



**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL MEETING 13TH FEBRUARY 2017
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – CAPITAL PROJECTS**

AGENDA ITEM: 14(i)(a)

PROPOSED COMMUNITY HALL / SPORTS PAVILION – UPDATE

The Community Hall / Sports Pavilion Steering Group met with the appointed Architect's Team and the Synergy Project Management Team on Friday 3rd February 2017 at the Town Hall. This was a preliminary design meeting at which time the original design brief was reviewed and additional requirements/considerations based on community consultation were highlighted and discussed in order that the Architect could, in turn, review the initial concept design and consider any changes / adaptations that may now be necessary to meet the needs of the Town Council and the local community.

The Architect highlighted the need to consider the sports field site as a whole in order that, going forward, it can be demonstrated that the identified location for the proposed community building is appropriate and fits in with the overall location and with current and intended use of the site in general, for which a master plan should be prepared alongside the design drawings for the building.

A preliminary guide to overall cost had been prepared by the Project Management Team, which indicated a likely cost for the proposed community hall / sports pavilion in the region of just under £3million plus VAT but it was duly acknowledged that this was, at this stage, an initial estimate, which could not be formally determined until such time as a final design draft has been agreed, at which time a much more detailed and formal costing exercise would be required. It was acknowledged that it was important to start at the 'all-inclusive' end of the scale in terms of estimating cost at this stage and then it may be necessary to 'pull back' on some elements of the design to bring the project into a more realistic cost band if it transpires that realisation of the project could be prohibited by cost.

Three further design meetings have been arranged, which will, going forward, take place at the Architect's Offices in order that easier access to ICT and relevant design materials is available. Following these meetings, it is hoped that the design element of this project will be approaching such point at which a draft design can be presented to the Town Council for consideration and, in turn, to the wider public for comment.

Recommended Actions:

- None at this time