

Report regarding Grant received from Felixstowe Town Council by Felixstowe Radio

Aim: To make safe and soundproof the new Felixstowe Radio studios situated in the Felixstowe Opportunities Group premises.

Felixstowe Radio Community Interest Company has recently located from an elderly portacabin to be accommodated in the refurbished Felixstowe Opportunity Group's headquarters, creating opportunities for joint projects and for two community organisations to support and sustain each other in difficult times.

This project has been ongoing for a period of time, both self funded and through donations. The recent pandemic contributed greatly to the length of time this project has taken, together with technical delays with moving the siting of broadcasting and internet technology.

Felixstowe Radio moved to the new studio during January, upgraded hardware and software and has purchased furnishings which have all been installed. This has been done in addition to maintaining the premises where we were previously located.

The studio is now in use with additional features required to be installed.

Due to the discrete and unique usage of the premises, areas needed to be secured and made soundproof so that each organisation can carry on their specialist activities, at the same time as being mutually supportive and collaborative.

To mitigate security and safeguarding issues Felixstowe Radio has commissioned a fireproof door between the studio area and that of the children's area. This is due to be installed in April.

A soundproofing curtain is also due to be installed in April, to ensure broadcast quality, which fulfils health and safety requirements and alleviate any cross contamination from other groups within the building.

Felixstowe Radio is grateful for the generous support of Felixstowe Town Council in this project and photos will be taken of the final installations.