
CAPITAL IDEAS

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Firstly, may I say an enormous thank you for the attendance at today's meeting and for all the hard work Chris put in to prepare for it.

We had some very constructive discussions later in the session which those who had to go missed so I would like to update you on these.

Firstly, we discovered that there was a natural link between the various activities:

- (a) "The Front" - items 1, 6 and 14
- (b) Accessibility - items 7, 8, 9 and 15
- (c) Getting additional capacity - items 2,3 and 13
- (d) Heating/Lighting - 10,11, 20, 22 and 23
- (e) The Auditorium - 5, 16, 24-26
- (f) Catering - 18 and 19

Leaving as "odd ones" - 4 (Hall Ceiling) , 17 (Asbestos) and 21 (Skittle Alley upgrade).

Broken down in this way, there was a consensus from those present that addressing the issues under (a) to (c) was critical (not to infer that others were not important!).

THE FRONT

- All agreed that something needed to be done
- But, the consented design does not appear to provide sufficient room for disabled drop off without blocking the pavement - this is unlikely to be acceptable
- There may be space to put toilets down the side rooms off the existing corridor (see Additional Capacity)
- How best to "open out" the internals needs a bit more thought
- Architect input

ACCESSIBILITY

- Particular focus was how best to access rear rooms
- General view was that accessing rooms outside via side entrance could well be the best starting point (as Ben pointed out earlier)
- There is a significant amount of construction work needed to deal with the additional corner if we try to arrange access behind the hall - would this be good value?
- The scope to "open out" the side was on inspection greater than we realised - including potential for a limited number of parking spaces - with the planned demolition
- Architect input

ADDITIONAL CAPACITY

- An alternative option to be explored would be to move existing offices to band room (and open up toilets next door)
- Make the existing snooker room a direct replacement for band room
- Use existing offices and side corridor for front toilets (this would give plenty of space)
- Explore further options for cellar
- Architect input

LIGHTING/HEATING

- We need to spend time getting a real diagram of the existing layout - CL to try to find someone

- PV - RH is to revisit costings for this

THE AUDITORIUM

- Further work needed - FT to arrange for expert assistance

CATERING

- MP to work up what is needed

ASBESTOS

- B Walker to arrange for survey

This is high level summary but I have a real sense we made some excellent progress

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