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SAXMUNDHAM COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE CENTRE TAKES MAJOR STEP FORWARD

Plans to build a new Community Enterprise Centre in Saxmundham on the site of the existing Middle School in Seaman Avenue, Saxmundham, took a major step forward when an inaugural project board was recently formed to steer the project through to completion.

Led by the Saxmundham & District Community Interest Company (SADCIC), other partners in this ground breaking venture include, Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council, NHS and BT.

As a result of Suffolk County Council's recent school's organisation review, Saxmundham Middle School is due to close to pupils in the summer of 2012. A local social enterprise company, 'SADCIC', was formed three years ago by a team of Saxmundham volunteers, who plan to convert the redundant school into a local amenity for all the community.

Ron Warren MBE, volunteer director and chair of SADCIC said *"This project presents a very exciting opportunity to provide much needed facilities for the people of Saxmundham. We would like to see the launch of the Saxmundham & District Community Enterprise Centre in 2012-13 and look forward to working in close partnership with Suffolk County Council and others to turn the vision into reality."*

Suffolk County Councilor and SADCIC project board member Cllr. Rae Leighton said

"Suffolk County Council is extremely keen to work with local communities and in this case to encourage and support this volunteer investment to improve the economic and social well-being of Saxmundham."

The project is being taken forward alongside an alternative proposal led by The Fromus Valley Educational Trust to establish a Community High School on the site under the Government's Free Schools initiative.

The next phase of work will be to undertake a feasibility study and construct a full Business Plan for the Community Enterprise Centre.

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