

Village Hall Modernisation Project

Modernisation Committee

Tuesday 04th February 2025

Agenda Item VHM 24:6

Chairs Report

Consider Funding Opportunities Open to Parish Council and Village Hall CIO Management Charitable Incorporated Charity

Refer to funding document 28th January 2025 for details to date

Certain selected funding opportunities are open to Parish Councils and CIO Charitable Incorporated Charities each grant funding organisation application process requires considerable research to ensure each grant application complies with the funders specific criteria this is extremely time consuming and requires considerable amount of information about the organisation/applicant's structure accounts information on proposed project cost, timings etc

Sizewell C Community Foundation review panel requires further substantial support information by **20th April 2025** enabling review panel to consider our £600k application providing this information will require considerable amount of input from Modernisation Committee & and an active working group

Should we receive full grant funding applied for i.e. £600k this sum will enable the modernisation project to commence with immediate effect consequently we may only receive a far less sum or potentially no funding therefore we must be prepared to look at options of a reduced scope of modernisation

Following review of funding opportunities see below some itemised not all listed are open/available to CIO Charitable Incorporated Charities Village Hall management some funding organisation grants are relatively small considering the total funding still required to complete VH modernisation based on current Architects Concept Design Schemes there is still a lot of work required to achieve our Budget Target of **£1,225.755**

- National Lottery possible second application no application submitted to date
- Garfield Western Foundation no application submitted to date
- Bernard Sunley Foundation no grant application submitted to date

Modernisation Committee has many changes ahead one roll is of a dedicated fundraiser to build on the funding already received with the skill-set willing to take on the lead for Grant Funding

Committee may wish to consider sourcing this specific skill-set for fundraisers elsewhere to achieve our tight timescales for fund raising mainly from small to medium funding grants enable works to commence this Summer

Grants submitted may take 6-8 weeks minimum to receive yes or no from funding organisations

Councillor John Horsnell
29th January 2025

Actions for Modernisation Committee

- Complete additional information and documents required to support our grant application by 20th April 2025 for re-submission to SZC review panel
- Provide substantiation of our Budget Costings for village hall modernisation submitted with our grant application. A proposal is on agenda for professional services of a QS to provide Costing Plan to support of our budgets submitted and costings against Architects Concept Design Plans finished to date
- We plan to continue modernisation working group meetings by interactive process of initial brainstorming of ideas and options for partially modernisation of village hall and to review comments from Community Foundation Review Panel
- Review grant funding organisations to identified further funding opportunities as detailed in our Funding Plan
- Update Village Hall Business Plan covering modernisation phase and operation and management of hall after completion for the next two years
- CAS Community Action Suffolk has offered support and are currently reviewing our grant application we await their feed-back and details of support package offered
- Public Engagement Interaction Plan for how and when public engagement will happen this will be important, agree dates for diary where people can see the current Plans meet the Team and future venue of The Well Bus in WM on 13th February 2025 this could be an opportunity to get the message out there with Library in March and village hall in April all to be discussed
- Further detailed engagement discussions with the George Team & New Events Coordinator to demonstrate there is a need for both venues for public engagement & wellbeing and why they complement each other