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Subject: Re: South Side Working Party - proposed meeting dates/time.

1. Meeting dates - as I employ myself I can make any daytime dates for meetings as long as I have reasonable notice.

2. The attached Schedule feels a bit leisurely to me. Town Councillors have over the past six months shown that they want to activate the South Side instead of waiting and waiting. Why cannot the content for the suggested 25 April meeting be brought forward to a much earlier meeting date?

3. Whilst the Schedule is methodical, the content reminds me of a discussion group of the kind churches run in Lent. Why do we not at the first meeting establish what our objectives are? For example

A) to trigger the South Side redevelopment

B) by creating a public use building/ community arts and heritage centre/civic centre, via

C) identifying the various proposed usages, leading to a building design, footprint, location and access, and therefore

D) identifying and acquiring the land needed to build and access the building, the finance needed to pay for it, and grants to assist with that

E) securing professional advice from the start to plan the timelines and to plan the building(s).

F) making appropriate Town Council budget provision.

The above is simply my first effort to trigger discussion on why we are embarking on your proposed discussion schedule.

So will you please add onto the agenda, at the start, the single word "Objectives" and add this message as a supporting paper. If officers have time to add in something considered to the meeting papers that would be welcome.

Best wishes

Steve Owen

Sent from my iPhone