

1. HISTORY OF A LIBRARY



IN 1926 THE FIRST LIBRARY OF 100 BOOKS CAME TO TOWN AS THE CORNWALL FREE LIBRARY SCHEME.

MORE BOOKS WERE NEEDED FOR INCREASED BORROWING SO IN 1953 THE FIRST FULL-TIME LIBRARIAN WAS APPOINTED.

IN 1960 PLANS WERE DRAWN UP FOR A PERMANENT LIBRARY SO THE MODERNIST ARCHITECT ROYSTON SUMMERS WAS APPOINTED AND DREW UP PLANS FOR THE FUTURIST BUILDING PICTURED ABOVE WHICH OPENED IN 1962.

170,700 BOOKS WERE ISSUED IN 1978 AND IN 1992 THE LIBRARY WAS EXTENDED, DOUBLING ITS FLOOR CAPACITY FOR INCREASED DEMAND.

IN 2010, 90,000 VISITORS PASSED THROUGH ITS DOORS UTILISING THE LIBRARY AND ITS OTHER FACILITIES.

AS PART OF CORNWALLS DEVOLUTION PROGRAMME IN 2019 THE LIBRARY WAS SAFEGUARDED BY TRANSFERRING TO SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL.

2. GROWTH OF A VIBRANT TOWN AND LIBRARY



SALTASH TOWN NOW HAS A POPULATION OF 15,700 WITH AN EVENLY SPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF AGES AND IS CONTINUING TO EXPAND ALONGSIDE IT'S NEIGHBOURING CONNOBATIONS.

CURRENTLY SALTASH LIBRARY HAS 6,155 CUSTOMERS WHO CHOSE SALTASH AS THEIR HOME SITE AND THIS CONTINUES TO GROW WEEKLY THROUGH ITS FACEBOOK PAGE THE LIBRARIES ONLINE INTERACTION COMPLIMENTS AND SUPPORTS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

THE LIBRARY HAS A FIXED ASSET OF 10,500 BOOKS AND FREE ACCESS TO CORNWALL LIBRARIES ON-LINE COLLECTION FOR EVERYONES AVAILABILITY AND PLEASURE (CLICK & COLLECT).

THE LIBRARY OFFERS SPACE FOR ALL TYPES OF COMMUNITY GROUPS, SCHOOLS AND YOUNG CHILDRENS GROUPS AS WELL AS FREE COMPUTER AND SCANNING FACILITES FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

THE LIBRARY SIGNPOSTS VULNERABLE PEOPLE WITH SOCIAL ISSUES TO CORNWALL COUNCIL AND SUPPORTS AND PROMOTES LOCAL CHARITIES.

THROUGH THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC THE LIBRARY HAS BECOME AN INTEGRAL SUPPORT PILLAR FOR MANY PEOPLE, PROVIDING STRENGTH, POSITIVITY AND WELL BEING.

3. SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY

PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS AND RESULTS



DURING SUMMER 2020, SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL CONSULTED WITH THE COMMUNITY OF SALTASH ON THE EXCITING PROJECT OF LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT WORKS TO PROVIDE A MULTIUSE FACILITY TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY OF SALTASH.

THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST PUBLIC CONSULTATION SUPPORTED THE COUNCIL IN THEIR AMBITIOUS VISION WITH A RESULT OF 86.71% FOR AND 13.29% AGAINST.

THE PROJECT WAS COSTED IN DETAIL TO ENABLE THE COUNCIL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PHASE 2 PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

THE RESULTS FROM THE SECOND PUBLIC CONSULTATION AGAIN SUPPORTED THE COUNCIL IN THEIR VISION WITH A RESULT OF 65.41% FOR AND 34.59% AGAINST.

AT FULL TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN OCTOBER 2020 IT WAS RESOLVED TO SEEK THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HOUSING, COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO APPLY FOR A PWLB LOAN OF £200,000.

AN ADDITIONAL SHORTFALL OF £5,105 IS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRECEPT FOR THE YEAR 2021/2022.

THE WAY IS NOW CLEAR TO DELIVER THE VISION TO THE COMMUNITY IT DESERVES.

4. LEGACY

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY HUB WITH THE LIBRARY AT ITS CORE.



SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED A VARIETY OF HELPFUL COMMENTS AND IDEAS FOR THE NEW HUB, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED AND THE VAST MAJORITY TAKEN ON BOARD.

IDEAS RANGING FROM MORE VARIETY AND NEWER BOOKS TO WELL LIT SPACES FOR READING, FROM CHILD FRIENDLY SPACES TO THE INTRODUCTION OF CLASSES, HAVE ALL BEEN ADOPTED IN THE STRATEGY OF PLANNING THE FLOOR SPACE AND ACTIVITY SCHEDULES.

THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY HUB WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AS A MAJOR INFORMATION CENTRE FOR READING, LEARNING AND ENJOYMENT FOR ALL AGES COMPLEMENTING ITS FREE TO USE COMMUNITY DIGITAL CAPACITY AND ACT AS A COMMUNITY SPACE FOR ALL TYPES OF MEETINGS. BOTH THE DIGITAL AND PRINTED AGES CONTRIBUTING TOGETHER.

