

Eardisland Parish Council

Meeting of the Feasibility Study Group
Thursday 7 March 2019 at 6.00 pm in Eardisland Village Hall

Notes of meeting

Present: Richard Kirby (Chair), Susie Curtis, Jo Watson, Ross Risdon, Sue Richards, James Miller and Reg Curtis.

In attendance: Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk; and 1 member of public.

1. **Apologies** – Maryan Hanson, Chris Watson and Lynn Gordon from CLG
2. **Results and analysis of questionnaire** –
Results noted and discussed. 245 responses as of today but some more late responses to add – Alison to obtain final data from Lynn. Analysis shows response rate of just under 60% today. About one third of responders prefer option 1, one third prefer option 2, only 15% want either option 3 or 4 (new build options). Very few responders support a loan of £650k or above, 84% of responders support loan of £25k.
3. **Report of consultation** –
Report from CLG noted but clarity and greater analysis required. Agreed Alison will draft report for Richard to check, to include recommendations to PC..
4. **Recommendation to parish council** –
Agreed recommendations as follows:
 - To take forward option 1 of the Feasibility Study – The recommendations of the structural survey to be addressed, the current kitchen to be turned into storage, a new kitchen to be installed in the current meeting room, improvements to be made to the main hall (acoustic panels, rewiring, new lighting/heating, insulation)
 - To set up a parish council project working group to take the project forward – various members of the FSG have offered to be on a new working group, with the suggestion that another EVHMC representative and any parishioner with specialist skills for the project be included in the working group – Reg for PC, Ross as parishioner, Susie as EVHMC representative offered to be part of new project group
 - Detailed costings are required as soon as possible and the FSG considers a quality surveyor should be appointed to provide costings and act as project manager working with the parish council working group
 - Funding streams should be investigated with the objective of having no Public Works Loan if possible
 - FSG to be wound up as study completed.
5. **Next steps** –
 - Results, analysis and the parish council decision to be printed in the parish magazine, with thanks to parishioners for responding to the questionnaire
 - Letters of thanks to be sent to the landowners who offered land.
6. **Open forum** – Parishioner attending thinks another consultation needed now narrowed down options. Group considered not required due to further costs associated with another consultation and better to go forward with recommendation and aim for as low as possible or no Public Works Loan.
7. **Date for next meetings** –
No further meetings as study completed. Chair thanked all members of the group for their input and time.

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk.

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