

Salisbury RFC AGM 10 July 2018

Chairman's Report on Project All Change

Whilst the Chairman does not traditionally prepare an AGM report I thought it would be useful for all members if I summarise progress towards our new changing rooms:

- We formally launched our fund raising campaign in the clubhouse in March 2016 with a target of some £600,000
- We have secured planning permission from Wiltshire Council and Landlord's consent for the proposal from Salisbury City Council
- Through fund raising, many different events and support from sponsors and members we have now accumulated funds of £215,000
- We also have offer letters from the Rugby Football Union, the Rugby Football Foundation, Sport England, Community Landfill Tax and others for £245,000, a combination of grants and loans
- We have also put together a Build Project team of professionals who are generously giving their time to this project. We are about to apply for Building Regulations approval and to go out to tender for the different trades. Initial feedback from builders suggest that the final cost could come in at less than £600,000
- We hope that, assuming no unforeseen problems, we could start the build at the end of next season, ie April 2019, subject of course to raising the final funds
- So, we have a crucial fund raising period ahead of us if we want to put the spade in the ground in April. In particular, we will be launching a Buy a Brick campaign in October – the opportunity for all members and sponsors to have an engraved brick on the front elevation of the new changing rooms. There will also be our Christmas Draw and a Spring Ball, and much more.
- To all those who have contributed to the project, many thanks, to those who haven't yet helped please try to support us on this final push if you can
- We dare to dream!

Richard Larcombe, Chairman
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