

Widecombe Community Hall CIO NEWSLETTER No: 2 AUGUST 2020 www.widecombecommunityhall.org

GREAT NEWS! WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE BEEN GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSION FROM THE DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY!



The Widecombe Community Hall Charitable Incorporated Organisation after many months of preparation, plan alterations and professional site surveys submitted an application for planning permission to the Dartmoor National Park Authority in January 2020. Then as we all know Covid 19 happened and delayed proceedings, however we are delighted to announce that in July 2020 we have been granted Planning Permission for our new Community Hall in Widecombe!



"Bridge over the Brook"

Funding bodies are currently on hold due to Covid 19 and so the main build will have to wait for now. However in the Spring of **2021** we are hoping to start construction of the bridge over the stream and creating a new entrance onto the site. We are still able to apply for small grants and have set up a 'Crowdfunder' page for donations.

Please support us if you can and we can begin construction!



We have had **fantastic support** at our fundraising events, a huge thanks to all of you who have helped get us this far. However... **There are only 7 of us on the Committee as Trustees.**

Yes, just 7. We need to create smaller sub groups to organise fundraising events, and apply for funding in the year ahead. This is difficult with such a small group.

The community have expressed the need for a new hall but the question is; how much do you want a new hall in Widecombe? Would you be prepared to step up and help make it a reality? The more people we have, the less of a commitment for each person. We are all busy people but this is a project which will benefit us, our children and generations to come.

Please come and join us and make this project a success!

You can get in touch via Facebook, or our website

more over the page...





In other exiting news we have received a very **generous donation of \pounds50,000** which we will match fund by borrowing \pounds 50,000 from the Public Loans Board. Once the hall is up and running we will pay this back over 25 years. Thank you to those who have offered to be **Guarantors** ~ we have \pounds 32,000 covered so far ~ this is to guarantee the loan gets payed back in the unlikely event the hall couldn't generate enough income to make a payment. We are looking for more Guarantors ~ the more we have the less of a risk to each person.

If you would like to become a Guarantor please just get in touch! Contact details below...

Come and join us for our AGM online! Wednesday November 4th, 7:30pm, on Zoom Find out what's been happening, what we are going to do next and how you can get involved. Contact us for the link for the meeting - and instructions it's very simple and we look forward to seeing you!

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