

BEACH

Brackenhury Education and Community Hub

Update 14 March 2018

Progress of bid to DCC

- ▶ 15 February: DCC Property Management Group - highly impressed with : quality of PTC Business Case; level of support for project demonstrated; amount of hard work undertaken within very short time-frame
- ▶ DCC PMG decision: RATIFY i.e. recommend DCC Cabinet to accept bid
- ▶ Early March: DCC Cabinet member asked for figures in different format, recommended that bid be 'Noted' only on 7 March
- ▶ 5 March: meeting Cllr Wheller, Cllr Nowak, Cllr Grieve, Estates, DCC Cabinet member
- ▶ Result of 5 March meeting: Estates provided figures in new format on 6 March, no change to Recommendation to Cabinet to 'Note' bid, deferring decision
- ▶ 7 March: DCC Cabinet meeting - statements made by Cllr Nowak, Cllr Grieve, Cllr Wheller
- ▶ Recommendation to 'Note' bid agreed by Cabinet but stated on record that bid had strong merits, Cabinet were considering it seriously, Cabinet were aware their decision was time-critical to PTC
- ▶ Current position: DCC Cabinet will decide in April

Public Consultation

- ▶ In response to some remarks that PTC needed to consult yet more widely on this project
- ▶ (NB word already spread by article on front page of February issue of FPN, Wessex fm, BBC Radio Solent, Dorset Echo, posts on social media, PTC website, information at town council meetings, talking to residents etc)
- ▶ Full-page advert taken out in March issue of Free Portland News
- ▶ Delivered to almost all homes on island
- ▶ Advert prominent on right-hand page towards front of FPN
- ▶ Advert gave clear instructions on how to participate and
- ▶ Clear closing date given allowing one full week for residents to send in an email/letter and
- ▶ Clearly stated that if had already written in response to article in February issue of FPN or other media no need to write again

[FPN March 18 advert.pdf](#)

March Public Consultation Results

- ▶ Total number of comments received in March: 15
- ▶ Number March comments in support of project: 8
- ▶ Number March comments objecting to project: 6
- ▶ 1 comment in support but with queries
- ▶ Number of February comments to PTC office from residents in support: 3
- ▶ Number of February comments to PTC office from residents objecting: 1

February Public Consultation Results

- ▶ Statements of support received in February from community leaders and organisations:
 - ▶ Richard Drax MP
 - ▶ Claire Moody MEP
 - ▶ DCC Cllr Wheller
 - ▶ WPBC Councillors: Nowak, West, Kimber
 - ▶ Rector of Portland, Team Vicar All Saints, Pastor Portland Methodist Circuit
 - ▶ Island Community Action, Dorset Community Action, Dorset Youth Association
 - ▶ Portland Tesco Community Champion
 - ▶ Tricuro
 - ▶ Portland Community Partnership
 - ▶ Mayor of Chickerell
- ▶ Community leaders who noted proposals and queried them:
 - ▶ DCC Cllr Garcia; WPBC Cllr McCartney
- ▶ 30 other statements of support from residents received by councillors

Current application for grant funding

- ▶ On 23 February, PTC was informed that successful in first round and invited to submit full application in 2nd round
- ▶ 3 points in 'How to improve your application':
 1. Check %age claimed for landscaping works
 2. Need to apply straightaway for planning permissions
 3. Include further need and demand evidence...for example that there will be enough uptake for activity classes for elderly
- ▶ Consultation on point 3 : decision to run a survey of those who would use the hub to identify which services different groups of residents would use
- ▶ Survey:
 - ▶ some groups targeted specifically: e.g. parents of under-5s, elderly who are unlikely to come out to supermarkets etc, those who had already said would use hub
 - ▶ Otherwise deliberately random in order to obtain randomised data - more representative of wide selection of residents
 - ▶ Currently over 270 responses collected
 - ▶ Results will be given at full town council meeting 4th April when survey has closed and data has been analysed
- ▶ Deadline of 20th June for full planning permission and legal ownership of site looks very tight; but work already done can be used for other applications