

## Pavilion Face to Face Consultations

7<sup>th</sup> August 2018

An opportunity for people to come and talk to the Council about the current project to replace the Pavilion in Tower Gardens took place at the Town Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018. A notice board was available explaining the current position along with the latest consultation newsletters and feedback forms. The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk were available to answer any questions people may have. Two Town Councillors also attended.



The event was to gather people's views on what facilities were important to them and how they may or may not use the building. The feedback form was the same that had been promoted on the Council's website, social media sites and notice boards. This was an opportunity for people who like to engage face to face or may not have access to the internet. A further opportunity to engage face to face will be available on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 6pm.

Four people attended, three people completed forms on the evening, one person had already submitted comments online (the majority of feedback so far has come through the Council Facebook page and online feedback form). Two people came from the Talk Eat Drink community organisation and were very interested in how that might be able to use the space in the future and base their group in the building. A lengthy conversation around their requirements and how they might use the space took place and they left their details to be contacted in the future. Three of the people that attended had disabilities and felt that providing a full disabled toilet with hoist was very important.

The general feedback was very supportive of the project (3 out of 4 people).

### ***Common Themes, Points and Misunderstanding***

Support for musical events needed

Quality disabled facilities needed

Lack of understanding as to what a “Changing Place Suite” is

A sense of getting the community involved with events, volunteering and or training for disadvantaged young and old.

Affordable – community groups have very little or no budget for room hire

Community Notice Board

Concern around getting a loan to pay for the building

Lack of understanding around the Council offices and how it might support the office.

A feeling that the current offices are adequate

Tea room is important and will be well used – needs quality produce

Tower Gardens needs a park manager

Current events are reducing due to current state of park and lack of support.

#### 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018

A further opportunity to feedback face to face on the Pavilion consultation took place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 6pm. Three members of the public attended along with one Councillor, the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk. All members of the public that attended were supportive of the project. A positive discussion took place around use and affordability and the need for improved disabled facilities. The Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk described what a changing places suite was. Suggestions were given that good security and lighting would be needed, that they did not want to see another white building like those on the seafront and that they felt the location was good. The supply and use of indoor and outdoor board games was also suggested to increase use.