



BATHEASTON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTE ON INFORMAL MEETING WITH BNVHT via video conference, 15 April 2020

Attendees BNVHT: George Riley (GR), Peter Fear (PF), Jeremy Webb (JW)
Attendees BPC: Patrick Vandesteen (PV), Richard Maccabee (RM)

1. The purpose of the informal meeting was to update each other on our respective plans.
2. PV explained the background and thinking behind the Green Corridor idea, referring to the 2009 Vision Plan and recent sketches and highlighting the benefit of an Alice Park-like recreational facility within the village.
3. PV explained the need to have a new building (Village Hub) within the recreational space, for e.g. indoor recreation, storage, food & beverage. He also explained the intention to add office space and parking given the demand for these in the village.
4. PV estimated that actual work on the site was unlikely to start until 2021. GR and PF in turn stated that work will start on BNVH as soon as leases and Contracts are signed, possibly April / May 2020.
5. We reviewed whether at this stage BNVHT would be willing to reconsider and collaborate instead on the Hub, but this was declined. PF pointed to Larkhall, where Alice Park and Oriel Hall co-exist beneficially.
6. PV re-iterated the concern from the BPC at the size of the funding gap, the consequences of raising timely funds and that it was legally not possible to support the BNVH through PWL.
7. GR and FR explained dedicated fund-raising expertise had been put in place to close the £200k funding gap by September, when the shell is expected to be completed.
8. The parties agreed that, in those circumstances, we must now aim to coordinate as best as possible so as to achieve the best outcomes for the residents of Batheaston. Specifically, we agreed as best as possible to:
 - a. Seek to differentiate the purpose of the 2 buildings;
 - b. Coordinate timings of respective announcements;
 - c. Develop a long-term vision to link-up and integrate the green corridor with the BNVH;
 - d. Explore scenarios for responding to assumptions and/or milestones missed by a party.
9. We agreed to reconvene and progress discussions per point 8 after each party had a chance to brief its respective members/councillors.