residents who, at each stage of the public consultation and through the petition, had made clear what they wanted. He felt strongly that the proposed 'licensed catering facility' would be unlikely to satisfy those he was representing.

## SPRINGFIELD CORSHAM COMMUNITY CAMPUS

There followed a lengthy discussion during which members sought to explore whether there was sufficient flexibility to meet the needs of all potential campus users.

The chairman suggested that a *creative combination* of features could be made to work together in order to provide food and drink at those locations where people engaging in the various activities within the campus wanted to consume them.

Examples of these features mentioned during the discussion were:

- imaginative use of space at the design stage to support catering for large events as well as the full range of smaller scale activities
- having a license that applied to the premises as a whole
- making it clear to the architects the importance of the relationship between the multi-purpose spaces and the cafe/kitchen area/serving hatch
- providing a suitably furnished common area linked to those activities where the element of enjoying a drink and socialising was seen as an integral part of organising a successful event (for example 'beer and skittles' or a drinks interval during a show)
- booking arrangements that would enable organisations to identify their requirements and the likely number of participants

Reminding members of the caveat in the design brief that not everything could be replaced 'like for like', the chairman stressed that the specification for catering, like any other set of requirements under discussion by the COB, would have to take into account the overall ethos of a mixed use complex for all ages as well as budgetary constraints. These might well preclude including a bar and a cellar for piped beer, but this could all form part of the discussion at the next client workshop.

Some members were not entirely convinced that a solution satisfactory to all could be achieved along the lines suggested. However they agreed to the chairman's proposed next steps: sending on the catering specification as it stood and then taking the opportunity to talk through the possibilities (including discussion of concrete examples such as a skittles match) with the architects at the next workshop. The aim would be to challenge them to come up with a design solution compatible with the spirit of the various activities.

#### **4. Outstanding items**

AB undertook to circulate possible dates to allow the COB to tackle outstanding topics including the travel plan, leisure centre requirements, communications, partner engagement and operational management.