

1. MEETING DETAILS

Place of meeting and name of local library: Kirby Muxloe Village Hall, Station Road, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester. LE9 2EN

Kirby Muxloe Village Hall Ann 0776 809 5358
Opening at 5:45 (set up) close around 9:30

Date and time of meeting: 20th April 2016, 7pm – 8.40

This form completed by: Ray Hurst **Date 21st April 2016**

Staff present:

Lead facilitator: Derk Van Der Wardt

Note-taker: Ray Hurst

Library Service representative: Nigel Thomas, Paul Love

Number of participants: 24

2. KEY POINTS FROM DISCUSSION

Views expressed about proposal / situation in general A view was expressed that the Council should continue to provide a library service as it is committed via a lease contract to do this.

Views expressed on the adequateness of the proposed alternative provision.

Views expressed on community managed library solution. Most of the questions were related to how this could work in practice. The lease/ownership situation is cause for some concern, but there was genuine interest in exploring how the library can be saved via community management.

Views expressed on the proposed stops in the local area and the frequency. There was a suggestion that the proposed locations may not be suitable for people living in the Barns / Barons Close area.

Accessibility of other / alternative services (online and other libraries) n/a

3. ANY OTHER POINTS TO NOTE

There were concerns that LCC was looking to hand over the building and all its related commitments to a community managed library group in perpetuity. Delegates needed reassurance that this was not the case and that the County Council was looking to sub-let to the group.

It was agreed to meet again in due course with interested residents to explore community management solutions.

4. QUESTIONS ASKED:

1. Are the costs and grant information [on the slides] related to the Kirby Muxloe library?
2. I was under the impression that the library future had been secured some time ago via a bid from the parish council. What happened?
3. What happens to the building if it closes and the on-going maintenance costs?
4. Do you have any alternative uses in mind for this building?
5. Does the lease & responsibility for building costs run beyond the 7 year funding package?
6. The county council would be making a big saving on the staff costs?
7. What number of volunteers will be required to run the library and what training do they need?
8. There would be a need to have a good management in place to run the library.
9. The lease has 91 years to run and there is a clause in the agreement that means LCC should provide a library service from there. The Parish Council should hold LCC to the conditions of the lease.
10. The lease is an on-going cost to the county council which needs to be factored in. The library should not have been put on trust land in the first place and LCC should not expect the village to pick up these costs
11. Was LCC aware of the lease agreement or will you have to look at this in more detail now?
12. Could Kirby Muxloe be a hub library for the surrounding community libraries?
13. Given the comments and questions raised tonight the 22nd May does not seem long enough for a community group to come together and sort this out.
14. If a group formed would the lease put significant limitations on the community group?
15. If no community group comes forward what would be the closing date of the existing library?
16. The Chairman of the Parish Council addressed the room to set out the ownership situation with regards to the library and set out the position of the parish council with regards to supporting a community group to come forward.
17. Derk asked for a show of hands in the room to see how many people would be interested in coming along to a second meeting to explore the options available, 10 people raised their hand and action agreed:
 - a. To arrange another meeting next Wednesday 27th May at 7pm in the library
 - b. Everyone will be contacted if we have their contact details
 - c. Voluntary Action Leicestershire will be invited along