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Dear Sarah:

REQUEST FOR A SECTION 137 GRANT OR DONATION

This is a formal request, on behalf of the Trustees of Goring & District Community Centre Trust, for a donation to a fund we have established for refurbishment of the Community Centre in Station Road. We have in mind a grant of £7-8,000.

We also intend to apply to other organisations and appeal to the local public for grants and donations.

The fund has already received a generous starter donation, from a third party, but the building and some of its fixtures and fittings are in need of long-term updating and refurbishment. We have a plan to start with the lavatories that is awaiting approval by the landlord, Oxfordshire County Council. But we are aware of other needs, including redecoration and, eventually, some renewal of furniture and projection facilities.

This last year or two we have had to carry out more repairs and replacements than we would expect in a typical year, including a replacement of the upstairs lavatory, repairs to damage caused by a serious water leak, upgrading of fire precautions and replacement of a cooker. But we also want to be on the front foot by planning to implement other improvements as well as carrying out running repairs. Unfortunately, some things were overlooked during the pandemic. This is the fault of no individual but it means we have been in catch-up mode for some time.

I should be grateful if you would put this request urgently before the Council so that we might expect a positive response in the 2026/27 financial year.

Yours sincerely

John Boler
Trustee