## Kibworth Beauchamp Parish Council

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To Tessa Bladon, Chairman of Tur Langton Parish Council

Dear Tessa

### **Kibworth Community Hub Redevelopment Project**

As you will no doubt have seen in various articles in the Kibworth & District Chronicle over the last year or so, a lot of work has been going on in the background to build an extension onto the present Kibworth Grammar School Hall in which to move the Kibworth Community Library.

The purpose of this letter is to ask if your parish council would be willing to contribute towards the financial costs of the project as some of your residents make use of the current library and will no doubt be visiting the new Community Hub with the large free car park.

To give you some additional background information, a Steering Group consisting of representatives from the Kibworth Library Trustees, Kibworth Grammar School Hall Trustees, Kibworth Beauchamp and Kibworth Harcourt Parish Councils have been meeting for more than three years to work with architects and surveyors to put together a specification for, not just the new library, but other improvements to the main building, so it becomes the Kibworth Community Hub.

HDC have approved the plans and also the available section 106 funds for community facilities. Tenders have been issued and four contractors have responded. The architects and surveyors have advised that we do not accept the lowest tender and so we are seeking confirmation of the necessary funding to place a contract in the next month or so. All being well, the new library extension could be complete by December or soon after.

Both Kibworth parish councils will have contributed over £95,000 during the process to date and the library has contributed £14,500. The s106 fund is just short of £264,000. Grants totalling £65,000 have been offered. The second lowest tender leaves the first phase of the project, the library, some £38,000 short, some of which will be made up with additional grant applications.

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I have attached a summary giving more details of how we hope the Kibworth Community Hub will operate. We are hoping to receive donations from other Parish Councils and local organisations. However, please let me know if your parish council would be willing to contribute towards the shortfall.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Andrew Munro

Chairman of Kibworth Beauchamp Parish Council

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