



NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING 13th OCTOBER 2021

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT – Proposed Community Hall and Sports Pavilion

Community Hall & Sports Pavilion Progress Report

Another progress report covering actions taken since my last report to Council on 7th July and the Especial Meeting on 19th July which I can summarise as follows:

Publication of ‘Invitation to Tender’

Following the unanimous decisions taken at the Especial Meeting on 19th July 2021 which approved the contents of the ITT Pack and authorised the publication of the same on the appropriate Government portals, I am pleased to report that the Pack is now live on both the Government’s ‘Contract Finder’ portal and the ‘Find a Tender’ portal. NRTC’s statutory duty is to publish the availability of the contract on the Contract Finder portal so we have gone above and beyond our legal duty to optimise the publication of the information for potential bidders.

I liaised with FHDC’s excellent Procurement Officers who worked collectively with our Project Manager to upload the necessary information to the government website. I am hugely grateful to both the officers at FHDC, and the Synergy Team for their professional and applied work. A great example of collaborative working. Links to the information has also been posted on NRTC’s website, its Facebook page and a poster has been put in all NRTC notice boards across the Town and Coast Wards.

I am informed that interest has already been shown by a number of contractors which is encouraging. The Tender period was originally due to end on 4th October 2021 but has, for a number of reasons, been extended by two weeks.

Section 106 and Legal matters

There has been ongoing, detailed and applied work to resolve the final issues with the Section 106 deed. Councillors will be aware that this involves 3 parties – the developer, NRTC and FHDC – as Planning authority so agreement needs to be reached between all involved. At the time of writing we have finalised the document which will go before an Especial Meeting of NRTC Full Council for comment and final approval. We are also in the final throws of agreeing the TP1 and some additional amendments to the Contract for the Sale of the Land as a result of some issues that have arisen during our negotiations. As previously stated, three documents will then come before NRTC Councillors for approval –

- a) Contract for the Sale of Land
- b) Section 106 Deed
- c) Form TP1 – providing details for registering the Transfer with the Land Registry

Progressing the Project

In line with the programme of works provided at the meeting of Full Council entitled Pathway to Construction (July version), and as a result of the decision to extend the ITT submission deadline we will be around 2 weeks behind schedule. However, all being well this is likely to be made up as we take the project to the next stages

Funding

Councillors are aware that an application for funding has been submitted to the Collyer Fergusson Trust seeking financial support for the development of the new Community Hall and Sports Pavilion project. We will await feedback from the charity's representatives and I have offered to make a presentation to the Board of Trustees should they require it (as I did with our application to the Roger De Haan Charitable Trust). The Town Clerk joined me for an online meeting with a representative of the Trust during which I provided an overview of the project. His response was encouraging and we will await the result of the meeting of the Charity's trustees.

I have been provided with details of another potential funding source and will be drafting and submitting an application within the next couple of weeks

We will, at the proposed Especial Meeting provide further details of our funding.

Whilst the PSG are active in researching further fundraising opportunities (which I summarised in my last report) I respectfully request that any Councillor who has ideas relating to potential funding sources should liaise with the Town Clerk or myself (via my FHDC email address please). We would welcome any input you may have.

Thank you

I must, as usual, proffer my thanks to the Town Clerk (in particular) as well as other PSG members for their support and commitment to progressing this initiative for the benefit of local residents. We all work for the betterment of the area.

Councillor Patricia Rolfe
Chair of CHSP Project Steering Group
5th October 2021
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