

Much Birch Community Hall Management Committee is delighted to announce that their application to the The Big Lottery Fund has been successful. On Tuesday, 6th December 2018 a cheque for £104,420 pounds was presented to the Chairman by Matt Poole, Head of Regional Funding for the Midlands, after the showing of the film 'Mamma Mia! – Here we go again'.

The award is to fund the completion of an extension to the existing building which will upgrade facilities as well as to provide two additional meeting rooms, a larger entrance lobby, a larger kitchen and improved toilet arrangements. (The refurbishment of the new kitchen was not part of the submission and will take place as further funds become available.)

In his acceptance of the cheque, the Chairman thanked The Big Lottery and all players of the National Lottery, without whom this award would not have been possible. He also recognized the importance of the local people who have raised funds and supported the project in various ways. He went on to thank all those who helped compile the extensive funding application, particularly Sylvia Jones, Heidi MacDougall and Carole Chichester. He hoped that the new facilities will provide opportunities for the community to get involved in running new groups for leisure activities to suit all ages.

The year 2019 will also see the celebration of 40 years since the opening of the Community Hall, which will be celebrated together during the summer with the completion of the project.

John Jones

Chairman of the Management Committee