

Village Hall Modernisation Working Group

Notes of Meeting 18th February 2025

Attendees:

- Cllr Ivor French Wickham Market Parish Council Chairperson
- Cllr David Chenery Wickham Market Parish Council Vice Chair
- Sue French Wickham Market Village Hall Trustee & VH Treasurer
- Stuart Gunn Wickham Market Village Hall Trustee
- Cllr John Horsnell Wickham Market Parish Council
- Steve Flavell Wickham Market Village Hall Trustee
- Clive Edmonds Wickham Market Village Hall Trustee & Treasurer



Apologies

- Al Besley Clerk Wickham Market Parish Council
- Gloria Creasey Wickham Market Parish Council
- Cllr Sally Noble ESC Councillor for Wickham Market Ward
- Sam Kenward Communities officer for Communities, Framlingham, Wickham Market, Kelsale and Yoxford and surrounding villages

Traffic Route Through Long Stay Car Park

Although David C has written to (SCC Anne Parker) on several occasions and had no response David C will write again to contact Anne Parker and will include Councillor Sally Noble

David C advised meeting that Sizewell Car Park is operated by the local Parish Council is this something that we should investigate and consider

Richard Sewell QS Coat Pan

Chair drafted purchase order for consultancy work and issued to Clerk for issue to QS Cost Plan should be issued end of February 2025

Community Action Suffolk Support Recommended by SZC Funding review panel

Chair has had no response to request for grant application review meeting to date

Chair to contact CAS again and push for early Zoom/Teams meeting

David C suggested be better to suggest meeting in their offices

Sizewell C Community Foundation Grant Application Response Letter due 20th April 2025

Chair discussed the need for all Working Group members to have input in compiling specific response letter to Sizewell C Community Foundation review panel requesting further details and information to support our grant application

Chair suggested Clive E was highly qualified to review grant application and detail specific information required

Stuart G Modernisation Reduced Scope

Chair Thanked Stuart for his very detailed document for Village Hall Modernisation Reduced Scope, many possible options for reduced for scope of works were discussed at length all had merit but working group concluded that no decisions could be made as the driver to go forward with final design schemes would be FUNDING, therefore the priority should be focusing on completing response to SZC grant review panel

Government Public Works Loan

David C advised meeting that there are Government Public Works Loans available but loans need detailed investigation as there are considerable administration and yearly service charges and whether loans would be the best solution for funding village hall modernisation
Clerk may be able to provide more details on Public Works Loans

Public Engagement**Village Hall Modernisation Plans BE WELL BUS Thursday 13th Feb 2025**

Chair, Ivor Chair of PC and David C attended BE Well Bus Event held in village square weather was extremely cold so not too many people out & about we had 16 people who complete brief questionnaire and provided comments and feedback on village hall modernisation plans ALL agreed that modernisation was needed and agreed with plans presented

The George Pub Team Collaboration Events Meeting

The George Team has confirmed they would be happy attend a working group meeting and have requested Two Dates for meeting

Chair will write and offer The George Pub Team 2 dates for meeting

On-Line Questionnaire Survey

Sue F offered to send out questionnaire survey to user groups that are regular users of village hall
Chair will forward to Sue F Questionnaire and Plans used at The BE Well Bus

Recent Road Closure from B1078 to Spring Lane

Ivor F advised meeting of the recent road closure and noted that should this happen when there is a high volume of SZC construction vehicles using this route traffic would be diverted via Mill Lane/Spring Lane this route could not cope with this volume of traffic because of single access road

Youth Hub Parish Chair Meeting with Sarah Mortimer

Parish Council Chair advised meeting that he had arrange a Pre-Fund application meeting with Sizewell C Community Foundation project manager Sarah Mortimer to discuss funding for Youth Hub Venue on recreation field this facility will serve the wider catchment area a place for Young Adults to attend

Facility could be used for user group meetings whilst village hall is closed during modernisation if facility is completed prior to commencing modernisation works

Next Meeting Scheduled 18th March 2025 6pm to 8pm in VH Committee Room