

COMMUNITY HALL

Progress Report No. 1

1. The Community Hall building project was approved to proceed to Planning, Building Warrant and Tender by a joint meeting of the Community Council and VRG Board on Tuesday 4th March. There will be a further project review by a joint meeting of the Council and the Board on receipt of tenders and prior to a tender acceptance.
2. A meeting of the full Design Team took place at Bruach Architects' offices on Monday 18th March. Various aspects of the building design and servicing were discussed to allow the design team to finalise the information for the planning application. The planning application will be made in the name of the Community Council to minimise the planning fee.
3. A programme for the pre-contract information has been issued. The target date for the planning application is 18th April and 10th June for the Building Warrant submission.
4. The site investigation was completed on Monday 11th March and is due to report this week.
5. A conversation has been had with David Hourston at Brewin Dolphin on the timing for the transfer of funds for the project. The advice is for a single draw down of monies from the Fund after the contract let. In the interim, design team fees and expenses will be paid through the Restricted Fund Account and the monies returned with the transfer from the investment fund.
6. A new interest bearing current account will be set up with Virgin Money to receive monies from the Investment Fund and for payments to the building contractor and design team. Thereafter this account can be used for the day to day running of the Community Hall.
7. We plan to move forward urgently with the recruitment of a Management Team for the Community Hall. This is ensure the final details of the building fit-out fully meet the requirements and expectations of the user groups. If anyone is willing, or knows someone who is willing, to join the team, please let us know.

RF for the CH subgroup

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