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Dear National Park Member,

Newport Visitor Centre

We attended the meeting of the Authority on the 27th September and listened to the comments made. The decision taken by Members cannot be implemented because Newport Community Library Working Group do not agree that it should happen. You did however approve of an integrated Visitor and Library Service, albeit in a different building.

We have asked your Chairperson and Chief Executive what will be done to remedy the position, since the decision you have made cannot be carried out. We have reminded them that they knew before the meeting that the Officers' Option was not acceptable to the Community Library who are the tenants of the premises. The Director of Delivery and Discovery assured the Library Group that he would make this clear to you at the meeting, but he did not.

The Chief Executive has now told us basically that you have made a decision, and that is that. We really do not think his actual wording - "I readily accept that this option has now been rejected by the Newport Library Working Group and will not, therefore, be pursued by the Authority. **This now means that there will be no TIC provision of any kind in Newport**, however, we will continue to work with partners across North Pembrokeshire to provide Visitor information", is a proper response.

We do not believe that the correct inference to be drawn from what has been a seriously flawed procedure is that you, the Members, have decided that there should be no tourist information at all in Newport in the future. We thought, to the contrary, that you were welcoming an integrated Visitor and Library service, but were unaware that the particular proposal was invalid.

We are asking that, this decision having fallen, you now use your Standing Orders on 29th November to have the future of Newport Visitor Centre revisited.

Thank you for your kind consideration

Yours sincerely

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