THIS NEW ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE PRESENT, IT WILL HAVE A PROFOUND IMPACT ON CHILDREN AND ADULTS WELL-BEING (AS WE ARE EXPERIENCING AT THE MOMENT WITH LOCKDOWN) AS WELL AS LEAVING A LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

5. THE NEW COMMUNITY HUB

21ST CENTURY EXPERIENCE



THE WONDERFUL 1960s BUILDING DESIGN IS PERFECTLY SUITED FOR ITS INTENDED RE-INVENTION. IT'S HEIGHT AND OPEN PLAN NATURE ALLOWS FOR SPACIOUS FOYER AND CHILLED SEATING AND CAFÉ AREAS.

THERE WILL BE MORE SPACE FOR AN INTEGRATED CHILDRENS BOOK AND PLAY AREA, ADAPTABLE FOR MUSIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

ON ENTERING THE BUILDING THERE WILL BE AN AXIS THROUGH TO THE RECEPTION DESK AND MEETING AREA. TO THE LEFT OF THIS WILL BE THE LIBRARY AND ADAPTABLE/MOVEABLE SHELVING WHICH IS FLEXIBLE TO MOVE FOR CREATING LARGER SPACES FOR GROUPS AND CLASSES. TO THE RIGHT WILL BE THE FREE TO USE COMPUTER, SCANNING AND PRINTING CONSOLS.

ON THE MEZANINE WILL BE THE NEW SATASH TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE OFFICE, SAVING THE COUNCIL MONEY ON RENTING OFFICE SPACE AND BRINGING MORE PEOPLE INTO THE HUB.

THE EXTERIOR WILL BOAST A FRIENDLY WELCOMING ENTRANCE WITH AN OUTSIDE PATIO AREA SUITABLE FOR RELAXING AND HAVING THAT LONG SLOW COFFEE WHILE READING A FAVOURITE BOOK, WHILE THE INSIDE BECOMES A THRIVING ADAPTABLE MULTI-USE SPACE FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND LIBRARY USE.

6. 2021 NEXT STAGES



PHASE 1 – GREEN LIGHT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN

ONCE THE LOAN APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED IMMEDIATE TIMINGS CAN BE FINALISED WITH CONTRACTORS INCLUDING CLOSURE AND VACATING OFF SITE FOR THEIR AVAILABILITY.

PHASE 2 – CLOSURE OF LIBRARY AND MOVE TO INTERIM STATION LOCATION

THE MOVE TO THE INTERIM LOCATION IS ESTIMATED TO TAKE FOUR WEEKS TO PACK, MOVE, AND SET UP. THIS INCLUDES BOXING APPROXIMATELY 5,500 BOOKS AND RELOCATING A FURTHER 2,000 TO THE INTERIM SPACE. APPROXIMATELY 3,000 PLUS BOOKS WILL ALREADY BE IN CUSTOMER CIRCULATION.

THE MOVE WILL ALSO FACILITATE MOVING FURNITURE, COMPUTER HARDWARE, AND LIBRARY RESOURCES TO STORAGE IN THE NEW INTERIM LOCATION.

AS MUCH FURNITURE AS POSSIBLE WILL BE RE-PURPOSED THAT HAS NOT BEEN PLANNED FOR THE NEW LIBRARY HUB. MOSTLY BATTERED OLD CHAIRS/TABLES AND HEAVY IMMOVEABLE METAL SHELVING.

PHASE 3 – BUILDING AND WINDOW CONTRACTORS TAKE CHARGE OF LIBRARY BUILDING

WHILE THE LIBRARY WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AS A CLICK AND COLLECT LIBRARY AND HOPEFULLY LIMITED BROWSING (POST COVID LOCKDOWN) IN THE INTERIM SPACE, NEW FURNITURE AND SHELVING CAN BE ORDERED IF NEEDED TO IN ADVANCE.

PHASE 4 –LIBRARY BUILDING SIGN-OFF: - NEW FIXTURES AND FITTINGS ARRIVE FOLLOWED BY RELOCATION BACK TO LIBRARY.

THE RELOCATION TO THE NEW HUB SHOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS FROM IT'S INTERIM LOCATION.

7. QUESTIONS

SALTASH LIBRARY HUB 2021



QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS?

VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

Two re-useable videos will be produced for the public interface promotions:

- One-minute version for quick presentation 'hit them quick'. This will be used for online zoom public meetings to give a visual stimulus.
- Two to three-minute version for STC website, library hub Facebook site and for use in the TV screen in the post Office where people will look at it automatically.

These will be edited using existing architectural images used on the leaflets with external cost of voice over and free use of music and live action belonging to sw1tv.

ZOOM

Due to the latest government guidance it is proposed that the showcase be held by Zoom with the option of various sessions available to members of the public but limited to numbers in order to manage each session. If there is a good up take there is an option for further sessions to be arranged.

Members of staff in attendance: Assistant Town Clerk and the Community Hub Team Leader.

Library Sub Committee Members to attend on a rotational basis and of course all Members of the council are welcome to attend.

EXTERNAL COSTINGS:

1. VOICE OVER AND RECORDING	£236.00 ex vat
2. POST OFFICE TV SCREEN	£300 - £400 estimated for a package
3. AVAILABLE BUDGET CODE	6910 General Repairs and Maintenance
4. AVAILABLE BUDGET	£1,781.00