



**POTTON  
HALL FOR ALL**

# Potton Hall for All Community Building Project

Registered Charity number 1158751

**Potton Town Council and the Potton Hall for All charity would like to give the residents of Potton an update on the delivery of the new community facility.**

**LATEST NEWS**

To date, almost £1,800,000 has been secured towards the cost of building a new accessible and larger community facility. This has been achieved through the work of Potton Hall for All charity over the past few years working in partnership with Potton Town Council. The funding includes Section 106 contributions from developers, plus private donations, community fundraising and grants/pledges from other charitable organisations. The Town Council has secured borrowing approval for a loan from the Public Works Loan Board.

The Joint Steering Committee of Potton Town Council and the Potton Hall for All charity have also been working to establish up-to-date costs to build the Hall, which has included appointing a Project Manager to help facilitate this. Over the past few months, site surveys have been undertaken to establish ground conditions for structural and drainage designs. This has led to a new projected cost to build the Hall for All, based on the Architectural designs that were approved when Reserved Matters planning was achieved.

The outcome of this review is that the building cost has escalated significantly as a direct result of the prices of materials and services going up globally, mainly due to Covid and supply chain difficulties. The current predicted cost to build the Hall for All as designed is £3,000,000 leaving a deficit of £1,200,000. Whilst the Project...

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...Manager has identified £277,000 of savings by value engineering the current design, these are still not enough to enable this version of the design to be financially viable. This news has been disappointing, but it is not the end of the road!

As a result, Potton Town Council and Potton Hall for All are undertaking as quickly as possible a review of the design, construction and post-Covid user needs so that we can build a truly valuable community hall within the budget we have. During this time fundraising will also continue. It has taken a great deal of work over many years to secure nearly £1,000,000 S106 monies from developers towards a new community building. With a growing town, and the expected need for larger hireable sports and recreational spaces in a post pandemic world, we are keen to ensure we do not lose the money that has been contributed. If we are unable to build a new community hall, Central Bedfordshire Council will not release the S106 monies, and the Town will potentially lose any benefit that may have come from the associated developments.

Look out for further updates and ways you can get involved in this review:

[www.pottontowncouncil.co.uk/potton-hall-for-all](http://www.pottontowncouncil.co.uk/potton-hall-for-all)

If you wish to get in touch with Potton Town Council regarding this update, please do so by emailing:

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