

Village Hall Modernisation Project

Modernisation Committee

Tuesday 06th May 2025

Chairs Report

Wickham Market Women's Institute has very kindly Donated **£629.77** towards the village hall modernisation project

Community Action Suffolk Lead (April Broadberry) has very kindly offered a follow-up Teams meeting to discuss our progress with our village hall modernisation Sizewell C re-grant application on Wednesday 07th May 2025 all Committee members are invited to attend

Parish Council Purchase Order has been drafted for the value of £1750.00 to Castlevie Charitable Services to review our previous grant application of December 2024 and prepare new SZC re-grant application for £600K collation of additional documentation recommended by SZC grant funding panel prepare new application for issue by 20th July 2025

Modernisation Team have developed an initial DRAFT Gantt Project Timing Programme fundamentally driven by receiving full grant funding from SZC grant review panel on or around the **18th August 2025** this will enable the village hall modernisation project to commence with full planning preparation

Should we not receive full grant funding from SZC grants awards panel the Parish Council Modernisation Committee will review all options and possibly a reduced scope of hall modernisation

Item 52 on agenda

Community Partnership & Engagement Process

Priority support has been requested from WM Community Groups for our SZC grant application on **20th July 2025 support document has been issued**

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DRAFT on-line Organisation Health Check document has been completed as requested by SZC/Community Action Suffolk as support documentation for our grant application

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Research and study are being undertaken for information we have on what kind of impact SZC is having on Wickham Market

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Research and study are being undertaken on numbers of SZC workers moving into the area and what their demographic might be

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Research and study are being undertaken on access to surveys or consultations which has been undertaken regarding the impact of SZC Construction works effecting WM and surrounding villages

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Research and study are being undertaken with **questionnaire to hall user groups** available at village hall for information on Wickham Market as a whole population & **issues affecting people** and their demographics

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Research and study are being undertaken for information in our Neighbourhood Plan document that could be included in our grant application

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Village Hall Management Business Plan is being developed on basis that hall modernisation works are completed with Target re-opening in **June 2029** projecting hall operational usage income/expenditure forecast next 18 months

Item 60 on agenda

Research and study are being undertaken for an up-dated list of user groups and clubs using village hall

Item 61 on agenda

Public Engagement Questionnaire Survey document issued to hall user groups for feedback on village hall modernisation plans

Councillor John Horsnell
30th April 2025