CDS Planning Local Review Body

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The importance of this project to the Community far outweighs the original very limited justification for the refusal of planning consent last month.

This new building will replace a former Church which dates back to 1845 and since 1960 has served the community as the village hall. Whilst there has been investment and upgrading in recent years the scope for extending on the current site is very limited with no immediate access to the planned outdoor space at the new site and further space is essential to provider better facilities within our ever growing village.

The height of the new building would also allow the continuation of current hall users such as badminton and free runners to make use of this new facility.

I also think rather than being detrimental to the backdrop to St Columba's one has to currently view a dated wooden structure with a rear stone extension which is disused and in poor condition will be a positive.

The provision of a new modern building close to the War Memorial would bring the community closer to the memory of those who served during the war years and should be looked as a positive.

In conclusion I feel that those who have a vision for the future of our Community should be allowed to progress this project without such very limited and narrow objections.

The positives for Stanley and the wider community far out way the negatives.

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