



PRESS RELEASE

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FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR THE NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING AND RECREATIONAL HUB IN FOUR MARKS!

The Parish Council are delighted to announce that the Government's Public Works Loan Board have conditionally approved the application to borrow £1,000,000 as part funding to build the new community facility. Together with the £1,250,000 CIL Infrastructure grant awarded by EHDC last year, this means most of the funding is now in place and the project team will be moving forward with haste.

Following several presentations last year, the Council chose a local architect with specific experience in this field to take the project forward through the design and planning stage.

The project team leader, Cllr Shaun McCarthy, describing the news as 'awesome', said that 'the whole team are now raring to go and get moving with the project, and look forward to engaging with the community as it progresses'.

The Project team are already in discussions with the Four Marks Scout group and are looking forward to working with them to ensure that their needs are amply catered for and to enable a smooth transition from their old to this new innovative facility. The team will be inviting other local sports and activity groups to become involved in the design process and ensure that the facility will be as flexible as possible to suit all local needs.

Hopefully with no further delays, and once the planning and tender process is completed, there could be a shovel in the ground by the end of the year. Consultations and 'drop in' sessions will be held at various stages. Please keep an eye on the website, notice boards and local publications for updates.

Cllr Janet Foster, Chairman of the Parish Council, is 'excited and thrilled that finally the Council are able to move forward after so many years in the planning, thanking this and former project teams, who have enabled us to get to this point. A great moment for the community'.

If you would like to become part of this exciting project either on the project team or management of the new building, then please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

For regular and detailed updates on this project please see the Council's website www.fourmarks-pc.org.uk, local social media platforms and the Four Marks News. If you have any views or opinions you wish to feed in, or have any questions on this press release please contact Sarah Goudie, Executive Officer on clerk@fourmarks-pc.org.uk, Project Lead, Shaun McCarthy on fmcb-lead@srmzone.com or the generic project email communityproject@fourmarks-pc.org.uk

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