

Town Hall Improvements Working Group

Inaugural Meeting Tuesday 24 May 2022

Persons Present

Councillors :-

Sarah Barlow (SB) Rachel Connelly (RC) Alexa Buffey (AB) Chris Aked (CA) Ross Ireland (RI)
Ian Wellings (IW)

Apologies The Mayor (Councillor Karen Sawbridge)

1, Agreed that IW would Chair the Group

2, Agreed no other appointments required at this stage

3, Aims , inspirations and ideas discussed in detail. (Bullet points as noted by AB as follows)

- Civic Centre
- Community Hub
- Office and Meeting Space
- Access to first floor and within first floor – Lift
- Active council chamber
- Stable building
- Cafe
- Toilets
- Undercroft enclosed – multi-use space
- Events and performance space
- Improve infrastructure – Wifi, heating etc
- Heritage centre

4, Priority has to be Access and Facilities for all.

5, Agreed that currently the building is very under used and has great potential for development

6, The installation of an external one person wheel chair lift to be considered and progressed. (IW)

7, The Town Hall has the benefit of Grade II* listed building status , and is considered a building of considerable historical interest. English Heritage may express an interest as may Bridgnorth Civic Society.

8, Information required on woodworm infestation and any other known structural defects, plus sight of the Quinquennial report (IW) (AB) (LJ)

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9, Meeting or conversation with Shropshire Conservation Officer regarding permitted alterations and possible building works before any further progress of 'blue sky' ideas. (IW KS CA)

10, Immediate installation of Wi-Fi to be presented to Council . (RC)

11, Design and Installation of External Lighting Scheme asap to be presented to Council (SB)

12, Re instatement of the Coffee Bar asap (SB)

13, Funding Sources (see info. from AB) (All)

14, Next Meeting , Provisional Thursday 24 June 6:30 at the Town Hall

15, Distribution - All at Meeting ,Lee Jakeman , Ros Williams, Town Councillors