

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD

Held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 7 pm

- PRESENT: Cllr M Flashman, in the Chair
Cllrs Boyle C. Williams
Mrs N Reay (Town Clerk) Mr J White (Project Manager)
Mrs D Haylett (TWBC Head of Facilities & Community Hubs)
Borough Cllr A Fairweather (Portfolio holder for Community & Wellbeing)
- CCB151 The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th November 2021 were agreed.
- CCB152 Community Centre Trust
Members had received copies of the papers and report regarding the setting up of the trust.
- The working party reviewed the papers at its meeting on the 26th January 2022.
The members agreed that the trust vehicle must be the best one to mitigate the VAT. NR advised that advice was being sought from a tax specialist. It appeared that the foundation model for the trust would be the most straight forward and was the model favoured by the group.
- Member agreed that Stronger Kent Communities should be used to help with the process to set up the trust. (JT abstained) as per the report. They would also help with the appointment of the Trustees.
- A meeting is being arranged with Elysian to obtain the necessary advice regarding the VAT exemption.
- The Board agreed with the Working Party's assessment and that this should be referred to full council
- CCB153 Project Update
Contractors have advised that they expect to start on site on the 8th March 2022. The Contract will be available week commencing 31st January 2022 for signing.
- A pre contract meeting was held with Baxall on the 28th January 2022 and was attended by The Town Clerk & Cllr Ridger as well as the Project Manager, Technical Project Manager and the Quantity Surveyor.
- The Car park would be out of use for approximately 6 weeks, when a temporary car park would be made available. DH agreed to speak to Putlands to see if their car park could be made available to the footballers at the weekends.
- The working party had distributed a newsletter to all residents and held events on the 21st & 22nd January 2022 for potential user groups and

local residents. The list of questions which had been collected will be answered and placed on the website.

CCB154 Funding
The Loan has now been received from PWLB. The interest rate was 2.35%. The funds have been transferred to the council's liquidity account. The Council has approved the RFO opening a separate account to manage the community centre finances.

CCB155 Date of next meeting
2nd March 2022
6th April 2022