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FUNDING FOR CAMPUS IN CORSHAM IS AGREED

Wiltshire Council has agreed to the principle, and funding, of a Community Campus in Corsham, as one of five pilot projects across the County. The Corsham Area Community Campus is planned to open in the summer of 2012.

The pilot projects are designed to prove local involvement in the design and construction phase and to explore approaches to the management of community campuses.

A working committee, comprised of representatives of the existing Community Centre, Springfield Leisure Centre, The Town Council, the Area Board, Local Schools and the Corsham Community Area Network, will co-ordinate the Corsham Area project with Wiltshire Council.

Now that the decision has been taken to proceed Wiltshire

Council intend to submit an initial planning application by June/July this year. To help inform this application and to help shape the nature of the facilities from which the Corsham area is able to benefit the Corsham Community Area Network (CCAN) have been offered the chance to conduct a second consultation.

This newsletter provides a summary of the requirements expressed by you during the last consultation and the emerging detail about the facilities and services that Wiltshire Council now say will be operated out of the new campus.

During this planning phase there is a chance to let us know if anything has been missed and if there are further issues that the committee should consider to ensure the success of the Campus.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

Phase I consultation results

The first round of consultation was conducted by a random postal survey and two well-attended meetings conducted by CCAN at the Corsham Community Centre. The majority of people responding to the postal survey would like to see several council services being available in one place and a summary of all responses resulted in a broad requirement for:

- Indoor leisure facilities** – strong support for facilities of the existing or an enhanced standard to be part of a campus
- Library** – strong support for an up to date sustainable library service with new ancillary facilities to be part of a campus, which include support for accessible community IT and internet provision.

- Facilities for young people** – a majority of respondents would like to see dedicated appropriate facilities for young people as part of a campus.

- Childcare facilities** – a number of respondents would like to see crèche and playgroup services available.

- Adult social care** – over half of respondents feel there should be services within the campus for adults who may or may not currently access this service in other facilities in the area.

- Car Parking** – free parking on site was highly supported as was sufficient charged parking but to a lesser extent.

- Access** – sufficient bicycle storage, paths and appropriate bus travel facilities were highly supported.

- Large multi-functional community hall and stage** – suitable for performances of various kinds, for large public meetings or other events and with the ability to be partitioned.

- Raised stage and bigger back stage area with separate dressing rooms** complementing The Pound Arts Centre.

- Dance floor facilities** – Many resident groups highlighted the importance of the dance floor and spacious surroundings.

- Licensed facilities** – access is an important social part of user activities.

- Range of rooms of different sizes** for meetings and activities (Sometimes the whole or large parts of the existing facilities are booked attracting a significant number of visitors).

- Range of indoor sporting and recreational activities** – including two lane skittle alley, darts and snooker.

- More storage space for regular users** – stressed as a major requirement recognising the reality of shared facilities

- Better kitchen facilities** – to accommodate use by luncheon clubs and outside caterers supporting functions AND for use by groups where a cafe would be unsuitable, too expensive or closed

Wiltshire Council is looking to test innovative new community led management arrangements for the campuses and Corsham is one of the test areas.



SAYS:-

The Council is going to test ways in which local people can have influence on the design and operation of the proposed campus building rather than the council providing what they think the community need and directly running it themselves. Corsham has been identified as one of the test areas, which will mean over the next two years a community board, consisting of local people and community representatives, will be directly involved in the planning of how the building will be designed and how it will be used.

The Working Proposal

It is proposed that the following facilities and services be provided for the Corsham Community Area within a newly built and refurbished community campus attached to the existing Springfield Leisure Centre:

Reception for all services and facilities and offering advice on other council services

Leisure centre – a refurbishment and enhancement of the existing facilities to incorporate 25m pool plus ancillary facilities, 4 court sports hall, multi-activity sports rooms, fitness suite, squash courts and associated ancillary facilities

Library including improved IT suite for community internet access

Facilities and services for young people, including community recording facilities

A variety of multi-purpose meeting/resource rooms for community, partner and council use

Community café and licensed catering facilities Crèche

Personal care room(s) (i.e. for disabled people and their carers)

Desk and office space for community based Council and partner staff – to include provision for the community to meet with council officers by appointment, e.g. housing, revenues and benefits, planning etc

Large multi-purpose (sprung floor) community hall – to incorporate stage facilities with appropriate other wider community ancillary facilities, e.g. skittles, darts, snooker etc

A variety of areas for dedicated storage – to be located across the facility and enough to cater for all needs

Appropriate car parking and bicycle storage facilities

Outdoor recreation and sporting facilities to include an

all weather pitch The majority of services currently run by the Council in the Corsham Community Area will be accessible and provided within the community campus, including services currently not available but where a future need is identified.



CCAN is an independent voluntary group that was set up to represent the views

of the Corsham Community Area in respect of community planning and those issues that affect the way we live and work. The community area covers Corsham, Box, Colerne and Lacock. We aim to connect to organisations and groups within the community area in order to establish a network through which we can consult widely and constructively address your needs and concerns. For more information or to provide a contact for your organisation email kevingaskinccan@hotmail.co.uk.

HAVE YOUR SAY

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Have we represented your views and requirements correctly from the first consultation?

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Does the proposal outlined meet the needs of the Corsham community area?

“The prospect of a Community Campus is an exciting opportunity for the Corsham Community Area so please encourage as many people as possible to contribute to the thinking that will make it a success“

Please respond to this consultation by the 11th April.

Responses should be sent by email to the CCAN coordinator at kevingaskinccan@hotmail.co.uk or in writing to your Town or Parish Council.

The results of this consultation will be collated and analysed by the Steering Committee for presentation to a special meeting of the Area Board. This information will provide additional evidence to the Area Board which will make the decision on whether the plans for the Corsham area campus should proceed.

There will be chances to hear more about the Campus at the Area Board Meeting on 24th March at Corsham Town Hall and at the Annual Corsham Town Meeting on 7th April, also at the Town Hall.