**REPORT TO TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

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1. **Purpose of the Report**

 To provide an update on the progress of the Tintwistle Community Centre Project

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1. **Decisions of the Parish Council**
* To note the progress on securing a Public Works Loan
* To note the progress on the Community Centre fundraising campaign
* To approve the final plans for the building and the siting of the Bowling Club portakabins
* To approve the expenditure for the reports required for the HPBC final Planning Application

1. **Background**

The Parish Council has approved the Community Centre Project progress to date. The Council has approved the securing of a Public Works Loan to fund the new build at a maximum cost of £800,000 with a completion date of 2025. The TPC has the support of the MP Robert Largan and Becki Woods, DCC County Councillor for Etherow. Liz Ward has taken on the role of Community Centre Fundraising Campaign Coordinator. JDA has received a positive report on the HPBC Pre Planning Application. At the 21 February Council meeting it was agreed to make the 30 September a ‘provisional’ date for the closure of the building. The Project Group is actively seeking alternative accommodation during the period of the build. TPC formally approved the payment of the planning application for the Bowling Club and funds to support the promotion of the fundraising events.

1. **Current Developments**
	1. A framework has been agreed for the **PWL Business Case** which is required for the PWL application, see attached at Appendix 1. Cllrs Jill Crossland, Allan Dyer and Marianne Stevenson are writing up the different sections that are needed. The Project Group is identifying someone experienced in vetting Business Cases to comment on the draft. Also, up to three ‘critical friends’ are being sought to examine the arguments for the proposed build and their feedback will be taken into account in the write up. It is hoped that the Business Case and PWL Application Form will be completed by the end of May for submission to Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC).
	2. Negotiations continue with the **Bowling Club**. They plan to locate the new portacabin at the bottom of the field behind the green hut alongside the current storage contained. This should not interfere with the location of the new building.
	3. On 6 March a meeting took place with Bill Jennings, **JDA,** Nicola Jayne, a Landscape Architect, Cllr Tony Owens and Cllr Marianne Stevenson to finalise the plans for the building and to discuss aspects of landscaping the area.
	4. A consultation process with residents is an essential element of the application. The Project Group is issuing a consultation survey form to all residents, with a dedicated Community Centre Newsletter issued on 26 March. The Newsletter will set out the plans for the new build, provide answers to the most frequently asked questions and an up-to-date list of all the fund-raising events with details.
	5. Liz Ward, the Community Centre Fundraising Campaign Coordinator has drawn up a spreadsheet of the events that have been submitted to her to date. She is contacting all the event organisers to confirm dates and arrangements which will be promoted over the year.
2. **Conclusion**

The focus of the Community Centre Project Group’s activity is now the submission of the final planning application and the Public Works Loan, both of which should be completed by the end of May 2022. The Community Centre Newsletter to be distributed at the end of March is an essential element in the making of the Business Case for the PWL and Councillors are asked to encourage residents to respond to the consultation.

Attached Appendix 1 The Business Case Framework.