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**Our Objective**

To ensure the Village Hall is a safe, warm, friendly environment which is fit for the purpose of the Village and surrounding community.

**16th December 2018**

**Refurbishment Display at the Village Market on 8th December**

As reported in our November update, Draft Plans were shared with the Community at the Village Hall Market on the 8th December and the Trustees would like to thank everyone for their very valuable input. We had circa. 50 visitors and received some extremely useful comments and suggestions. This useful feedback, together with the input received from regular User Groups will now allow the trustees to go back to Shattock Associates, appointed Quantity Surveyors working on the project, to update the plans to incorporate the needs of the community as much as is possible given the footprint of the building, health & safety regulations etc.

Once updated plans are received from Shattocks, they will be shared with the Community – details of when and where will be posted as soon as details are available.

**Project Update**

The good news is that agreement for the external work on the building has been granted by Sedgemoor District Council which will put us in a good position to move ahead with the plans to install new double glazing throughout, Velux windows in the bowls room and solar panels/heating. The only objections by SDC were to the Juliet balcony and the colour of the proposed cladding which will now be reconsidered.

As you will appreciate, the formulation of a Business Plan/Funding Plan in order to apply for further funding from Hinkley Point C Community to progress this project is a huge task and one that needs professional input. We are therefore delighted to confirm that a further £3,000 has now been received from HPCC, to pay for professional support from a local organisation able to assist with these tasks. After meetings with suggested organisations, advice from HPCC and much consideration by the Trustees, we are pleased to inform you

that Community Council for Somerset (CCS) has been appointed to help with the progression of these tasks.

If you have any queries about the refurbishment please don’t hesitate to contact the Otterhampton Village Hall Committee; write to us at the hall, email Sue Barton (Chairman) – email address: bartonbs@btinternet.com or phone Sue on 01278 653531.

**If any of you would like to join the team, or have any expertise that could help towards this project – we would very much like to hear from you!!**

**Please call us on the above number/or email us.**