

COMPLETION OF NEW CLUBHOUSE

Introduction

EGMs have previously authorised the Committee to enter into a long term lease on an increased site, and spend up to £100,000 on the acquisition of a modular building and initial stages of constructing a New Clubhouse. We now have an 83 year lease, the modular building is on site and a great deal of work done to it. The cottage has been cleared in preparation for refurbishment as toilets, changing rooms and showers. The work done by members has saved us around £10,000.

On the funding side, a grant of £75,000 has been secured from Sportscotland and £52,800 raised from donations with gift aid (we have received gift aid for donations up to end November from HMRC).

However, there is still a gap of approx £42,000 between the forecast cost of completing the New Clubhouse and our available funds.

This paper seeks the agreement of members to take the project to completion, provided that we stay within the £100,000 agreed limit until the Committee considers that sufficient progress has been made in eliminating the £42,000 funding gap so that we can prudently proceed.

Project Finances

Estimated cost of the clubhouse construction project as per quantity surveyor estimate plus fees, sewerage and other costs: £324,200

Less capital spend to date: £52,089

Still to be spent: **£272,111**

We have £174,000 in our bank accounts including donations and gift aid. Apart from further donations, this will drop by around £9,000 by late March as we have significant costs before direct debit subs come in. It would seem prudent to keep at least £10,000 as working capital so £155,000 could be committed to this project.

So our available funds are:

Cash at Bank £155,000

Sportscotland Grant £75,000

Present Funding Total **£230,000**

We therefore presently have a gap of **£42,000** to be met by raising further funds or making savings in the project costs.

We will continue efforts to raise funds, primarily via donations with gift aid, but also through fundraising events. We will also explore securing small grants from other bodies, although most only give grants to charities.

Next Steps

We are inviting tenders for the majority of the completion of the New Clubhouse as either one package, or as two (the buildings and the external works). By March we will thus have firm figures on the costs to complete, and be able to review our progress in raising more funds. While we are confident in being able to take the project to completion, it would not be prudent to contract to do so until we have at least closed the funding gap somewhat and are comfortable about finding the balance.

Members are asked to agree that, provided that the Committee considers it prudent to do so, the Club contracts for the completion of the project.

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