



**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL MEETING 11TH NOVEMBER 2024
CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT – MAUDE COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT**

The project construction phase continues to progress to schedule. The annex building is now fully weatherproof and the main building is close to also being fully weatherproof.

Councillors and staff were afforded the opportunity to participate in a site visit on Wednesday 30th October and feedback was extremely positive.

There is actually a damaged water pipe running under a culvert on site which has dropped and this requires urgent repair works in order that it does not impact on the developer's ability to service the new buildings with a water supply. This pipe/culvert, however, was already in a damaged state prior to commencement of the project and Southern Water confirmed that maintenance of these utilities are the Council's responsibility as they are on Town Council land. Whilst SWECO and Kent Structures will investigate the scope of work required, then plan and cost repairs (as they are already Town Council appointed Contractors/Consultants – and, indeed, will complete the work as they are on site anyway, this is not, however, an additional project cost as this issue was a pre-existing issue. SWECO has been instructed to undertake the required surveys and prepare a report as a matter of urgency, since there is also risk that the culvert could be leaking sewage into the waterways and contributing to pollution of local seawater. It will be necessary for the Council to allocate funding from an appropriate budget stream or reserve fund once full costs are known.

Town Clerk

4th November 2024