A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a red cardigan over a dark blue top and a gold heart-shaped necklace, stands in front of a large screen. The screen displays a photograph of three young boys in Scout uniforms (blue shirts, red and yellow neckerchiefs, and white hard hats) smiling. The word 'h' is visible on the screen behind her. The woman is gesturing with her right hand and holding a piece of paper in her left hand.

“One of the most professional and well thought through events I have been to in the village, well done”



Outputs from event

7th September 2018



What did we do?

Wine, cheese and shoot the breeze!

- Pitch
- Q&A and plans
- Table Exercises
 - Why is this a great idea?
 - What are your concerns?
 - What enjoyable ideas do you have to raise funds?
 - What skills, knowledge and contacts do you have that could help progress this project?

Key messages

- **Good attendance:** c.35 people. Parents and other community reps (but not all)
- **General positivity:** The majority were positive about the proposal
- **A few concerns:** The biggest concerns were around the current cost estimate, impact on local residents (e.g. parking) and impact on other existing venues
- **Great participation:** Engagement and participation from everyone
- **Commitment!** A lot of ideas generated and practical commitments to help the project by using collective expertise, contacts and time



“Well it seems you have the buy-in from most people in this room...”



Outputs from tables



Table 1

Why is this a great idea?

- Agreement that we can't continue as is
- 30+ Benefits highlighted
- At the heart of many of the benefits was the importance of helping our young people feel, and become, a stronger part of our community
- **Future potential:** Inclusion, mental health, external opportunities
- **Community Benefits:** A 'hub', revenue opportunity, bring community together
- **Improving facilities:** Boat storage! unique meeting space, changing facilities, different types of 'hires'
- **A Volunteer generator:** Drawing in new volunteer talent
- **Improved Scouting links:** Networking with other scouts and overseas visits



Table 2

What are your concerns?

The top five concerns were -

- **Cost:** Develop accurate costings for the project, and also for ongoing revenue and maintenance.
- **Road access and parking:** Proposed solutions include the use of FCC pier for parking, adoption of the road (and fixing it).
- **Alignment with other local projects:** Strong benefits from having a community-wide approach, and taking advantage of synergies across local initiatives.
- **Capability and demand:** Clarity on capability of the centre and leaders, and what demand for the facilities will be.
- **Plans:** Clarity on plans for the existing boat shed site.

Other concerns included

- Best use of existing hall?
- Impact on further development?
- Increased distance from slip to boat shed
- Flood risk?

Table 3

What enjoyable ideas do you have to raise funds?

- Great ideas and enthusiastic participation
- 40+ activities and events for consideration ranging from silent auctions to a village ball; good mix of online and event-related
- Good advice and tactics:
 - Try not to clash with other events and fundraising
 - Look for joint fundraising opportunities
 - Choose events with a good return for the time invested
 - Take advantage of our location, equipment and skills

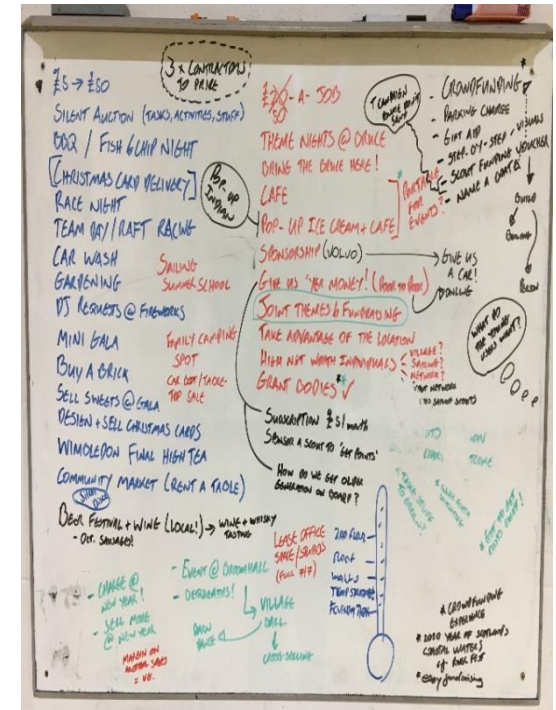


Table 4

What skills, knowledge and contacts do you have that could help progress this project?

- 30 wide-ranging commitments of expertise, time and cheap materials

Examples

- Interior design
- Media and comms
- Funding applications
- Doors and windows at cost

- 10 Commitments of labour to help in latter stages of build

- 15 Suggestions of contacts who may be able to help





Next steps

- **Accurate costings:** The most important next step as an enabler to progressing
- **Further ‘socialising’ of plans:** Communicating plans to other community groups and interested parties
- **Update Lord Elgin:** Meeting with Lord Elgin to discuss all options, current progress and village sentiment
- **Apply for funding:** Begin fund raising applications
- **Calendar of events:** Agree, document and plan local funding ideas contributed by event attendees



Any questions?

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