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Sharon Pyke
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Dear Sharon,

Re: Bingham Leisure Centre and Community Hall

Further to the recent Town Council special meeting and public consultation on 24 September that Craig Taylor and I attended to present the proposals for a Community Hall within the proposed new Leisure Centre on the Council's Chapel Lane site. I was pleased that the Town Council supported the proposal up to the requested sum of £1.2m. Designs are now being finalised taking on board as many of the additional points raised at the meeting as possible. These designs will be shared with you shortly.

At the same meeting you also agreed to support a request from the Rugby Club for improved and extended facilities up to the value of £400k. You raised the question at the meeting that in terms of cashflow it would be helpful to the Town Council to fund the Rugby Club works from the funds in the Community Chest, and then for the Town Council to take a loan out to backfill the shortfall to cover the £1.2m for the Borough Council project.

The time and legal costs of any agreement are considered to be a similar scale to the potential interest payments that may be saved from a few months of loan repayment. It is therefore suggested that for simplicity the Town Council should utilise its capital funds or take out a loan for the Rugby Club proposals and that the Community Fund already held by Rushcliffe Borough Council be utilised for the Leisure Centre Community Facility.

I would appreciate your agreement that this approach is acceptable and look forward to hearing from you. Subject to proceeding on this basis I will draft a memorandum of understanding to set out both parties understanding of the project and future operation of the new facility.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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