



MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL – Monday 11th June 2018
THE DEPUTY MAYOR'S CIVIC FUNCTION LIST:

**Community Hall and Sports Pavilion Project Update - Reported under
'Other Community-Linked Meetings'**

Thursday 31st May

In the morning, I joined other members of the Community Hall Project Steering Group for a Design meeting at the offices of Guy Hollaway Architects. I had invited representative from the Roger De Haan Charitable Trust(RDHCT)/Shepway Sports Trust to join the meeting – he has experience in developing sports facilities such as 3 Hills, Hawkinge, and the new Skatepark in Folkestone.

The architect had responded to feedback from our consultation and it was also good to receive input from another organization with experience of running a similar facility. The Ground floor now includes a Staff Office and reception area that will help to future proof it going forward. The First Floor design has been adjusted with the main change being that the bar area can now be accessed from all sections of the Hall when the moveable partitions are closed – again optimising revenue potential and improving the operational flexibility of the facility.

Following the Design Meeting the Town Clerk and I joined the RDHCT representative for a tour of the 3 Hills Sports Centre in Folkestone which proved to be worthwhile and very interesting. We will have access to the representative as a 'mentor' for the project and we can learn from his experience – the pros and the cons in both operation and design of such an amenity. We discussed the long term sustainability of our proposed facility and there may be opportunities for some partnership working. It was agreed that we are now in a position to consider submitting a bid to the RDHCT for funding. Looking forward, we plan to arrange a tour of 3 Hills for all members of the PSG during the Summer.

As an additional point, I have been in contact with the Kent FA and we are setting up a meeting with representatives from the Football Foundation who have had sight of the project's Business Plan and Funding Pack. This is likely to take place in June. Our KCC Funding Mentor will hopefully attend the meeting so we are making headway with the grant funding element of the project.

Some of the above may be reported on under separate agenda items.

Report prepared by the Deputy Mayor of New Romney – Cllr Mrs Patricia Rolfe 16th May 2018