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PRESS RELEASE

Tarporley Community Centre reopens following installation of a new roof, refurbished toilets and other improvements.

Users of Tarporley Community Centre will benefit following installation of a new roof which replaces the original one, most of which was 60 years old. The new roof features attractive modern tiling, with new battens, underlay, felt and additional insulation. All the soffits, bargeboards, gutters and downpipes have been replaced to give a very smart appearance. The chimney has been repointed.

Unfortunately, due to COVID19 restrictions we cannot hold our planned reopening event but will look into this when restrictions are lifted and large events can go ahead.

The new roof was funded by a grant of £37.5k from FCC Communities Foundation together with grants & donations from other organisations and local residents.

The refurbished ladies toilet and accessible toilet were funded by The National Lottery. The ladies toilet has been tiled throughout and equipped with three very smart new WC cubicles, new flooring, new wash basins and a new heating system. The accessible toilet has been made larger by relocating the central heating boiler to increase the space for manoeuvring a wheelchair. This toilet has also been tiled throughout, equipped with new sanitary ware and connected to the new heating system.

Other improvements are the installation of acoustic tiles on the ceiling of the main hall to improve the acoustics and the refurbishment of the external steps to the Arthur Meredith room.

The building and refurbishment work has been carried out by Team Roundhouse of Kingsley, who were the main Contractors. The re-location of the central heating boiler was carried out by CW Plumbing and Heating of Tattenhall. All the work has been of very good quality and we are delighted with the results.

The Trustees are delighted that the project has been completed successfully despite the challenging times and are pleased that Tarporley Community Centre was able to reopen on Monday 31st August. Anita Langford, the Treasurer of Tarporley Community Centre, said "This vital facility is going to make a real difference to those who use it as well as the wider Tarporley community". We are extremely grateful to FCC Communities Foundation for providing funding as we would not have been able to go ahead without its support."

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Richard Smith, FCC Community Foundation's senior grant manager, says: "It's wonderful to see a project we have funded reach completion. The new roof at Tarporley Community Centre will secure the future of an essential community resource for many years to come. FCC Communities Foundation is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that benefit local communities and this is a great example of what can be achieved."

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Notes to editors:

- *Tarporley and District Community Centre which is a Community Centre that provides various sized rooms and associated facilities for the local Community and Organisations to hire.*
- *FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, conservation and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund and Scottish Landfill Communities Fund. Since 1998, FCC Communities Foundation has granted over £200m to more than 7,000 projects which benefit people living within 10 miles of a FCC Environment landfill site. For more information please visit www.fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk*
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