

LIBRARY UPDATE 20 September 2011

Our revised business case for a community run library was submitted on 19 August. It is currently being considered by an evaluation panel, along with the 15 business cases from the other threatened libraries in Warwickshire. A report will then be produced for Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet which will make recommendations on which library schemes are sufficiently robust.

That report will initially be submitted to the *Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee* which meets at 10.00 in committee room 2 at Shire Hall on 10 October. Assuming that they do not amend the report unduly, it will be presented for decisions to the *Cabinet of WCC*. That meeting is scheduled for 13.45 on 13 October also in committee room 2 at Shire Hall.

We are confident that Dunchurch's business plan will win their approval and assuming that there is no sudden policy change based upon the judicial review that has been won by Somerset and Gloucestershire action groups (the hearing takes place September 27 and 28 - their case is that the councils are acting unlawfully), we should get the go ahead at that cabinet meeting.

That's when the hard work will start! Considerable work will be required from many people to get our community library under-way. WCC has indicated that those libraries that have their approval should be up and running as soon as is feasible and before April 2012. The many community members who have offered their services as volunteers will be contacted in the near future to try to define rôles and the extent to which they wish to be involved.

We have already been successful in one of our grant applications, to Rugby Borough Council, so although we will require more funding yet, the omens are very favourable.

If you would like to learn more about Dunchurch Community Library, offer help or just give us support please contact

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