



Notes from a meeting held about the Delaware Outdoor Education Centre

19-07-2022

Present: Ken Trapp, Gill Boreham, Jim Wakem, Terry Letchford, Dorothy Kirk, John Hamblin, Clare Bullimore (*notes*).

Apologies: John Wells, Roger Alford.

Update from Ken Trapp:

- Initial interest from the YMCA but decided not to pursue it
- Sheryll Murray MP has put Ken in touch with someone from Historic England so he has made contact but is awaiting a reply
- FOI request has not been answered but we CC are still within the 20 day window for a response
- The advert has been publicised and Vickery Holman are the agents – it is week 3 of a 10 week period where it has to be advertised as a like-for-life venture
- Activ8 have indicated they could join the Parish Council in a joint bid – they wouldn't be interested in taking on the whole site and have no interest in the field
- Initial contact has been made with the Lottery – so far some *potential* interest in providing revenue funding rather than capital funding
- There has been an intimation that CC may allow transfer of a lease for a temporary basis with the option to buy but no confirmation of this
- It has been reported (but not confirmed) that some private providers have made contact with Vickery Holman
- We still do not know the value of the site but can expect it to be an absolute minimum of £250,000 – CC are not obliged to sell it for half the market price to a community/council party
- Land Trust appears the most feasibly option out of the original objectives: there is not yet enough interest/skill set from the community for a community group to lead on the project
- Concern raised about the PC having the capacity to administer a large scale bid for funding
- Concern also raised about how the centre may be used in the future: how the revenue is raised given the ongoing annual costs could reach £100,00 and the management/supervision and staffing structure needs to be accounted for

It was agreed that further information be sought from Cornwall Land Trust and the group will be formalised as an advisory group with Terms Of Reference recommended to the Council in order that formal recommendations can be put to the Council.