

Progress Report on Our Clubhouse Project 21 May 19

The SHBC Committee and the new project subcommittees have been enthusiastically beavering away at the tasks that can be set in progress at this early development stage. I have been advised by WSC that we should expect the paperwork to be returned from the Minister by the end of June and that as soon as this happens Council will organise to have the land (adjacent to David Woods Playing Fields) surveyed. They will then determine the actual portion of land SHBC will be leasing.

The **Finance Subcommittee** has six members – Pat (chair), Rob, Mary, Faye, Alan and Craig. They have met and finalised the funding mix and finance plan based on the building cost estimates. It will include SHBC savings, grants, loans and member contributions. The group is already planning for a social event to launch the clubhouse project and invitations will go to all members.

The **Construction Subcommittee** – Craig (chair), Tony, Jenny, Pat, Mardi, Ragnar and David, has been busy working with our architect to refine the clubhouse plans to ensure the floor plan will meet the club's needs and that there will be sufficient natural light. The subcommittee made a recommendation to the SHBC Committee that the clubhouse plan be modified to allow for future extension, given the increasing interest in Bridge and the planned population growth for the Highlands. The initial building will house 24 tables and the extension (when required) will add a further 12 tables. (The Committee approved this recommendation.) Our architect, Gary Walker, is also assisting us with the preparation of our Development Application (DA). Special thanks go to Ragnar Svensson who is freely sharing his wealth of expertise with the subcommittee.

Finishes and Landscape Committee – Alison (chair), Mardi, Gabriel and Judith are greatly looking forward to getting underway as soon as building work actually commences. Alison would welcome any other club members who would like to be part of this group.

I will keep you informed of progress.

Kind regards

Craig