

BALTIC WHARF CONSULTATION STEERING GROUP SECOND MEETING 16TH MARCH 2012

Present: Laura Keely
 Alan Gorman
 Steve Mittler
 Paul Talbot
 Jeff Bishop

Apologies: Louis Victory
 Susan Hannis

Some others were unable to attend but no specific apologies were received.

Process feedback from Workshop 1

- The workshop went very well but a few more people would have helped

Process feedback from Drop-in 1

- The website is a bit low key – needs to be more engaging.
- The average age of participants seemed quite high.
- Those attending also seemed to be mainly more recent Totnes residents.
- Very few young people (one group booked in for a workshop failed to arrive at all).
- Quite a bit about allotments at the drop-in. *(JB explained that several members of the allotments group attended straight after a meeting held nearby.)*
- Can we clarify who the 'community garden is for? *(SM made clear that the suggested garden is [for co-housing](#) [to manage on behalf of co-housing and other site residents.](#))*

Content Feedback from Workshop and Drop-in

- Including a Performance Space is good but to be successful it needs to be linked to a specific group who will use it and look after it.
- Public Art always gets a mixed reaction. It is very important and needs to be addressed sooner rather than later and key points/questions fed back to Workshop 2.
- Queries about the water taxi. *(Tides permitting, this will be from new pontoons into town, eg. the [town, possibly riverside supermarket etc.](#))*
- How are local neighbour concerns being addressed – on the design and for the construction period? *(The local group have already been involved and information is being shared. A specific discussion session is planned around the time of the second Workshop. There is currently a Draft Full Travel Plan which picks up several local concerns.)*
- Draw out the points that refer on to later phases.

Next Stages

- Pick up on points above.
- Engage young people through KEVICC. JB explained his unsuccessful attempts to date. Links may be better via Tony Whitty and [Rob Hopkins](#).
- Engage young families. Access via Ian Blackwell, Dangerous Dads.
- Is there a better location for the next Drop-in – up by the market?
- More advertising/promotion out on the streets during drop-in times.
- Promote the live link for Workshop 2.

See over for comments from Susan Hannis.

"Thank you for the reports, which represent a lot of effort.

I am left feeling very impressed with our local community, the number who came to the drop-in and the thoughtful and informed comments that were given. How the architects will sift and select from all those ideas I just don't know - but we shall have to trust their wisdom regarding the sensitivity of the site. The two issues that seem to be priorities for people are the appearance of the whole site and the long-term sustainability of the buildings, plus, of course, the traffic arrangements. Just what I would expect from Totnesians.

I am sorry not to be attending on 16th. No additional names or organisations come to mind, but I will continue to think about it."