

Williton Pavilion Project

Project Update.

The Trustee at its recent meeting considered the advice given by the Big Lottery consultants on the need to improve the community aspects of the building, in particular that associated with addressing the requirements of smaller user groups. They also stated that to strengthen our bid we should look to better utilise the facility as just having one main area is limiting, even if sub divided by a folding door.

This has required a rethink of the building layout along with the need to introduce other features.

Based on the advice received from the Big Lottery, and following a meeting with several members of the user management team, we now have a proposed floor plan that not only maintains the existing functionality but also includes those features required to ensure we have a robust solution for the Big Lottery England Panel to consider in May.

The proposed changes are as follows:

1. Both changing rooms will now be located at the far end of the building, at the opposite end to the main entrance.
2. The formation of a small foyer/reception area inside the main entrance, big enough for informal meetings and storage.
3. Re location of the kitchen, now adjacent to the front entrance.
4. The introduction of a meeting room 7M x 5M
5. Baby changing facility.
6. The officials changing room will now be configured with a dual functionality, to also serve as a second disabled changing room and toilet.

The above alterations will require amended drawings and the Big Lottery has advised that they will consider a development grant to undertake this work, this will be in addition to the current application.

Towards the end of April we plan to have a sketched drawing of the amended floor plan on view at the Parish Office.

The time scales associated with the Big Lottery has impacted our other funders whereby funding has to be released within a certain period. This has occurred with the West Somerset Council and we are currently working with them on how we can secure the money to commence work on improvements at the War Memorial. This will include a hard standing, planting and an access path from Long Street to the War Memorial. Hopefully we can provide more details on progress within the next addition of Williton Window.

Councillor Bill Vaughan