

Attachment 2
Phil Le Couteur

From: Stuart Knight
Sent: 09 July 2014 08:23
To: Roger Steel (Cllr); Pat Ferguson (Cllr); Timothy Spencer (Cllr)
Cc: Graham Chapman (Cllr); Phil Le Couteur
Subject: Former Wilford Library

Dear All,

I write to you all to provide you with an update regarding the sale of Wilford Library and following a discussion I have had with Councillor Chapman.

As you are aware it had been intended to sell the property to a Mr Kerry who intends to make the property available for community purposes. The sale to Mr Kerry was to proceed in advance of the auction which is timetabled for tomorrow. In recent days we have received another interest from another community organisation with similar aspirations for the property.

As you will appreciate it is necessary for the Council to proceed fairly and to be seen to proceed fairly. Accordingly, the following is proposed:

- The property will be removed from the auction
- All those parties that have expressed an interest for community purposes will be contacted. They will be asked to submit their final and best offer for the property. This will cover price but also issues of community use, sustainability of that use, etc.
- There will be a strict timescale, details to be advised
- We will use the auctioneer to assist in this process as they already have contact details of the parties who have shown an interest. However please note the property is not to be auctioned, but rather this is an informal tender with the Council determining the preferred purchaser
- I will organise a meeting of the ward councillors and Councillor Chapman to consider the proposals received, providing the opportunity for ward Councillors to make their views known and to allow Councillor Chapman to reach a conclusion as to which organisation will secure the property.

I trust you will support this open and transparent process and which will allow a community use to be identified for the former Library.

If you have any comments please advise

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