**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 Report 13

1. **Decisions of the Parish Council**

* To approve the progress of the project to date
* To approve spending on display boards and posters for the fund raising campaign

1. **Background**

The Project Group last reported to the Parish Council on 18 October when it was agreed that a Public Works Loan is sought to fund the building of the Community Centre; a Village Fund Raising Campaign is launched on 12 December and implemented in 2022 and that the planning application is progressed through JDA.

1. **Current Progress**

**4.1 Public Works Loan**. A PWL involves completing an application form to the PWL Board where the amount to be borrowed is stated, the proposed borrowing source and terms are given, and the increasein the precept to enable payback, the assessment of public support and proof of a Council resolution. A PWL is a common facility which Parish and other Councils use to finance capital projects. At the time of writing this report we are still waiting to hear from the government department to progress the application.

**4.2 The Village Fund Raising Campaign** will be launched on 12 December at the Christmas Market. Project members will be on hand to talk to people about the project plans, ideas for fund raising activities and the funds needed. There will be an agreed ‘storyboard’ so that those involved have a consistent story as to what the Council is aiming to achieve and the progress of the project. A local resident has agreed to be Campaign Coordinator, working closely with project members to involve as many village organisations and individuals in fund raising activities over 2022. An initial list of fundraising ideas have been drawn up and several individuals have agreed to organise events next year.

**4.3 Multi Use Games Area (MUGA).** The Project Group have agreed to temporarily postpone the creation of a MUGA. Securing capital funding for any project is exceedingly difficult in the current financial climateand the group regard the Community Centre as the priority.

**4.4** **CPRE – the Campaign to Protect Rural England.** Cllr Stevenson met with a a local CPRE group to explore green issues in relation to travel. It was led by the Campaigner for the Peak District and South Yorkshire, Anne Robinson. Anne has since been in touch with useful information about ‘green’ buildings and has offered her support in planning for the new Community Centre. CPRE will be a useful ally.

1. **Conclusion**

The Project Group is now prioritising securing a PWL, while ensuring that the village community and the Parish Council are fully behind the approach.To ensure sufficient funds are available in a time of rising costs the Parish Council must seek every means possible to raise additional funding. A Village Fundraising Campaign, championed and run by residents themselves, with the support of the Project Group, should enable such funds to be raised over the next 2 to 3 years. Display boards will be essential equipment for community meetings and purchasing good quality ones will mean that they can be used in the new building. It is important that the Parish Council bring on board partners and organisations, such as CPRE, that can support the project.