

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Charity Trustee Committee

Date of meeting: 6th November 2023

Title: New Quay Library and Reading Room - update

Purpose of the report: To update Committee following the public call for expressions of interest

For: Information

Background

1.1 Members will recall that on the 29th June 2023 Committee resolved:

“to ask the inhabitants of New Quay through a press release and direct contact with specific consultees (similar to those referenced in paragraph 2.2 of the accompanying report to this resolution) whether any group or organisation are interested in taking on the trust site for educational purposes and seeking grant funding for that purpose. A deadline for responses to be given of one month from press release/contact. A report shall be brought back to the next available Committee.”

1.2 On the 10th July 2023 a press release was issued in line with the above recommendation and officers also directly contacted the following organisations to highlight the press release:

- Cylch Meithrin;
- New Quay Town Council;
- New Quay Primary School
- New Quay Football Club;
- New Quay Memorial Hall;
- New Quay Community Library;
- PSB Partners.

A deadline of the 10th August 2023 was set for expressions of interest (EOIs).

1.3 Five EOIs were received during that period. One has since retracted their EOI and one was an EOI relating to a commercial business therefore not what the trust had requested. An additional EOI was also received outside of the deadline but again this was for a commercial business.

1.4 There are therefore 3 active EOIs and officers are currently in the process of discussing these further with the three parties. A further verbal update on progress will be given in the Committee meeting.

1.5 Once proposals are clear they will be brought before Committee for decision as to whether the Committee wishes to proceed with any party and their idea for use of the property for trust purposes.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee NOTES the contents of the report.

Reasons for decision:

To further the object of the charitable trust

Appendices: None

Head of Service: Elin Prysor: CLO - Legal & Governance Services

Reporting Officer: Louise Harries: Senior Lawyer – Non-contentious (Property)

Date: 11th October 2023