

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING 25th MAY 2022 CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT – Community Hall, Sports Pavilion & Nursery Project

At the last meeting of Full Council, it was confirmed that the application for a PWLB loan in the amount of £1 million had been submitted to KALC and that all required documentation was in order and the application had, therefore, been passed to Parish Borrowing. The outcome of the loan application is still currently awaited albeit that the Clerk is in communication with KALC to chase this up with Parish Borrowing.

The sale of land to the rear of Station Road Sports Field has now completed and resulting funds have been received into the Town Council bank account in the amount of £1,129,000.00 with the remaining £872,308.00 being held as s106 monies by the District Council which will be released to this project in two tranches – the first 90% being released at the point of signed construction contract and the remaining 10% being released on completion of the construction project.

Following the recent site meeting with the residential developer and his drainage engineer, as well as representatives from the football club, cricket club and nursery school, further discussions took place between the Project Steering Group and the Sports Clubs and Nursery representatives, following which a consensus was reached regarding a revised project layout which then enabled the Project Steering Group to develop a draft revised Design Brief which was presented to Full Council at an Especial meeting on 10th May for approval.

In the interim, a structural survey of the Old Community Hall was commissioned and undertaken, the outcome of which is awaited at the time of writing this report. As soon as the output report is received the Clerk has been authorised by the Council to submit the revised Project Design Brief (approved on 10th May 2022) to the Project Management Team together with a copy of the structural report and details of the approved project budget so that the project can now be taken forward to the re-design stage.

Town Clerk 25th May 2022