
Fwd: FW: Carnegie Non-Library Drinks

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17:02

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Sir

Your email sent today to the Friends of Carnegie has been forwarded to me.

The content of this email is a complete fabrication as you well know. The Carnegie Community Trust plans place the Library central to the Community Hub alongside the planned Cafe and Enterprise Centre.

Your email, not for the first time, is deliberately intended to undermine the work of the Trust and thus to make the future of the building not viable. Members of the communities of Herne Hill and Loughborough Junction must form their own opinions.

This note is copied to the Trust's solicitors. As a Trustee of the Carnegie Community Trust I must ask you to desist from circulating dishonest and deliberately damaging communications.

Helen Schofield
Trustee
Carnegie Community Trust**From:** Stephen <foclchair@gmail.com>**Sent:** 28 November 2018 16:01**Subject:** Carnegie Non-Library Drinks

The Carnegie Community Trust's plan for the building comprises **substituting a cafe bar for the library** as "the real social centre" and reducing the library provision to a "facility" with only a "limited number of books" somewhere "on site." These are the facts established from what the Trust and its predecessors have published and the documents obtained from Lambeth by the Friends under the Freedom of Information legislation. **Anything seeming to the contrary that the Trust tell you is spin** which you should disregard.

If you take up the Trust's invitation to free drinks and mince pies **you will be helping them to close the library.** The one aspect of the Trust's bid to take

over the building which even Lambeth admitted was weak is that the Trust lacks community support. If you go to the event then the Trust will use this to argue that the community is now swinging behind it and supporting the Trust's plans. This is exactly what the Trust in an earlier incarnation did when it held its only public meeting. It claimed that the people who attended in the mistaken belief that they would obtain worthwhile information were showing support.

If we lose the library we are almost guaranteed to lose the building to community use. The Trust do not have a financially viable plan and when they inevitably fail we can expect Lambeth to tell us there is no alternative to proceeding with the Council's plan to sell the building for redevelopment as flats.

The building will be reopening on Monday with the temporary library in the main room. **Please support the Friends in the campaign to keep the main room as a library** and reinstate the Children's Library in a separate room. There is a fully-costed plan to keep the building for use as a library and compatible uses that has been published by the democratic Carnegie Library Association. We need to keep up the political pressure on Lambeth. Without it we would have lost the library and the building long ago.

More information is on our website www.friendsofcarnegielibrary.org.uk. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to let me know.

Regards,
Stephen Carlill
Chair

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Bcc: [Friends' committee]

Dear Ms Schofield,

Thank you for your email.

My email was sent to the Friends of Carnegie Library. The main issue between the Friends on the one side and the Trust and its predecessors on the other has always been whether we would have a library accompanied by activities compatible with a library, which is what the Friends and the local community want, or whether the library would be marginalised, which is the basis on which you are seeking funding from bodies other than the Council.

There is no point in you responding to the very specific statements in my email with an allegation in the most general terms possible that all of the statements are fabricated and dishonest. Most of them are quotations. If you wish to dispute something specific in my email or, indeed, anything else I have written then please do not hesitate to let me know what it is and the grounds on which you want to challenge it.

Regards,
Stephen Carlill,
Chair

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Helen Schofield <schofieldhm@gmail.com>

29 November 2018 at 09:09

To: Friends of Carnegie Library <foclchair@gmail.com>

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There will continue to be a Library accompanied by activities compatible with a Library.

Helen Schofield
Trustee
Carnegie Community Trust

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Friends of Carnegie Library <foclchair@gmail.com>

30 November 2018 at 09:07

To: Helen Schofield <schofieldhm@gmail.com>

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Dear Helen,

Many thanks for your reply, which necessarily implies that your allegations are withdrawn and that none of the statements in my two emails are still disputed.

I think we must agree to differ over whether the marginal facility you are proposing can properly be called a library.

Kind regards,

Stephen

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