BLETCHLEY LIBRARY ENGAGEMENT
Date: 23rd June 2015
Time: 6–7pm

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM ENGAGEMENT

What kind of library and offer would you like to see provided given that there will be changes to the way library is provided in the future?	• *Coffee shop. Demolish current building and build a multi-purpose centre. Groups for the over 65s, U3a, Evening classes.* • *Where people meet 'free of charge' a public space with open access to all.*
What do you think about the option to move to Bletchley Leisure Centre?	• *100% of group do not want the library to move to the leisure centre.* • *Not enthusiastic all (7) in group do not wish to see the Library 'stuck in one corner' (Like Kingston) at Bletchley Leisure Centre.* • *100% of group had concerns over moving to the Leisure Centre largely due to it would take a long time to establish it as a community hub like the current library is. They had some logistical concerns also over location.* • *Couple in my group thought the leisure centre would bring in new users but most wanted to stay put* • *Concerns over traffic/car park. Leisure centre too small* • *Comment that would like to see comparative costs of the 2 buildings –which is cheapest?*
Is the idea of moving Children Centres or bringing a Nursery or other tenant to the building a positive idea?	• *It's good to bring in young people but need to see a balance – pressure on parking is slight concern. Need the right mix.* • *Group generally liked the idea as it added to the community hub feel although there were concerns over who would be staffing it and the impact it may have on library staff levels. May not get the space back for future developments.* • *Thought nursery a good idea but must be fully separate due to noise.*
Do you have any proposals or ideas for additional uses for the building(s)?	• *Bring in the Town Council.* • *50% of group thought this was the way forward and said it should be one of the local Town Councils.*
What other service could you bring in to use the library and contribute?	• *Amalgamate the Town Council into the space at the library - they can develop it into the 'hub' of the community and also bring in CAB.*
What can we do together to support local people being involved with supporting the library and activities?	• *Contact local schools so they are more actively involved in MKL.*

What ideas do you have to involve more local people in the management of the building to help support community access and possible use outside library opening hours for new activities?	• *Cinema outside opening hours to generate income.* • *Introduce a 'Facebook' page.*
Would the idea of a fully automated option be a good one in order to extend opening hours?	• *Not keen (7) in group on a fully automated option – interaction is just as important.*
Would you be interested in contributing to some of the costs of running the library such as staffing, books or building related cost?	• *Residents pay enough in Council Tax already – there appears to be more emphasis on Central Library than here.* • *Need to get sponsorship from large organisations to support MKL. Set up a will endowment scheme for libraries. If shrinking the book stock in the refurbishment model MKL should consider reducing reservation charges.*
Would you be interested in setting up a Friends group which could help raise funds for libraries and recruit volunteers to help support library staff?	• *Some of the group felt Bletchley did not have the right sort of demographic profile to start a Friends group. Liaise with local schools to get younger parents to volunteer / start friends groups.* • *Volunteering needed a big push.* • *Several comments that they did not want to volunteer in case staff list their jobs.*
Are you community led organisation or co-operative entity which could take on additional responsibilities in your local library, perhaps share a library building or help with the library day to day management?	• *Attendee asked what was meant by 'Co-operative Council'. Responded with full detail by email.* • *Group would like another engagement when all libraries done, to share ideas / documents.*