

Southern Fringe Community Forum 7.00pm, Thursday 6th December 2012 Trumpington Village Hall

Chair

Cllr Andy Blackhurst (A.B) Ward Cllr for Trumpington

Lead Officers

Trevor Woollams (T.Wo) Head of Community Development
(Cambridge City Council)

Presenters

Vicky Hathrell (V.H) Community Development Officer
(Cambridge City Council)

Alan Carter (A.C) Head of Strategic Housing
(Cambridge City Council)

Stephen McCrory Countryside properties.

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed the public and reminded the meeting of the new era with the first new residents on Trumpington Meadows having arrived and new parts of the primary school opened.

1. Up-dates

a) Sub group

Vicky Hathrell reminded the meeting of the constituents of the sub-group, which included voluntary groups, residents, local agency workers as well as local authority officers to meet the needs of new residents and integration with existing communities. The funding for the Community Development Officer and the new senior project worker for the Southern Fringe, Kelly Smith, comes from the section 106 payments from developers. Recent work has included distribution of welcome packs to new residents and a carol concert on Trumpington Meadows organised with local churches.

2. Site overview

Kirsty Carmichael presented an overview of the four sites across the Southern Fringe.

See attached presentation.

3. Community Facilities up-date

A reminder that the new facility will be the centre of the new community, a focal point and prominent part of the new site. The constituent elements and services within the building were listed with the possibility of 16-20 flats sited above.

A design team (ADP) has now been appointed and are working hard with stakeholders as well as gleaning aspirations from other partners and new residents. Work so far has included a workshop to look at the management options as well as spatial analysis of function and design.

Planning permission is being sought for around the end of the coming summer and opening early 2015.

The naming of the facility will be crucial and there are many ways that this can be done, nothing has been decided and any thoughts of the appropriate method to achieve a name are welcome.

Q: What will the seating capacity of the large hall be?

A: Undecided at present will be part of the design teams' remit to find suitability via consultation before first draft. Questionnaires are available to fill in with any thoughts.

Q: Naming – It should be for all of Trumpington with a recognition to amalgamate all the parts of the area. The Trumpington Centre or New Trumpington Centre?

A: As good a working title as any so far.

Comment – T.Wo – The management workshop underlined the need for space to work together with integration and flexibility and a possibility for those working within the building to have a broad remit for the centre as a whole rather than the individual elements.

Clay farm City Owned Land:

AC gave a brief up-date of the land owned by the City Council to be sold to a development partner for a sustainable exemplar-housing site. The invitation to tender for the site has been sent out with an aim to have the developer appointed in April / May 2013.

4. Community Square

See attached presentation.

Q: What is the timescale for the build out?

A: Hope to be on site by the end of 2013.

Q: The design lines and sculpture influence from the Bronze Age is really interesting. Will there be explanation of this on site?

A: Yes, this is a good idea; there could be a plaque somewhere on site, maybe within the community facility. This could also explain what some of the design features (water gardens) do.

5. Questions from the floor

Q: Will the disused garage on Shelford road be turned in to a Tesco?

A: There is no known truth in that.

Q: What sort of retail will be around the square?

A: There will be a number of small retail units to the west of the square retained by the City Council and a small supermarket to the east.

Q: Will there be a pub?

A: The planning process does not preclude a pub but there are no certain plans for one at present.

Q: What speed will the guided bus be at near the square?

A: This is not a fast part of the road and is a controlled zone.

Comment: - Thank you for such an informative drop-in and presentation session.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm