# Refurb Report for PCC 24th Feb 2021- 47 days to go

At last meeting

PCC agreed to the Sport England offer (allowing Refurb group to conclude terms) – Helen has written back to them and apart from a couple of forms the only thing required is how we close the funding gap – more of that below

PCC agreed to continue to look for funds to bridge the potential gap (£50k) – this is now confirmed at £46k – see below

PCC agreed that we should start to ask for firm costings for a 2021 start of work – Armitage are in process of doing this

PCC agree to Communication proposals – ongoing – but see below

PCC noted proposal for separate group to consider activities in new facility and impact on Church’s Mission Strategy- nothing has moved on this yet.

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Since last meeting: A Refurb Group meeting happened last Wednesday (17th)

* Discussions with OMI Architects have brought us to a start of work date of April 12th 2021- 47 days from PCC
  + This implies a huge clear out and storage of everything in the Hall, stores and Youth room and Lounge Cupboards
  + Gordon is working on a plan – w/c 8th and 15th March will be main weeks for doing this
  + We are meeting OMI/ Armitage on 9th March – hopefully with contract
  + The leaks have mostly been stopped (thanks Lee and Tim) but the lounge continues to be an issue – PCC are asked to Agree to add Lounge roof to Phase 1 Refurb (Costs are being sought)
  + We have decided with such a quick start that we will NOT pursue finding oil boiler part.
* Detailed examination of accounts and funds with Sally have confirmed that based on Armitage 2019 costs, plus boiler removal and all associated compared to known funds/ grant offers etc we are £46k short.
  + OMI have suggested that another £20k for contingency is prudent – especially if Lounge roof added
  + PCC to note that not ALL the money is needed immediately and in fact 5% (approx. £20k) is retained for 12 months after the building work completed
  + Sally and Helen are working on a strategy for the £46k – details will be presented to PCC
  + PCC will need to AGREE to proceed with build knowing that there is at present a gap.
* Communication
  + Diaspora and all stakeholders have been either sent update or personal email
  + There is lots of updates and info on Social Media – PCC are asked to like, Retweet, re post to assist in publicity
  + New banner will go up to highlight Refurb
  + Maybe further small presentation to Congregation
* Two proposals have been made which are linked but are brought to PCC separately
  + 1/ We should out of our abundance give an extra Thank offering for Refurb this year towards someone else project – this should be any excess we have after Phase 1 (i.e., not keeping anything for Phase 2) or part of our Surplus. Sally should manage this and advise PCC in due course.
  + A letter should be written to various local churches asking them to support us along the lines that Paul asked Corinthian church to support Jerusalem (2 Corinthians 8) The detail regarding this to be agreed and actioned by Simon and Paul Keeble
* We do need to progress “activity” group.

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