

Williton Pavilion Project

Project Update.

During February we met with a representative of the Big Lottery Fund and the Community Council for Somerset where we discussed our application and the way forward.

Within this phase, we are being assisted by representatives of the Big Lottery, to ensure that we have a robust application for when it is delivered to their panel for consideration later this year.

To ensure our success, they require certain changes to the building configuration to enhance the community aspects, particularly for smaller user groups. This task is currently being considered by the Charity and will result in a proposal to address these requirements, along with any resulting costs. The Big Lottery has stated that they will consider an interim grant to fund any resulting design costs and we have registered with the Community Council for Somerset regarding access to their Village SOS grant. These changes will not impact on the current facilities being offered, only add to them.

The Big Lottery panel will meet during May giving us just two months to provide a proposed solution. If the project is selected for funding, we will then have a further six months to provide our Business Plan and Capital Project Delivery Plan.

There are no guarantees though they have stated that they like the project and wish to support our application. Although introducing a further delay, it will provide us with a better opportunity of securing the balance of the funding, along with enhancing the facility allowing for a greater participation by smaller user groups.

Hopefully within the next edition of the Window we can report the details of the proposed changes, these will have to be agreed by the Big Lottery and our other funders before they can be submitted.

Councillor Bill Vaughan