

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2009 AT PORT ISAAC COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, PORT ISAAC AT 7:30PM

PRESENT Mr D Phelps
Mrs B Bell, Mr R Manders
MrM Bell, Mr A Penny

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Mr W Dawe, Mr B Nicholls, Mr M Dingle, Mrs J Townsend, Mrs L Rowe
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

104.PLAYING FIELD PROJECT

Mrs B Bell introduced Mr Mike Hawes from Mor Design.

Mr Hawes informed the council that Mor design specialised in Landscape Architecture, Public Art and Furniture, Spacial Design and Landscape Construction. Mor design was a partnership set up in 1999 and he was a partner. Mr Hawes informed the council that his colleague Selma would take notes in order to understand what the council wanted.

Mr Hawes explained that Mor Designs normal 'Scope of Work' was to do a Site Analysis, then respond to the brief, having met Mr Bell and Mr Penny on site he now knows what the Parish Council brief is and he also has a wish list given to him by Mr Penny. Then he would research and do feasibility studies, and then conceptual drawings. The consultation stage will then take place, he will bring the drawings back to the village. He will then finalise the drawing and they will be suitable for applications for grants.

Mr Hawes informed the council that he would explain four selected projects to give the council an idea of Mor Designs services; these projects are Kingsbridge Open Spaces, Trescobeas Park, Camel Trail and Crayford Waterside Gardens.

Mr Hawes explained the Kingsbridge project, which came through, the Committee for Build Environment. In Kingsbridge they had four parks that were not functioning properly for the community or as a tourist attraction.

He informed the council that Mor Design surveyed the 4 parks for their strengths and weaknesses. They had to consider how to link the 4 spaces. All four areas had different qualities.

Mr Hawes explained the four areas.

The Recreational Area which was made up of a Bowling Green, Tennis Club and Children's Play Area, this area was dominated by the Bowling Green. What Mor Design had to try to prove was the need for different activities in this space so everyone can benefit and accept the design without the Bowling club feeling threatened.

Rack Park was a under used area as it was naturally sloping. They had to consider what could be done with the space. A Picnic area and bike park were needed so this was the best location for these.

Duncombe Park, this area was not easy as it was used dog walkers and parents with young children, so there was a slight conflict.

Wallingford Road this area was a smaller green space, suitable for informal sporting activities and play.

Mr Hawes explained that they set up a Trim Trail, which is an exercise trail for all ages. The trail provides a circuit, with linkages throughout the town. This is not made up of play equipment, but fallen trees, steps, it's a walking and weaving area with marks and signs, so that people know where to go.

Mr Hawes informed the council that Play is the key element making sure facilities are up to a good health and safety standard.

Mr Hawes informed the council that there is a lot of grant money available for natural play. In Rack Park they got grant to make a play area suitable for Teenagers made of wooden slopes, embankments, slides and climbing trees. He explained that this design fits in with the character of the existing area.

Mr Hawes explained how they developed the Recreational ground at Kingsbridge.

First they presented them with plans, what could be put in to the area. There were areas that flooded so they made these planting areas. They got an environmental grant to make this a formal wetland. This is now still an accessible usable play area. They got a new Multi Usage Area within the sloping wooden area they received £50,000 in grant funded by the BTVC, they also got a new early years play area which was funded by grants from play builder and path finder.

Mr Hawes explained the types plans that they provided for this project and that they would provide us with the same type of plans for Port Isaac Playing Field.

The next project Mr Hawes gave, as an example was Trescobeas Park.

This area was formally a rubbish tip, Mor Design had to create a strategy for this area and come up with a way for it to be put in place over a couple of years. They took their ideas to consultation and came up with the idea of the childrens play area being made up of large Smarties tubes, as the site was used previously as a rubbish tip. The build stage of the project had a very tight

deadline and schedule, so the tubes were left un-painted. Therefore they organised a paint in numbers day, they got lots of people there from the community and got it all painted. There were lots of benefits in doing this, it was 3 months ago, and normally in this area there are serious social issues, with vandalism, but there have not been any problems on this site.

At this painting day it also gave the opportunity to present stage 2 of the project, a bike track. Mr Hawes informed the council that they took on board the comments of the public. He informed the council that stage 3 is yet to be completed.

The next project Mr Hawes explained was Crayford, this is a waterside gardens, so a very urban area, in Kent. The area is historically very diverse, with Guns and fabrics being made in this area.

The design for this area was a whole piece of art linking the future and past, there are jumping water jets, with controls within the pods. The structures were made in Cornwall and then taken to Kent to become part of the Park.

The final project Mr Hawes informed the council about was the Camel Trail.

When they designed this project they had to take history into consideration. They worked with local schools, they designed tables and bike racks to fit in with the style of the area and views, they even used poetry and public art to fit in with different areas of the trail.

Mr Hawes informed the council that he had more examples but they were not appropriate to Port Isaac and where we run at this stage. Mr Hawes informed the council that he had the wish list, and an opportunity to look at the site. They will look into what is appropriate and draw plans to show all elements and how to fit them together and what goes where. Then go to the community with plans and feedback and then go for funding.

Mr Hawes asked if there were any questions.

Mr Martin Bell asked who was the client for camel trail?

Mr Hawes informed Mr Bell that it was North Cornwall District Council. Mr Hawes did not know who the contact at North Cornwall District Council was but agreed to find out.

Mr Bell informed the council that the reason he and Mr Penny recommended Mor Design, was because they were already working for the school and had therefore been approved by Cornwall Council, they are also experienced in obtaining grants. Mr Bell felt that was important as the council needed to maximise funding, as we have limited funds.

Mr D Phelps asked Mr Hawes, when drawing plans, how do you set about what to put into the plans, who's recommendations do you take.

Mr Hawes informed Mr Phelps that he had the Parish Council's wish list, and then they look at what will fit on the site, any ecological problems and show opportunities to improve natural habitat value. For example a car park maybe seen as negative, but they can include planting and embankments to increase its value.

The drawings are then taken to consultation, displayed at public event.

Mr D Phelps asked where the wish list had come from.

Mr Penny informed Mr Phelps that it was made up of the comments from his meeting and any other things people have suggested to him.

Mr D Phelps asked what will this cost?

Mr Hawes informed Mr Phelps that he had agreed to do work up to the stage of submitting for funds for £1500.

Mr Phelps asked Mr Hawes if he will carry out searches for services as there are mains water pipes going through both fields and this will need to be considered if they are planning to move earth in these designs.

Mr Hawes informed Mr Phelps that they would not be doing searches.

Mr M Bell informed Mr Hawes that the Parish Council had existing searches of the pipes and would let him have a copy.

Mr David Phelps asked if there was funding available for the £1500.

Mr M Bell felt that there was not enough time to look into obtaining funding as we want to present the drawings at the Christmas Fair as it is one of the best attended events in the village.

It was proposed by Mr M Bell that the Parish Council appoint Mor Design to undertake the preliminary design for the playing field project. This was seconded by David Phelps and carried nem.con. The clerk to formally instruct Mor Designs.

Mrs B Bell thanked Mr Hawes for attending the meeting and looks forward to seeing the results.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th December 2009 at Port Isaac County Primary School

The meeting closed at 8.30pm