

Burgess Hill Town Council

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NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED FOR THE BEEHIVE

Burgess Hill Town Council launches new website for 'The Beehive'.

The Beehive is the Town Council's vision for a new modern community centre and performing arts venue to be built in Burgess Hill to meet the needs of our growing and diverse town.

The project is led by Burgess Hill Town Council together with representatives from the community and will see the old Royal British Legion building in Cyprus Road transformed into a new live performance venue, with a space that can accommodate up to 320 (depending on stage configuration), a dance/rehearsal studio, a large meeting room, a café/bar, foyer spaces and multi-functional backstage accommodation. The Centre will enable people of all ages to enjoy a variety of events, from local pantomime, regional exhibitions and national music to community groups holding regular meetings for their members.

To find out more about The Beehive project including design and floorplans, how people can support the project and get involved, as well as how it is planned to fund the build, visit www.beehiveartscentre.com.

There is also a dedicated Facebook page 'Friends of The Beehive', so please 'Like' the page and follow the regular updates as the project goes forward.

As part of the Town Council's commitment to engage with residents on the project, from this week residents will receive a leaflet through the post with details about The Beehive which include the design

and floorplans and how it is planned to fund the build. Burgess Hill residents will also have an opportunity to show their support to The Beehive project when the consultation survey goes live from 22nd March to 21st April.

Chairman of the Cultural Quarter Steering Group, Councillor Joseph Foster, said, "The website and Facebook page has taken a lot of hard work by officers, Councillors and members of the Steering Group. The launch of the new website is another milestone in this exciting project. The Beehive will be an important asset for the whole town – a hub for the community life of the town and will host a wide range of activities for the benefit of everyone who lives in or visits the town."

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For further comment please contact Councillor Joseph Foster on 01444 640674.

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