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OSH – Small Hall Renovation Project Update (3) – MARCH and APRIL 2024

The Small Hall has been a hive of activity with Jeff (our plumber), GG (our electrician and other electricians), the roofing contractor, the aluminum window supplier working alongside Chris Moon and his team. Thanks to Pioneer Fire Services, wiring has been completed and we will soon have a compliant fire system.

Work has been continuing at quite a pace and since the framing, windows and roof is on plus the services are all in; we are waiting to be able to line the interior. As would be expected with a renovation project on a building that dates back originally to 1929 – there have been unexpected issues that crop up which have to be resolved. There is currently a full amendment in with WBOPDC for all the plan variations necessitated due to the age of the building (eg: floor joists, rotten wood floors, framing, etc). Until we can gain Council Consent; we are unable to proceed with any further work until this amendment has been approved. However, Jeff and the roofer have been on-site working on the cladding and attaching the new drains as well as spouting. (This should mean that there should not be any more not-so-pleasant odours as our very ancient clay sewerage pipes have been now been replaced with new PVC pipes).

Although the new parts of the Small Hall roof are looking good, it has highlighted the state of the rest of the roof which needs its rusty nails removed along with the application of silicone to the rusty areas and the roof will need to be spray-painted.

We expect Council to complete our amendment approval within the coming week – unfortunately, this delay will affect the finishing date which at this point in time we are not able to let you know due to circumstances beyond our control mostly because of the age of the Small Hall and the extra tasks that have to be completed to ensure the renovation work is up to current building compliance/consent codes.

A second Porta-Loo has been installed and is located outside the Large Hall kitchen door. Please be careful on the steps in/out of the kitchen as well as the step up/down and to/from the Porta-Loo. Ample hand sanitizers are available.

The Large Hall and its kitchen will remain fully operational for the duration of the renovation project.

Please rest assured we will continue to keep you updated regarding progress – remember the end result will definitely be worth the wait – we thank you in advance for your continued patience and understanding!

Don't forget to check out our OSH Website (www.settlershall.co.nz) to make sure you keep abreast of all the activities we have happening over the coming months.

We also have our own FaceBook Page – please take a look to see our latest updates.

Please feel free to send this along to your Group attendees for their information.

As always, your news, comments and suggestions would be most welcome!

Photo of the Small Hall with new windows and door installed as well as the exterior cladding – note the new back door.

