

KINGS HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Sharon,

Last night, Kings Hill Parish Council resolved to apply for temporary borrowing from Tonbridge and Malling BC.

I have previously provided you with the PC's cashflow predictions and budget situation. The lack of income during the pandemic, made worse by the second lockdown, has caused the parish council to fall well behind on its budget forecasts and it has no remaining funds to plug the gap to the end of the financial year. Predictions show that the council could be up to £60k in deficit by the end of March 2021.

The council appreciates that this is an unprecedented time and such requests would not normally be made however as the government is not providing additional funding to parish councils, and Kings Hill PC relies on almost half of its income from community facilities it really has no choice but to ask for support. In the event that lockdown restrictions lift it is hoped that the loan will not be required however the PC feel that it must act prudently to prevent the PC going into an unauthorised overdraft position, not being able to fulfil its financial and salary obligations and then running up bank and late fee charges.

The PC is continuing to lobby the MHCLG for funding however the new leisure fund is only restricted to parish councils that have devolved services – none of the PC's facilities are devolved from TMBC so this is a problem.

The PC has agreed to ring fence the funds so that in the event that the money is not required it can be returned to TMBC forthwith.

The PC would be grateful of an interest free loan of £60,000 to be paid by TMBC to KHPC before 31st January 2021. The PC will then repay the loan in two tranches of £30k in April and September.

Many thanks in advance.

Regards,

Julie

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