

HOWLS OPTIONS EXERCISE MEETING – 19 JULY 2017

OPTION – STAY IN CURRENT LIBRARY BUILDING

THEME	PROs – 19 Post Its & 3 emails	CONs - 6 Post Its & 0 (nil) emails
£	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hay has a good track record of raising funds, so we shouldn't be deterred! • The chance to extend facilities at the existing building in order to raise funds to support the functioning of the library service • <i>Staying where it is and finding a way of making up the Powys funding shortfall. I do not think it is good to transfer the library to the school.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost to community of keeping present library open • Would decision to stay mean a financial problem in future then we'd lose option of school
MANAGEMENT & ORGANISATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More potential on current site as its stand alone rather than being managed by the school • Squatters Rights! • Let's be ambitious in our thoughts and make Hay Library world renown like Hay Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot of work for us
RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope for expansion • Less disruption, can keep PCs, More books, Storage (needed to efficiently run library) • Permanent base. Gives value to the idea of a library • Inviting space, with windows, green space, pedestrian access/thoroughfare & <u>neutral</u> space • Vital it stays in present building for space, access & independence • More space & storage. Hopefully more access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access difficult • Old building may need work now & in the future, unlike the brand new school
SERVICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central site known to users in the community • Library is the only community building on Hay (other than the school) • Community needs 'safe' places. Library is main one in town • Need somewhere as community hub not a school • Why change a library that is functioning very well? • Should stay where we are centre of the community. Lots of social service & help is provided • More space is available for library/community use • Possibility of developing more facilities for the community in the current space: central • <i>School option not feasible to carry on with all the functions that the library currently undertakes, prefer library stay where it is & find some funds from somewhere. We need a 'Carnegie'!</i> • <i>We need to keep a proper library, in a proper library building - and with proper qualified staff to run it</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some people don't know where it is