

Libraries Partnership Board Meeting

20th March 2019, 2pm-4pm

Birchwood library

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Members

Lynton Green – WBC – Director of Corporate Services

Eleanor Blackburn – WBC – Head of Strategic Partnerships and Commissioning

Cheryl Siddall – Livewire and Culture Warrington, People, Performance and Resources Director

Wendy Molyneux - Livewire -Strategic Library Manager

Amanda Juggins – WBC - Business Intelligence Manager

Gary Borrows – Save Warrington Libraries

Cllr. Joan Grime – Friends of Culcheth Library

Peter Lewenz - SWISH

Emma Hutchinson – Managing Director of Livewire and Culture Warrington

Board Support

Garry D’Arcy (GD) – WBC, Partnership and Commissioning Officer

Guests

See Appendix one

	Actions
<p>1. <u>Welcome</u></p> <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Steve Cullen - CAB Jane Forshaw- Friends of Penketh Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions were made by each member of the board. <p>2. <u>Minutes and matters arising</u></p> <p>Peter Lewenz missed off the attendance list Changes need to be made to the membership list on the library Partnership web page.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Library Building updates</u></p> <p><u>Birchwood</u> Plans are progressing but not enough to be able to show the designs, new designs will be brought to the next board meeting.</p> <p><u>Burtonwood</u></p>	

Burtonwood car park is now complete, which was funded through a separate pot of funding.

Culcheth

Building services are being engaged at the minute to look at the possible costings of a new build for Culcheth Library. EB is looking to feedback progress at the next partnership meeting.

Lymm

On the 30th March there will be a welcome day for local people and businesses to come along and view the plans for the building. The lease with Livewire and Sanctuary Hub is moving along, a soft launches are taking place whilst the lease is being agreed.

Padgate

A second business case meeting has taken place to look at next steps, currently there is a re configuration of the ground floor to be able to bring down the books from the first floor, this will allow more space upstairs for events and activities to take place. The team are in the process at looking at new library stands to better accommodate the stock and to be more flexible. Matt Parker has approached the new academy about the rent for the office the Bibs service is occupying as the lease is due to end in the hope that the academy will relinquish the space to become part of the Library space.

Penketh

A conversation has taken place between the parish council and the youth club about its building in context within the idea of a new masterplan. The parish council is having wider conversations with the local school and the health centre, with the hope to develop a new project team to move things forward. EH informed the meeting that in principle Sport England may or may not be able to offer funding, it would have to be in the context of what was the evenly supply already across the town wide offer. An assessment of the current supply would need to take place, which would be help to demonstrate a need for a new pool.

Stockton Heath

The tenders have come back from companies wishing to undertake the work at Stockton Heath Library. The tenders are currently being assessed by building services and they are making sure they are correct and match the list of works for the library refit. The tenders have come back at this point in line with the target costs. Alternative locations are being sought for a temporary library whilst the work to the library is taking place.

Westbrook

Movements are taking place with Asda about filling up empty shops at the site. A second meeting of the new Friends of Group is to take place shortly, but developing new members is moving very slowly.

Central Library

EH gave the meeting an opportunity to see a plan for proposed changes to Central Library, the plan is in line with the consultation that took place.

EH informed the meeting that the plan was confidential as it had not been agreed with the Livewire/ Culture Warrington Board and should not be divulged outside of the LPB.

Action – GD to send out plan and report out to the Library Partnership Board members for

comments.	
<p>4. <u>Warrington Public Libraries Strategy</u></p> <p><u>Consultation results</u></p> <p>GD delivered a presentation about the results from the public consultation for the draft library strategy.</p> <p><u>Feedback from presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was asked whether or not we should use the term “website hits” in the stats page. • There was a reference to add PN usage in stats. • EH asked for the finance pie to be removed as it’s commercially sensitive. • It was agreed to include the proposed extract EB sent through prior to meeting link to the original vision, mission statement into the strategy. <p><u>Latest draft strategy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest draft strategy will be updated based on the feedback from the consultation and from feedback from the partnership board meeting. <p><u>Next steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EB update strategy. • Design of final draft of the strategy by internal WBC comms team. • Final design to be brought back to the next partnership board in May. • Final draft to be presented to WBC Executive Board. 	
<p>5. <u>Contributions from the public gallery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public recorded their thanks to the Partnership Board for their work in developing an outstanding vision for the future of the Library service in Warrington. All the members of the Board are to be congratulated on their commitment to the Library Service and on the framework that they have produced. 	
<p>6. A.O.B none</p>	
<p>7. Date of next meeting</p> <p>13/05/2019 2.00pm till 4.00pm, venue Central Library</p>	

Appendix 1

NAME	ORGANISATION
Sharon Harris	SWISH
Linda Riley	PADFOL
Howard Cockcroft	PADFOL
Andrew Mortimer	FOCL
Fiona Barry	FOCL
JE Billington	Culcheth Resident
Marian Wood	PADFOL
Susan Morris	Livewire
Jane Borrows	SWL
Christine Smith	Friends of Culcheth Library
Mary Ross	FOPL
Chris Everett	Livewire