

# Village Hall Modernisation Project

## Update Report for Councillors

### PC Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025



Village Hall modernisation planning and funding stage is developing well with £500k from SCC CIL Infrastructure Levy funding and previous secured funding of approximately £96,000 from provisions Grants and public donations etc. The Modernisation Committee and Working Group agreed until we receive the outcome from our SZC grant application for substantial funding we are not in a position to further develop modernisation plans until we have assurance on FUNDING available to the modernisation project

Village Hall Modernisation Committee Meetings are held monthly to discuss progress and approve decisions. Working Group meetings are held generally every 2 – 3-week intervals to discuss modernisations future planning and actions for the working group

Committee approved proposal to HOLD/Defer reviewing VH modernisation reduced scope of work based on current available funding pending final decision from SZC grant review panel refer to Committee meeting minutes of 04<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Community Action Suffolk (April Broadberry) has finally scheduled an on-line Teams meeting late March 2025. CAS advise this walkthrough is critical for their team to ensure they give the right information, otherwise the risk that CAS could provide the wrong guidance this could have detrimental impact on your submission be assured CAS are working as quickly as possible to get the right support for you

Sizewell C Community Foundation review panel recommended we contact CAS prior to submitting our grant funding response due **20<sup>th</sup> April 2025** to their request for further details and information

Sizewell C Community Foundation Grants Project Manager (Sarah Mortimer) advised I do feel that the next closing date might be a little premature for a re-worked application though as it's likely it will take some time to work things through with CAS and complete any actions. However, once you have met with CAS we will have a better idea of timescale.

Should we miss our target submission date of 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025 the next SZC grant funding review panel closing date is **20<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Working group has received the QS modernisation Cost Plan based on current Architect design plans this document will be reviewed at next meeting scheduled on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

The George Inn management team has very kindly agreed to attend WG meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to discuss how both venues can collaborate with each other in the future to ensure both venues have facilities to offer and for all to use

ESC Be Well Bus Facility was held in Village Square on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 The village hall modernisation team was in attendance with plans for VH modernisation with a brief questionnaire for members of the public to answer YES/No to whether they agreed with plans and requested comments, based on verbal and written completed questionnaires all agreed with Modernisation Plans presented

**Cllr John Horsnell**

07<sup>th</sup> March 2025