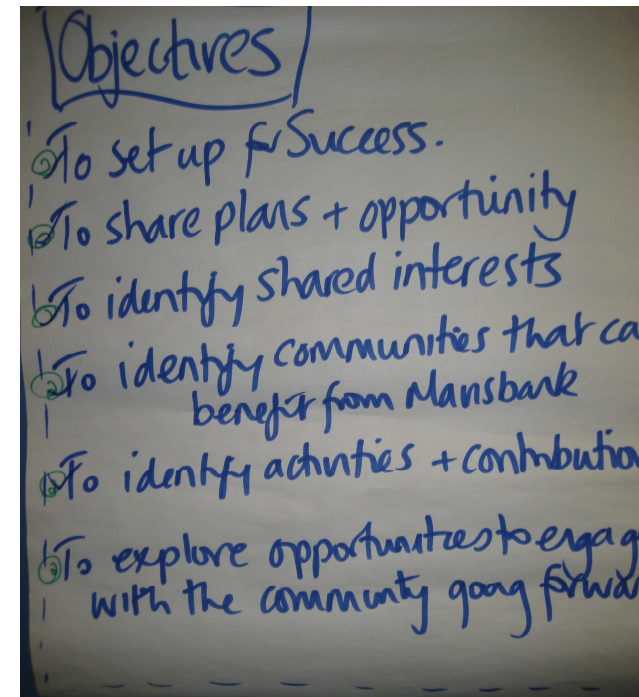


Mavisbank

Short Report of Stakeholder Workshop
June 5th 2014

Programme

1. Welcome & Objectives
2. Current Picture and Interests in Mavisbank
3. Communities that would benefit and Ideas for activities at Mavisbank
4. Community Representation for the Project
5. Next Steps



2. Current Picture & Interests

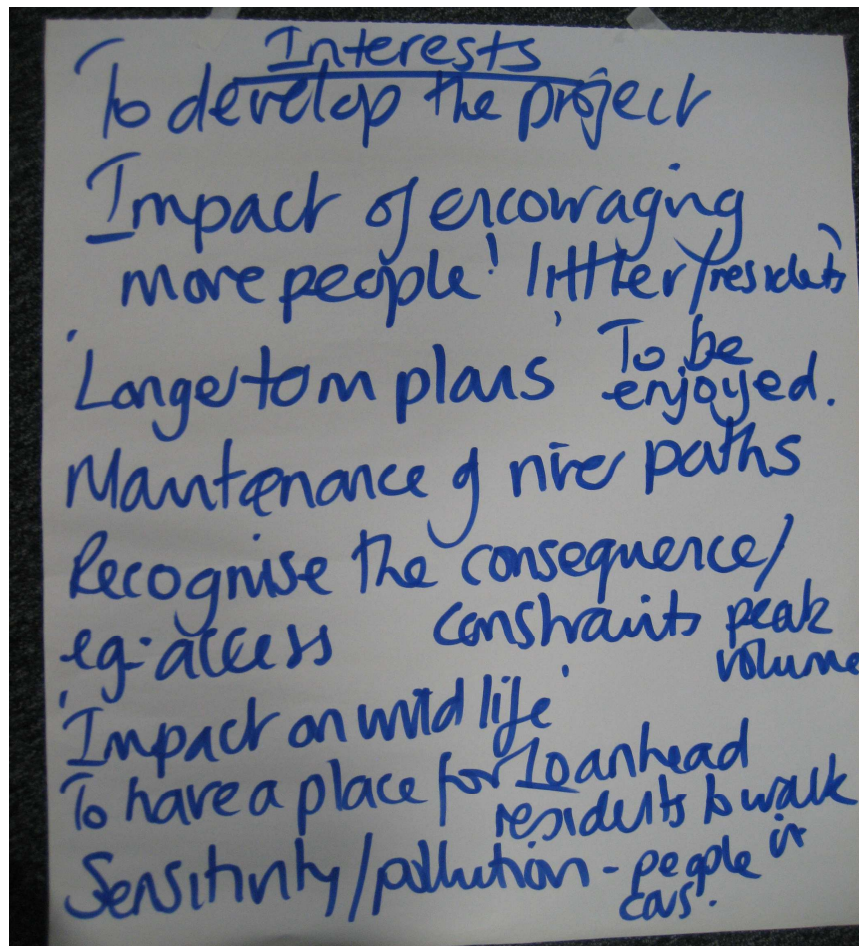
The meeting opened with a short presentation, outlining the plans for the development of the house and policies. The Trust plans for the protection and renovation of the house were shared along with feedback from previous consultations with the sections of the community on their ideas, concerns re development and support for saving Mavisbank. The meeting was presented as an opportunity for those who had a stake in Mavisbank, having understood the development plans, to inform future developments and activities at the site that were consistent with the needs of the community as a whole and would as far as possible support the many interests that were expressed.

