

Meeting Notes

Court Building Team Meeting

25th January 2016

Present David Fleming (DF), Elizabeth Havens (EH) and Isabel Munn (IM)

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the next steps to take after meeting with Susan O'Connor from the Prince's Regeneration Trust on 20th January 2016.

1. DF to write to Linda Wright at Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service (SCTS), to send a copy of the Feasibility Study and to emphasize:
 - Community support for the project
 - Letters of Intention have been received by 4 anchor tenants
 - Process of obtaining funding has been started. All necessary professional advice and preparations need to be covered by funding. It's estimated that at least £200,000 will be required.
 - STP's objective is to create a sustainable, community-based and well-used asset, while protecting the historical and architectural value for the foreseeable future.
 - Make an offer to SCTS for the building

2. DF to get in touch with Angus Robertson from Arbroath to find out how the group is taking over the Arbroath Court and where they are getting funding from.

3. Tenants Requirement (Action required from EH and DF)
 - CAB are discussing layout with Gary Black. DF will chase up this week.
 - PAMIS have been speaking to an architect about "Changing Places". It's thought there should be central government funding for this.
 - AVA have expressed their requirements
 - KDP DF is meeting Emma Kidd next week to discuss further

4. Funding

DF to put in LEADER application and chase Gordon Barr at the Architectural Heritage Fund for grant already promised and for additional funding of £5K

IM to explore grants from Pilgrims Trust, Robertson's Trust, Big Lottery, Growing Community Assets and Garfield Weston and report back to team.

5. Heritage Items in the Court Building that require further investigation include:
 - Reinstalling railings at the front of the building
 - Doing something to the disabled ramp access to make it look better and having automatic door opening system in place
 - Replacing the 2nd door in the main hall by the lift, to bring it back to the same style as it would have originally been.
 - Find out what the speaking tubes would have been used for on the first floor
 - Find out what the lever in Court Room 1 would have been used for

- Explore the “Secret passageway”
6. DF to write to the Mearns Leader to ask the people who knew the Court Building in WWII to come forward with their memories of the building.
 7. IM to look at a writing a job description for a Project Manager.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 16th February 10am