

## THE BROCKET TASK & FINISH GROUP

21 March 2017

**PRESENT:** Councillors Gerry Clark (Chairman), Claire Stretton, Stewart Carroll, David Scott, Kevin Mist, Mark Taylor and Alan Mellins (Maidenhead Heritage Trust).

Clerk: Shilpa Manek

Apologies: Councillors Jesse Grey, Marius Gilmore and Shamsul Shelim.

- The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
- The Chairman gave a brief update on the open day that had taken place at The Brocket. Approximately 150 people had attended. Feedback had been received from many people in a notebook on the day, via email and by letter. Many suggestions had been given. See attached Chairman's Note. The majority of people were in favour of retention of The Brocket and its features.
- The Chairman suggested three possibilities for future use:
  - a) Public Use - Meeting current identified needs from within existing budgets. Demonstrably fulfilling a previously assessed and budgeted activity and therefore replacing an existing or proposed facility (subject to planning approval).
  - b) Public Use - Meeting a newly identified need and requiring new funding to be assessed and approved. Demonstrably required to fulfil a newly assessed need to provide an additional facility (subject to budget and planning approval).
  - c) Development Options – Preserving the listed features. Utilise the site for the creation of new dwellings or other commercial use to generate significant revenue for the Borough (subject to planning approval).
- All options are subject to public scrutiny and must represent value for money for residents / Council Tax payers.
- It was noted that two local groups had asked for more time to complete their responses to the suggestions on future use. The T+F Group recognised the need to have a thorough set of ideas, but were frustrated that the original timeline had not been met. A finite further period to be agreed of no more than one month hence.

### Recommendation

- We propose a one month (end April) deadline for submissions of proposals to the Working Group from those local groups who have not yet responded but asked for additional time (i.e. Maidenhead Community Arts Council and Maidenhead Heritage Centre Trust) to include outline funding requirements to assist with the viability assessments.
- It is proposed that Cabinet then considers the suggested potential uses for the Brocket listed below in **Bold** and reviews any submissions received within the one month deadline to identify whether the suggested use(s) fall into category a), b) or c) and then determine the preferred option.

**THE BROCKET****Public Consultation Feedback:**

Note: The numbers below record the options suggested by respondents. As some respondents suggested more than one option, the numbers do not infer any ranking but are included to identify those options with significant support.

It is proposed that the Options in bold are considered by the Cabinet Regeneration Sub Committee to determine the most appropriate.

<b><u>Public Use - Possible a) or b) uses</u></b>		<b><u>Development Options - Possible c) uses</u></b>	
<b>Museum / Heritage Centre</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Private Flats (inc. Key Workers)</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Adult Education Use</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Hotel / Self Catered Flats</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Hindu Community Centre</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Mixed Residential / Other use</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Artist Studio / Arts Centre</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Single Private Residence</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Day Centre for Elderly</b>	<b>4</b>	Filming Location	1
Registry Office	4	Micro Offices	1
Open Access to the Public	4	Cafe	1
Patient Convalescence	3	Event Venue (Ghost themed)	1
School	2		
Open / Public Garden	2		
Care Home	1		
Drama Group Scenery Store	1		
Homeless Persons Refuge	1		
Car Parking (Garden)	1		
Community Use (Undefined)	1		
Dance Studio	1		
Refugee Housing	1		

