

Droxford Church Community Hub and Heritage Project

Presentation to Hampshire County
Council

Policy and Resources Select
Committee

Sub-committee

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AGENDA

1. Vision
2. Facilities we will create with your grant
3. Consultation
4. Services we will provide and for whom
5. How we will manage the Hub - professional management team and volunteers
6. Financial/Business Plan - evolving from capital spend to investment in ongoing services
7. Summary of benefits and outcomes



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Our 2020 Vision

- Largest Community project in Droxford for 180 years (since the 'Droxford Union' - 1836)
- Transformation of 'at risk' Norman Church into a sustainable Community Hub fit for 21st Century
- Blend of heritage, conservation and community need
- A venue for community services, and agent for social cohesion in a rural area in the South Downs National Park



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The Project

- Asking HCC for £150,000 – 50% of the cost of building an extension to provide toilets, a kitchen and small office
- Leveraging restoration grant of £220,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)
- The Church is contributing a new community room – converting space inside the church with part of the HLF grant
- The exterior extension funded by HCC will be accessible independently by the community, walkers and visitors
- These new facilities will enable a new Community Cafe run by volunteers, as well as secular uses of the Church



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Consultation in the Community

Public Meetings

- Launch - May 2012
- May 2013, November 2014, March, June 2015
- Heritage Seminars April-June 2015

Public exhibits – Country Fair June 2013, 2014, 2015

Stakeholder meetings 2013-15

Survey of User Needs – December 2015

Website and Facebook; Parish Magazine

Outline approval from SDNPA/WCC, Historic England,
and Portsmouth Diocese



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Services in the Community

1. Droxford Junior School
2. Village Hall
3. Country Fair
4. Parish Council
5. C of E, Meon Bridge Benefice
6. Phoenix Futures
7. Droxford Montessori
8. Police Commissioner and CSO
9. Wickham Surgery
10. Social Services – Signposting Public Services
11. Hampshire Library Services
12. South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA)
13. Community cafe
14. Social and cultural event organisers

Section 7 of
FODC Business Plan
2016-2020



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Management of the Hub

Joint Management – FODC and PCC

- Secular and business focus
- Formal relationship with Church of England (PCC and Diocese)

Evolution from Capital Project Management to Operations management

Leveraging FODC success – i.e. 4-year track record

Joint enterprise with Village Hall

Stakeholder relationships – delivery through volunteers



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Capital Cost and Funding

	HLF Development Project (Completed)	HLF Restoration Project (Committed)	New Facilities Project (Funding requested)	TOTAL Droxford Hub Project
Timetable	Oct14 - Sept15	Apr16 - Aug16	Sept16 - Apr17	
Total Cost	£44k	£246k	£286k	£576k
Funded by				
HLF/GPOW	£34k	£188k	-	£222k
HCC CCBS	-	-	£150k	£150k
Other Grants WCC/SDNPA/HLF	-	-	£54k	£54k
HMRC - VAT	£3k	£25k	-	£28k
FODC/PCC funds + volunteers	£7k	£33k	£22k	£62k
Private donors	-	-	£60k	£60k



Community Hub Business Plan 2016-2020

5-year Income Plan	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Current FODC Net Income	£7k	£7k	£7k	£7k	£7k
Incremental Income	with new	facilities			
Community Cafe	-	£4k	£7.5k	£10k	£10k
Other Hub activities and events	-	£2k	£4k	£5k	£6k
<i>Less Costs</i>	-	-£3k	-£6k	-£8k	-£8k
Net New Income	-	£3k	£6k	£8k	£8k
TOTAL Projected Income *	£7k	£10k	£12.5k	£14k	£15k

* Note: FODC income evolves from Capital investment to investing in Services



Summary and Outcomes

Transformation of an 'at risk' , Grade-1 Norman Church into a sustainable Community Hub

Essential facilities to support a cultural and heritage centre in the heart of the Meon Valley

A community Cafe run by volunteers and providing opportunities for local voluntary bodies to build social capital and social cohesion in the Meon Valley

A capital investment, with a Business Plan supported by the HLF, which can be leveraged by our community for the next 50 years.

A showcase project which can point the way for other rural communities – creatively transforming our 12th Century heritage into a 21st Century Community Hub.

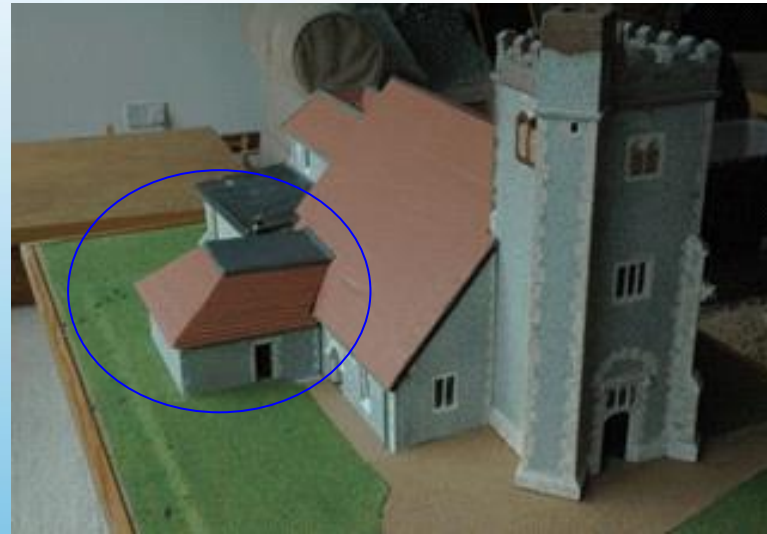


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Site Photographs and Model of the Extension



Position of new
Extension



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Q and A

John Symes – Chairman, Friends of Droxford Church

Revd Tony Forrest – Rector, Meon Bridge Benefice

John Jack – Business Advisor, FODC



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