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Attachments: [VTC Clubhouse Plans.pdf](#)

Dear David

Following on from our telephone conversation of yesterday morning, as I explained to you, it has been agreed by the Club's committee to put forward a bid to Sport England's Inspired Facilities grant to reconfigure and refurbish our clubhouse. As you know, we have totally rebuilt/refurbished our courts and have a thriving club, but it is agreed that our clubhouse is now in need of improvements in respect of its ability to meet the needs of both members and visitors.

Please find attached proposed plan for the interior of the clubhouse. We wish to maintain the original 1920s exterior, but rebuild the back storage addition (which is of wood and corrugated iron construction) by either extending the existing roof line over the rear extension or as a flat roof. We will aim to make this upgrade as Eco Friendly as possible by the following means:-

- The existing timber frame voids to be filled with insulation with the new plasterboard internal facing, insulated too.
- All lighting to be low energy.
- New tiled roof on extension to be the photo electrical and Solar collecting type, which should be enough to heat our hot water and meet most of our electrical demands.

Our present clubhouse falls short in a number of areas:-

- Meeting the needs of wheelchair users, even though our courts were rebuilt to be accessible to all
- No showers – we have many visiting teams from the mainland (and indeed Island League teams) who are unable to shower and change after matches
- Kitchen area – our present very small galley kitchen is unacceptable for providing teas for visiting teams, and indeed for club members use
- Asbestos – the clubhouse is internally clad in asbestos which means we have to be very careful – this will be removed

By increasing the area within the clubhouse for seating, it is hoped that the space will be much better used for educational and community uses.

I confirm that we have already had a meeting with Lee Matthews, Recreation and Public Spaces Manager, from IWC, who is fully in support of our proposed intentions, and Ashley Curzon, Strategic Manager, Economic Development and Assets, is providing us with a letter giving us Landlord's consent and support.

We would therefore be very grateful to receive a letter of support from our Town Council to be included in our bid as we need to show community support for our plans. It is intended that this last piece of upgrade will bring our club up to an expected standard to ensure that the club continues to thrive, and that it will be accessible to all, which the clubhouse is not at present. We would very much appreciate this going forward on the agenda for the Town Council's meeting in November as our bid deadline is December.

Many thanks for your attention David to this matter.

Best Regards

Susan Scoccia