

## Freshford Village Memorial Hall Updated Report from FVMH Committee.

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From: Claudia Towner To: walker.freshford@btinternet.com , PC File Date: Sep 29, 2020 10:56:46 PM  
Subject: Re: Re: Freshford Village Memorial Hall Martin, Selina, Here is an update on the Freshford Hall issues raised

### **CRtBO**

We have the Planning Inspector's Independent report which supported the CRtBO and are waiting for the referendum which will not take place until May 2021 at the earliest in order to formalise planning permission.

In the meantime we are seeking proposals and quotations for grant funding to:

- re-clad the existing main hall with insulated cedar shingles as per the CRtBO designs,
- replace the existing glazing and asbestos panels on the main hall, meeting room and green room with a modern high performance curtain walling system and very thermally efficient windows
- replace the existing oil fired heating system with an air source heat pump/air conditioning system, as the oil tank is nearing the end of its life.

All these measures will significantly improve the thermal efficiency of the Hall and help to support the PC's work towards addressing the climate emergency. If the CRtBO referendum continues to be delayed we may have to resort to obtaining conventional planning permission for the work which would be very frustrating and involve further cost and volunteer time.

### **Surgery**

Bill Sneyd has recently chased Combe Down Surgery to see if he can re-start discussions with them about taking on a Freshford branch surgery. John Adler should be liaising with Bill regarding general B&NES Policy around healthcare infrastructure investment.

### **Use of the Hall with Covid 19**

The Hall is currently accommodating Pre-school, Warrior Academy martial arts, Pilates, and Fencing. The Hall is following regularly updated Covid guidance from ACRE, which is interpreting the changing legislation specifically for village halls. ACRE and WERN are proving invaluable at providing guidance to Halls reducing the burden on volunteer trustees and management committees.

Claudia

FVMH, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.