

## NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT – MAUDE COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024, following conclusion of the formal project tendering process, the Town Council formally identified the preferred contractor to deliver the newly-named 'Maude Community Centre' – comprising a main two-storey community centre building with first floor community hall and ground floor sports pavilion, as well as a further single-storey annexe. A letter of Intent was issued to Kent Structures Ltd. and commencement on site is now scheduled to commence on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024, subject to contract, thereby moving into the construction phase of this project and the delivery of this brand new community facility.

The Design and Build construction contract is currently being drawn up and will have been signed and issued at the time of this meeting. Once the signed contract has been issued, the Town Council's solicitor will be instructed to give notice to Folkestone & Hythe District Council that s106 monies in the amount of £872,308.00 x90% which have been ring-fenced for this project in accordance with a legal s106 Agreement, are required to be released to New Romney Town Council. The remaining 10% will be released following receipt of a certificate of practical completion.

Kent Structures Ltd have visited the site to commence preliminary site investigations and pre-commencement works. New Romney Football Club and New Romney Cricket Club have been notified of the requirement to clear and vacate the old Maude Pavilion by 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in readiness for works commencing on site on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Town Clerk 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024