

# Village Hall Modernisation Project

## Update Report for Councillors

### PC Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025



Village Hall Modernisation Team are working hard on revising our Sizewell C grant application to provide additional support information and documentation requested by the grants award panel our revised grant application of £600K will be re-submitted by 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and hope to receive a positive response by the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Team is pleased to announce we have engaged the services of an experienced grant funding specialist **Castlevieview Charitable Services** who has a proven track record of successful in applying for grant funding for Community Organisations and has worked with SZC grant funding team. Sarah Williams will collate all available information and documentation re-write application and issued to modernisation team ready for submission giving us the best possible chance of success

Modernisation Team attended a Teams meeting with community Action Suffolk on 07<sup>th</sup> May 2025 this was a follow-up meeting with CAS to talk through any queries and discuss our progress with their recommendations and the SZC re-grant application process

Our Quantity Survey has estimated the village hall modernisation project cost of £1,258,000 based on Architects current concept design drawings these are available to view on PC web site. Although the project has approximately £600,000 of funds currently ring fenced for the hall modernisation with ever increasing inflationary cost increasing weekly the team will explore all opportunities of future grant funding

Hall Modernisation Team really believe we have an excellent chance of success in receiving full funding detailed in our grant application but with so many organisations applying for funding from SZC we must be opened minded that we may only receive a **far less amount** from the funding panel should this be the case we shall explore all options of a reduced scope of hall modernisation

#### **Community Partnership & Engagement Process**

##### **Village Hall SZC Community Priority Grant Application**

Team has received a number of responses from Community Groups who have supported the Wickham Market SZC Priority grant application for hall modernisation. One specific criteria specified by SZC awards panel was that the Community support our grant application more responses and support are **Urgently** needed

#### **Questionnaires Surveys (Survey Monkey Public Forum)**

Research and study are being undertaken by the Team for information on what kind of impact SZC is/and will have on Wickham Market, any information you feel will assist and could be included in our grant application please supply details to [john.h@wickhammarket-pc.co.uk](mailto:john.h@wickhammarket-pc.co.uk)

**Cllr John Horsnell**

13<sup>th</sup> May 2025