The WiNSpace News

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Project update - August 2022.

It now been a few months since our last newsletter and we thought it was time that we let you know what is happening with the WiNSpace project. As a recap we now have full planning permission to create a brand new multi-functional centre to replace two old annexes and refurbish the old school building and we are now looking at ways to identify additional sources of funds in this very critical stage of the project.

So what are you waiting for:

We always said that getting planning was only the beginning but we must ensure we have enough visibility of funding to enable starting work on the detailed design drawings, which is where most of our professional fees are spent. Also, when this point occurs, we will start the process of looking at who can do the project management and construction work for us. These critical activities we are calling 'phase 2' of the project (see right).

The Winspace Project is spread over 4 main phases. Phase 1 is complete, and Phase 2 started in Q1 2022

Phase 2 - Started Phase 3 Phase 4 New hall opens to the Third funding round Second funding round Project mobilisation public · Engagement of Specifications & detailed Initial planning phase Contractor(s) Phased introduction of Community engagement Construction of new hall new community Costings North Somerset & Parish activities Contractor bids & Council engagement · Specialist fit-out Repurposing of existing selection Initial funding round buildings commences continues · Further Community Planning permission · Initial fit out of new hall · Refurbishment of old engagement agreement Ongoing Community & hall completed North Somerset & Parish Community & Council Council Engagement Council engagement review of project

Is there anything you can do to help:

At this stage we want to engage as many local businesses as possible to see if they can help financially or materially with this once in a lifetime project. Therefore, if you run a



business locally or an individual who wants to be a significant catalyst to make this project happen, we would love to hear from you. Or if you know someone who could help us, just ask them to get in contact.

What has happening to the build costs in this current climate

As we are all so aware, the cost of everything is going up and so sadly will be the costs of our redevelopment. The original estimate for the build which was produced for us over two years ago estimated our cost of build to be £2.15M. However, looking at the latest ONS construction index it shows that since this estimate was produced (May 2020) and now (July 2022) construction costs of 'public buildings' have increased by 12.5%, therefore our original estimation should now read £2.4M. This is just a fact of life but it makes it even more important, and the WiNSpace team more determined, to get phase 2 complete and to start the detailing & building phase.

Remember: We're at the Village Show on the 10 September so please come and talk to us and hear first-hand where we are with the WiNSpace project. If you can help us with our phase 2 fund raising we will be there to listen.

