

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING 16th NOVEMBER 2021

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT – Proposed Community Hall and Sports Pavilion

Community Hall & Sports Pavilion Progress Report

Here is a brief update on progress made since my last report to Council

Legal Matters

Councillors have been provided with the full and comprehensive information packs which I prepared ahead of the recent Especial Meetings on 25th October and 1st November respectively. I organised similar information for members of the PSG who attended meetings held on 25th October and 1st November. All members will therefore be fully conversant with the matters discussed therein and the Project Management Team have been appropriately updated.

The Town Clerk has followed up on some of the various actions required as a result of the resolutions passed at the meetings. A further verbal update may (if appropriate) be provided by the Town Clerk at the meeting under Private and Confidential matters. I have proffered my apologies for this meeting since I am already committed to attend a meeting at the District Council.

Tender Responses and Interviews

A total of 7 tender responses were received within the deadline on 18th October 2021. These are currently being assessed and analysed by our Project Management Team (most particularly the professional Cost Consultant). The three most competitive contractors will be interviewed on Monday 29th November. Our Project Management Team will provide a detailed scoring matrix and assessment and all members of the PSG have been invited to participate in the interview process.

Funding

It was reported at the recent Especial Meetings that our application to the Collyer Fergusson Trust has, unfortunately, been declined. I will liaise with the CEO of the Trust to thank them for considering our application. The response suggested that the Trust would be keen to fund activities taking place within the new facility when it is built. I have been provided with details of another potential funding stream and will liaise with the organisation over the next couple of weeks.

If any Councillor becomes aware of any potential funding stream that may be open to a local authority to fund such a facility, then please liaise with the Town Clerk and we can hopefully follow up on the lead.

My thanks to fellow PSG members and Councillors for their ongoing support for the development of a new Community Hall and Sports Pavilion which will serve residents living, both within New Romney and across the wider Romney Marsh

Councillor Patricia Rolfe
Chair of CHSP Project Steering Group
10th November 2021
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