

Butler Sports Centre Demolition

Background

On 29.10.20 the Town Council considered a report on the condition of the Butler Sports Centre and the decision taken by trustees following a structural engineering report to demolish the building.

Update

Wem Sports and Social Association has applied for planning permission to demolish the building and this has been granted. In the meantime the building has been fenced off at the front on the advice of the Health and Safety Officer and plans are being made to disconnect the major services from the building. Fixtures in the building that can be used elsewhere e.g. LED internal and external lights are being removed. In addition to this WSSA is covering the cost of the project management of the demolition.

A schedule of works for the demolition has been drafted and sent out for quotes which are awaited.

Costs

Planning Permission, disconnection and reconfiguration of the fire alarm and heating costs are being met by the WSSA from its building fund which amounts to just under £20,000. However the WSSA does not have the funds available to pay for the demolition costs and would wish to seek permission of Wem Town Council to utilise the Bulmer Cottage Fund for the following essential works:

- Demolition and removal of the function room and lounge bar
- Reconfiguration of the linking corridor and disabled toilet to make a new access into the changing room area and disabled toilet.

At time of publishing the agenda demolition costs were not available however it is estimated that works associated with the demolition the building and reconfiguration of the changing rooms could cost up to £50,000. This is a very rough estimate and actual quotes should be available in time for the meeting.

Request for consideration

That Town Council agree in principle to commit a maximum of £50,000 from the Bulmer Cottage Fund to pay for the cost of demolition of the building and reconfiguration of the changing rooms.