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(By email)

Dear Robert,

As you will be aware, Mid Sussex District Council has been in discussions with Burgess Hill Cricket Club regarding their aspirations to extend and improve St John's Pavilion. The Deputy Leader and I are supportive of this project.

I was pleased to see from your announcement pausing The Beehive that Burgess Hill Town Council would be willing to make a significant financial contribution to this project.

Finance for the sort of scheme proposed by the Cricket Club is not without its challenges, but I am hopefully that if the Club can raise finances, there is funding from BHTC and from MSDC, we may be able to reach the budget required.

I would therefore like to take the Town Council up on this offer of a significant financial contribution to the project.

The Solicitor to the Council is writing under separate cover to your Town Clerk regarding the question of ownership. As you know, this is not straight forward given the Pavilion sits within a charitable trust. My view is that ownership should not be a barrier and that the most sensible option is likely to be leasing the Pavilion to the Cricket Club to manage.

The secretarial support team here at MSDC will be in touch with a date for representatives of MSDC, BHTC and the Cricket Club to meet and discuss the next steps.

I am copying this letter to Burgess Hill Cricket Club.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor Jonathan Ash-Edwards
Leader of the Council

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