Participants were invited to share their interests (and concerns) through table top discussion and record them on the table top. Here is the record:



Exploration of Interests

In conversation with the group the following additional and repeated interests and concerns were captured. Concerns regarding managing visitor numbers to the site, car parking access and litter were raised given evidence of the impact of the initial improvements that have resulted in increased use.



Future developments will need to take account of these interests and consider measures that can be put in place to support them most effectively, be that how to manage litter at the site, the best possible solution to ensure access for people and cars to the site and how to protect and support the rich wildlife and biodiversity. These interests will need to be balanced with Mavisbank House and Policies as a resource for the whole community and the commitment of Mavisbank Trust to restoring and maintaining this national icon.



3a. Communities that would benefit from Mavisbank House & Policies

Having identified and shared their interests, the participants were invited to work together to identify groups and communities that would benefit from the resources at Mavisbank (whilst taking their shared interests into account).

The following groups were identified:

Groups we would welcome...		We would not welcome.....
Education Walkers Mental Health	Volunteer Groups (+ Ranger Service)	Noisy People
Artists Historical Groups	Wildlife Photographers Birdwatchers	Commerical Dog Walkers
People who respect and value the Policies	Young People Volunteers/Eco Groups/ Community Service	Dog Walkers
School Groups	Special Interest Groups Architecture/Landscape/Biod iversity/cultural	Horses in large numbers
Pensioners	Wild life Groups (Ranger Service)	Pop Revellers
Astronomers	Cyclists Dog Walkers Opera/Garden Festival Walkers	
Historians	Loanhead Schools Mature Groups	
Local community Mature Groups		
Local Schools		



3b. Activities & Events to benefit the Community & Support Mavisbank

Having identified groups within the community for whom Mavisbank would provide a valuable resource, participants were invited to consider what events and activities could be offered within the House and Policies to both support the needs and interests of those communities alongside supporting the ongoing development and sustainability of Mavisbank. The following represent a list of possibilities identified across the group along with a number of concerns and objections from within the group regarding the decision, already made, with regard to the development of the House.

	Activities that support needs & interests...	Objections & Concerns
'Theatre in the Grounds' 1 per year		
Bird Watching Badger Walks Deer Spotting	Gardening Projects - Paid Courses Get Children Involved	Camping/Overnight Stays The Project Continued Development
'Pop Up' money earning event	Art Activities Natural Heritage Courses people pay for	No rental accommodation or studio
Local Garden Fete	Community Archeology – involve children and all ages	Stablise House – Light touch approach
Bird Nesting & Bug Boxes, numbered for local children	Educational visits facilitated by volunteers/staff at Mavisbank Lecture Series etc	Leave the house as it is Take building down and recreate a model
Mime	Some landscape conservation activity – volunteer led	
Guided themed walks	Cricket - MCC	
Small Scale activities to maintain the 'Spirit of Mavisbank' Clerk/Adam Vision	Architectural Studies	
	Conservation Studies	
	Chamber Concert in Crampons	
	Arts & Crafts. Local interest Sales & Events	
	Wedding Venue	
	Film & TV & Advertising location	
	Part of a larger path network Long distance walkers. WH Way	

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4. Community Representation

The final session sought feedback and ideas from participants on how to ensure community representation going forward. There were concerns that previous consultations had not been sufficient in breadth or depth and that views had been lost or not reflected in the reporting. Mavisbank Trust invited participants to consider how to ensure the views of the community were represented on the Board to ensure the voice of the community is sought, presented and represented as part of the decision making process. The possibilities, guidance and concerns regarding representation are presented below.

Judge what you are doing by impact on community.

Mavisbank Community Forum as representative of community voice.

How to gain that voice....

How to consult the local community

- Electronic
- Wider consultation.
- Be mindful of how questions are asked.
- Pull together the output of the meeting + send to the group.
- 600 people representative news been lost in the consultation.
- Appoint a community officer from the Trustees

There were a number of participants who did not support the development of the house & wished to see another consultation on the future of the site

Community Representation

- SMAG group to represent
- Weighting of residents/tenants in the consultation process
- Voice of the residents/neighbors
- Lack of trust in feedback
- Parallel organisation.
- Power/Money lies
- Community group - volunteers to do stuff.
- Concern that the news are not being reflected in feedback

End.