

Chilham's Future Delivery Board Open Meeting – 25th March 2010

- A meeting to present the reasoning behind the community engagement exercise planned for later in the year
- Your chance to express any comments or fears about this community engagement exercise so they can be taken into account in our planning

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Who we are

- Chilham's Future Delivery Board consists of unpaid volunteers
 - Rob Berry (director)
 - Helen Kirwan (director)
 - Ernie Taylor (director)
 - Geoff Dear (project support)
- The parish council has provided funds of £1000 - to date no expenditure has been incurred

Who we are

- We have been reporting progress regularly to the parish council ...
- we are answerable to it for all our decisions
- our progress reports have been printed in Parish News ...
- further details can be obtained from our website www.chilhamsfuture.org.uk

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Why are we here

- Rummey feasibility study in 2006 :-
 - confirmed community support for change
 - identified community aspirations
 - showed something could be done
- Chilhams Future Delivery Board (CFDB) was set up by the parish council to enable these community aspirations

Why are we here

- CFDB have taken advice from experts in the field on how to progress the project ...
- and have been advised that the next phase should be a community engagement exercise ...
- with the aim of moving forward from the aspirations identified in the Rummey feasibility study to an **agreed single buildable and practical scheme**

Why are we here

- CFDB asked 3 urban design consultants to quote for running this community engagement exercise
- We selected Halcrow based upon their flexible and pragmatic approach to the problem and their costs
- We considered their approach was the most appropriate and the most likely to deliver the outcome required

Why are we here

- CFDB have recently been successful in obtaining 80% funding (around £7500) from the Kent Downs & Marshes Leader programme ...
- so the community engagement exercise can now go ahead

Why are we here

- CFDB are therefore drawing up detailed plans for this community engagement exercise and want to :
 - explain what we are trying to achieve and why
 - collect feedback on our plans so we can take this into account in our detailed planning

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What are we trying to achieve

- To enable the community aspirations identified during the Rummey feasibility study ...
- by returning the Square to an attractive space for the community...
- that also creates an enjoyable destination for visitors

What are we trying to achieve

- Community Aspiration
 - reinvigorate the village whilst improving the quality of life of residents, parishioners and visitors

What are we trying to achieve

- Community Aspiration
 - increase visitor numbers, encourage tourism, local crafts and businesses and the sale of local produce
 - whilst respecting the Square's historic and rural heritage

What are we trying to achieve

- Community Aspiration
 - contribute to the promotion of public health and safety and make the Square a more inviting place for all concerned

What are we trying to achieve

- a project to enable
 - improvement in local economy
 - turning the Square into a better community asset

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What needs to be done next

- We need to identify a **single buildable and practical scheme**
 - supported by the community
 - that will enable community aspirations
 - can be progressed confidently to design
- This is a must if we are to make any further progress and obtain funding

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How do we plan to do this

- A community engagement exercise run by Halcrow, our urban design consultant ...
- involving representatives from all the key stakeholder groups...
- with the aim that these key stakeholders work together to produce an agreed set of clear design parameters ...
- so that the urban design consultant can guide us towards a **single buildable and practical scheme** that achieves them

How do we plan to do this

- The community engagement exercise is expected to include 2 or 3 independently chaired workshops...
- focussed on agreeing a set of clear design parameters
- The workshops will involve representatives from key community groups and statutory stakeholders

How do we plan to do this

- It is not practical to involve every member of the community in these workshops ...
- so it is proposed to involve representatives from the community groups most affected and with most knowledge of the issues that need to be addressed ...
- while providing regular updates for those not directly involved

How do we plan to do this

- Suggested community groups to be included
 - residents of the Square and feeder streets
 - businesses in the Square and feeder streets
 - the church
 - the school
 - the castle
 - the parish council
 - traders group
 - CEPS
- representatives would be chosen by the group they represent

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What are the key issues

- a representative sample of key local stakeholders agreed on
 - protecting access to properties
 - ease and safety of movement of vehicles and pedestrians around the square
 - need for both resident and visitor parking in the square
 - need to protect sightlines and views (especially from the Church to the Castle)

What are the key issues

- However there were differences of opinion on the following
 - parking provision by parking type
 - use of public space

What are the key issues

- A critical objective of the community engagement exercise will be
 - to build agreement between key local and statutory stakeholder groups on these and other important issues
 - so that clear design parameters for the design of a single scheme can be agreed
 - **a brief brought about by the community with buy-in from statutory stakeholders**

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How will we keep you informed

- We will provide regular updates on the community engagement exercise on our website, in Parish News and the local press
- A further open meeting will be held to
 - inform the community of the design parameters agreed in the workshops for the design of the specific scheme
 - collect views so these can be taken into account in this design

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What do you think

- Do you agree something needs to be done
- Do you agree a community engagement exercise is the best approach
- Do you agree our plans for the community engagement exercise are appropriate
- Do you agree the way we plan to involve the community is appropriate
- Any other questions

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Thank you

- For attending
- For listening
- For giving us your feedback