

Processes undertaken by Working Group since last meeting in June 2022

- **June '22** – discussed problems of hall. Agreed to move forward with surveys
- **Oct.** - **Structural survey** undertaken. Showed foundations seemed to be ok – would support a light weight roof; but floor lost its spring – ‘shock absorbers’ on foundations gone so floor is dropping; roof – mega problem source of damp in hall. Advised a timber expert to survey interior floor due to woodworm and for timber rot. Structural issues allow for hall to be used.
- **Oct** discussions with **Wrexham planning** on what would be permitted with any redevelopment or new build project. Advised hall space itself should stay same but facilities could be enlarged and improved allowing visitors to have a better experience. Advice given to apply for Pre-Planning – to check if there are any obstacles to redevelopment /rebuild
- **WG** came up with a **wish list** – what we would want regards **layout** from a new hall:
 - **Larger kitchen** with ease of access to hall; possibly 2 hatches (bar & food)
 - **More storage space** – allowing tables to be moved so max use of hall space
 - **Possible scope for a small meeting room**
 - **Improved acoustics** in hall area
 - **Large blank wall** – films
 - Consideration of some form of staging
 - **Two disabled toilets** male and female with baby change
 - **Level access** to building
 - **Porch** - shelter whilst queuing to enter hall and for school children
 - **Access to rear of building** from inside
 - **Large patio area at rear**
 - **Efficient and cost effective heating** with **minimal maintenance, cleaning** and upkeep
- A building that would be future proofed and last for future residents of HG to use and enjoy
- **A Pre-Planning application** was submitted in April 2023. Report received in May – nothing major highlighted almost a standard response.
- **Visits and discussions with other Community Halls made – Tilstock, Eaton VH, both were new builds**
- **Becoming clearer and clearer what would be best option.**
- **Recommendations** have to be made as Working Group been meeting for 2 years
- **Aug 29th WG met and took a vote** – Rebuild or renovate? Majority recommendation was rebuild – passed to Trustees
- **Results of vote passed to trustees** – supported recommendation
- **Discussions with Grant providers and a Funding Advisor** – evident a Feasibility Study essential for grant funding
- **Lawray commissioned in September** – had to be RIBA approved – for **Feasibility Study**
- WG now looking at a **continuation programme** – for when hall out of use