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# **Café & Kitchen Works**

## **as part of:**

### **Elton Community Centre**

### **Post COVID Lockdown**

### **Community Development Challenge**



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## **What is already happening.**

As the pandemic and government guidelines have allowed,

The Community Café has already been tested out at the Centre and until Lockdown.2 it was seeing a week on week doubling of takings. The Café adds huge potential for benefit to the local community and especially so after the Pandemic, when social welfare and mental health will be a huge issue.

The Menu was kept simple in order to not push the boundaries of what is safe to prepare in the conditions and services that are already in place in the Centre Kitchen. It was also cost effective and the consensus was that we had got the pricing right for affordability and in order to encourage sociability. There were also opportunities to help with free items where necessary and to support the Youth Hub with children that were hungry. This was enabled by the Food Pantry where items can be added to the Café service to keep costs down and help support those in need for little or no cost.

The Toddler group was a great success and was getting regular visitors on both days. Contact has been made by the early years team, who will visit when things are better. Connections have also been made with the school (Who donated all of the toys), so that they can drop over and engage with the parents offering advice and support. The Toddlers can receive free breakfasts and the takings from the Café allow the Centre to offer the space for free. The Older population was venturing out and a booking was made for 30+ of the residents of Orchard Park to meet regularly for a lunchtime social. (Many of them would be classed as vulnerable and safe-guards had been planned.)

Volunteers have been completing online training for Level 2 H&H.

## **Next Steps**

To progress to the next stage the Kitchen will require some upgrading in order to pass EHO regulations. This will allow hot meals to be cooked and served to groups and cooking sessions made available to build food skills within families. The menu can be safely expanded.

A better-appointed kitchen will also allow the Centre to provide lo-cost buffets and services to parties and meetings to help cover costs of running the Café. Ideally a paid member of staff is required to help with continuity of the café and extra services will help fund this.

Funding for the Cafe development is in place already. Some equipment has been donated and some purchased with the funding at a low cost.

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Due to careful budgeting, there should be sufficient funds left in order to pay for the fixings and any specialist work that needs to be done to allow the kitchen to be brought up to standard without using the Centre's own funds. (It is essential that we keep sufficient float to ensure the opening of the Centre during the pandemic.) The Committee are required to agree to the work being completed.

### **Kitchen Development**

Advice has been sought from numerous experts in order to get the best from the space, the funding and hit as many areas of support for the community as possible.

- 1. A Plumber who can add a feed to the new gas cooker.**
- 2. An electrician to add an appropriate feed for the Dish washer.**
3. Once above are appointed, remove the old kitchen.
4. Clean the area and the floor.
5. Plumbing altered.
6. Wall brought out underneath the window to incorporate insitu piping and additional piping.
7. Walls clad with antibacterial plastic and/or painted.
8. New kitchen items cleaned and **alterations** made.
9. Kitchen put in place.
- 10. Cooker and Dishwasher installation.**

### **Costs are being sought for (see quotes);**

1. Gas feed and installation of cooker
2. Electrical feed and installation of Dishwasher. Plus additional sockets in café area.
3. Fitting of anti-bacterial surfaces and false wall.

### **Centre Committee meeting – January.**

1. **To agree** that the Kitchen improvements can go ahead.
2. **To agree** to the sale of existing equipment.
3. **To agree** to the quotations for the work required.
4. **To agree** to cover any reasonable shortfall from Centre funds as it is a change to the fabric of the building.

**TARGET DATE Friday 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH – Contingency 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH.**

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