



NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING 8th OCTOBER 2018

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT – Proposed Community Hall and Sports Pavilion

This is a brief overview of recent developments in relation to the proposed Community Hall and Sports Pavilion Project

Negotiations in relation to the sale of the land that will ‘facilitate’ the new Community Hall and Sports Pavilion project by providing a significant percentage of the required funding have taken place

1. On 28th September and in the absence of the Town Clerk who was on leave, the Deputy Town Clerk accompanied me to a meeting in Canterbury with our solicitor to meet with the Developer and his legal representative to discuss the proposed terms of the Conditional Contract relating to the sale of the land owned by the Council that forms part of the proposed Development Site.

We are now awaiting a revised draft of the Contract to enable further review and assessment of the terms and conditions. Once a draft has been agreed it is anticipated that an Especial Meeting of Full Council will be called to agree the final terms of sale.

2. We are still awaiting receipt of a formal feedback report following the second pre-app meeting held with Planning Officers on 3rd September 2018.

3. We continue to research funding options but most seem to require formal planning consent ahead of any consideration of our application. As previously stated, we intend to prepare those and issue them following the granting of planning consent for the project

4. Results of the recent consultation seeking community endorsement of the project and our intention to apply for a PWLB loan are being assessed. The results clearly demonstrate public support for any potential shortfall to be funded via a Public Works Loan. Hence, the Council is now in a position to formally agree by resolution to apply for a loan. This will be actioned at the next meeting of Full Council since specific wording is required for the resolution. A detailed report of the results of the consultation will follow in due course.

Further donations towards the project have been received since my last report from community minded residents who support the project

5. Ecology surveys assessing the bat population have been carried out at the Maude Pavilion and old Community Hall. It is likely that further surveys may be required. Our Project Manager and the Ecologist have agreed that we will have undertaken the necessary amount of work to satisfy the Planning Officers. Separate ecological surveys will be undertaken by the Developer in relation to the proposed Development site as part of the Planning process

6. The Design Team continue to work on the project with additional input from our Structural and Mechanical Engineers and are focussed on collating all the necessary information required to facilitate the submission of planning applications for the project, and, in tandem with the Developers submission for the proposed 'facilitating development'

Councillor Patricia Rolfe

Deputy Mayor and Chairman of the Community Hall and Sports Pavilion Project Steering Group

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