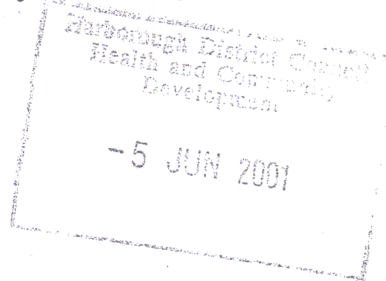




Welland Park

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Re: Meeting of the 17th May 2001

Thanks for sharing your thoughts about possible joint arts initiatives. I feel sure that the future co-operative working relationship will be very rewarding in driving arts development in the HDC area forward.

The prospect of having a p/t Arts Development Officer for Market Harborough should benefit all aspects of the arts provision and I would certainly welcome the opportunity of working together to develop both the performing and visual arts.

I have discussed with colleagues and Community Governors the prospect of providing a venue here to site the HDC's Applemac computers with the College providing the funding for 2 more machines. They are all in agreement with the proposal that WPCC would have access for community classes and the HDC, through the Arts Development Officer, would have access to enable the development of the Shooting the Future and subsequent projects. That the development of these projects will necessitate the computers being taken off site. Obviously the importance is a good booking system so that there is no clash of interests.

With regard to the cinema, it is proposed to have a target opening date for September 2002. Now the overall cost is £65,000 for the equipment and another £35,000 for the building of the necessary lighting/projection box on the back of the Octagonal Hall. The funds for the equipment cost are well on course to be raised by the Welland Trust. The HDC has pledged £30,000 towards the scheme for the financial year starting April 2002 and this would seem ideal for providing the projection box. Bearing in mind that the projection box will at the very least require building/planning approval and that will need time to be processed, it would seem desirable if there was a mechanism by which this whole process could be started in autumn 2001.



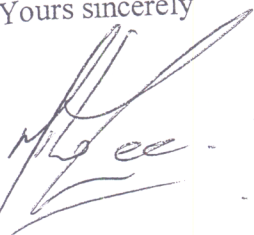
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Would it be possible for the HDC to consider that the £30,000 be made available during the current financial year? This would enable the necessary permissions to be granted and the projection box to be built early 2002 ready for the equipment to be installed during the summer. I realise that this may not be possible because of HDC's budgetary constraints but would ask that this suggestion be given serious consideration should there be any slippage or non-utilised money in this year's budget.

The cinema would be an enormous bonus to the facilities in Market Harborough and the benefit would satisfy a long held community need. It would also provide a natural focal point for the local community to view other artistic exhibitions and displays thereby giving the visual arts a much wider and higher profile. This can only enhance the status of the arts as part of the HDC's policies.

Again many thanks for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely



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