

Notes from meeting on 18/05 –

Club Redevelopment Brief Feedback Session

Approx 18 people attended:

Jason Wyatt addressed the meeting attendees. Following point were made

1. Jason noted process and the number of people involved in developing the brief
2. First step to be united in our approach – especially to Council and Govn Depts
3. Peter Hemphill – local Councillor has been instrumental in getting other Councillors involved – there will be a walkthrough session next week with all Councillors invited.
4. Once brief finalized next step is to rebrief architects (architects not coming to Councillor session) – we are putting forward our wish list but realise that financially and in terms of available space everything won't be achievable.
5. Separately, Jason and Claire have met with Gov depts. Melissa Horne been supportive and helpful with contacts e.g. DJCS and DEEC.
6. We know more about the pool situation – unlikely to be able to move it to new location (i.e. new pool wouldn't be approved) and unknown if shortening pool to 25m would be feasible.
7. Question from attendee – about pool renovation costs? Jason noted surveyor engaged as well as geothermal installers. Cost estimates likely to be back to us in July. Also noted that an earlier report commissioned by Council about operation of the pool – it related to a commercial operation (related to a per person revenue model) and assumed pool open 24/7. Club is assuming a membership model – join the Club and annual membership pays for access to all facilities (inc. pool). New report also Commissioned by Council, is a cost report i.e. what will it cost to run the pool.
8. We are defining its as community pool. Run by Club but open to schools/community groups etc to use.
9. Question from attendee – will we have paid management of the pool? Paid life guards and/management of the pool? Report will have several models – but still rely on some volunteer effort.
10. Geo-testing of the soil and testing for geothermal heating has been undertaken. If we can install geothermal heating it could be a game changer for Club (can also be used for heating of hall etc).
11. Question from attendee – do we have confidence in the appointed architects? Jason noted that we don't have a strong view. They were officially appointed by Council via a tender process and would be difficult to change.
12. Question from attendee – can we use other end of Club for patrol tower and other facilities? Response, yes was considered, but after looking at all options didn't make as much sense as ideas in the brief.
13. Question from attendee – safety and accessibility to the beach by patrollers and emergency services, at club end, in middle of beach and Sebastian end. Jason noted the issue.
14. Question from attendee – will social area have/take advantage of our view? Brief has suggested that the social area should take advantage of the view.
15. Question from attendee – how has \$800k spent to date been spent. Jason noted that as far as we know Council has used funds for architects/project management and various tests required.
16. Question from attendee about where are the funds for the development being held? DJCS holds funds and releases upon reports/invoices from Council.

17. Question from attendee – could we acknowledge large amount of work undertaken in the previous brief and that some has been used in new Club brief? Yes – will acknowledge.
18. Question from attendee – can we get land back from where public toilet/change rooms are (previously was Club land). Response - don't know about that specific land but Council have indicated that they are willing to look at land to rear of the Club (car park) if land is required.
19. Observation from attendee - very specific note about 'back area of new building - seems there are other documents/drawings which have been developed? Response – no documents apart from the brief have been developed by Jason/the working group.
20. Observation from attendee - patrol tower/ first aid room/ can keep pool open whenever patrol on – i.e info that was in the brief doesn't seem to have good understanding of the operations of life saving. Response -acknowledged that brief is not perfect and for attendee to please send detailed information through via email.
21. Jason closed the meeting noting that while we have requested feedback by Tuesday to finalise the brief prior to meeting with Council – the process of developing the plans themselves will be iterative and so please keep sending information/ideas in even post Tuesday. Jason undertook to keep in contact with members as we continue to meet with Council and the architects about the brief.