

Project: y Gaer (cultural hub, Brecon)

Meeting: Brecknockshire Committee

Date: Wednesday 24 January 2018

PROGRESS & ACTIVITY UPDATE

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Construction

- Programme – progressing well, on target.
- Secondary Steel is progressing
- Scaffolding on museum - removed some on the northern face (Glamorgan Street)
- Lightening conductor installed on 15 Jan, along with the Museum plant room flues (all on forward roof).
- Glass yet to be installed library ground floor
- Lintel replacement complete inside Shire Hall
- Lift shaft excavation underway inside Shire Hall
- New library lift block work going in
- Internal works within the new build – curtain walling
- New replacement boundary wall under construction
- Completion date now anticipated as 7 August 2018. Programme no7 is to be issued. With a fit out period of 8 weeks and a migration period to follow, this indicates a potential opening in early December 2018. Formal opening date to be agreed (early 2019).
- Contract documents have be issued to Elmwood to undertake museum fit out works



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Land Registry

- Progress to register the areas 3 and 4 (at y Gaer site) with the Land Registry, however note that voluntary first registrations are taking some 6 to 9 months to compete at the Land Registry at present.
- Legal have completed the Charge detailing title numbers to areas 1 and 2 (at y Gaer site) Clive P has signed.

Branding

- DesignMap have concluded the final Branding Guidelines full design guide.
- Project Board signed off for implementation and incorporation into the web presence.
- Branding Guidelines will now be used in working up the detailed interior finishes proposals.



y Gaer BRANDING -
BRAND MANUAL V1.

Reception Desk design

- PDA produced worked up design complimentary with the architectural style and concept. Minor changes requested by the Library Service have now been addressed and the design signed off.

Café design

- Café layout produced by PDA and accepted by Alan Ball of NPTC - basis on which we are proceeding. The details of the actual equipment to be used are yet to be defined, as is who will supply it together with the counter (subject to business case/agreement). Lease or partnership arrangement terms yet to be discussed formally with NPTC.
- Planning approach to the scoping and drafting of a proposed agreement progressing.

General

- Stakeholder Group active, meeting bi-monthly.
- Volunteer Coordinator post to be recruited Jan/Feb2018, advert out 16 Jan 2018 – volunteer planning, recruitment & training will actively commence once post recruited.
- TIC – BTC & PCC met 06 Dec 17.

Kier

- Winter newsletter [provide copies].
- Kier planning a presence at the Powys Careers Fair in March 2018
- Kier provided general maintenance and tidying to neighbouring residential block – Morgannwg House Gardens Jan 2018



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Fundraising update

- £1m WG Regeneration Capital Pipeline Project – formal grant award approval received 12 December 2017
- Fundraising Group active meeting 6 - 8 weekly, next meeting 07 Feb 2018
- approx. £TBC funding pledges received to date via BS&MF EVE package, initiative ongoing
- £12,998 BBNPA SDF, grant funding application successful
- £55k Garfield Weston Foundation – EVE museum artefacts restoration and interpretation submitted Mon 27 Nov 17 through BS&MF, await outcome
- £66,500 grant John Ellerman Regional Museums and Galleries Fund (3 year x 4 day per week

Grade 4 Collections Assistant post – focused on the Art Collection and exhibitions) submit EOI 01 Dec 2017, second round if invited end Jan 2018

- NPTC Group –funding decision received, OBP & FBP being worked on
- Revised Captains Walk Park Development Feasibility Cost Plan produced, estimated spend - £375,539 (inc. 15% contingency). Now set up as separate project with new Project Board / management structure mirroring y Gaer Project Board.(authorised at Nov 17 y Gaer PB). Future governance matters will be handled by Captain’s Walk Project Board.

HLF

- 3rd claim not yet submitted to HLF. Application to change (extend) project end date approved. (The original grant expiry date was 31 July 2017 and due to the protracted time the scheme has taken to develop due to issues on the construction programme and with funding, request submitted for HLF agreement to a new grant expiry date of 31 May 2021 for the Activity Programme element).
- Next HLF progress Update meeting tbc.

Library update



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Update Jan 18.pdf



Library Programme
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Library Code
Club.jpg

Museum update



Museum Update
Report Jan 18.pdf

Communications

- PR re: WG funding
- Proposed approach to progressing an invitation formally to HRH Prince Charles to open y Gaer in 2019
- Re: Captains’ Walk Garden’s – planning an announcement type media release that the development is going ahead and involves Rich Landscapes
- Planning a ‘presentation event’ at which Harry and David Rich will introduce their landscaping concept design to project stakeholders in early March 2018
- Next meeting of the y Gaer Communications Group at 10:30 – 12:00hrs on Thurs 15 February 2018.
- Dedicated email and website addresses for y Gaer secured.