

Outside Body		Councillor	Report Status
Tourism & Leisure Committee, 28/2/19 meeting			
	Arts Partnership for Fylde	Raymond Thomas	Nil return – no meetings
	Arts Working Group	Vince Settle	Nil return – no meetings
	Fairhaven Lake & Gardens Restoration Project Board	Cheryl Little	attached
	Fylde Arts Association	Raymond Thomas	Nil return – no meetings
	Fylde Coast YMCA Partnership Board	Shirley Green	Nil return – no meetings
	Lowther Trust	Roger Small	attached
	Lytham Hall Partnership	Richard Fradley	To follow - away
	Lytham Town Trust	Tim Ashton	attached
	St Georges Day Festival Committee	Richard Fradley	To follow - away

Fylde Council has received confirmation of receipt National Lottery grant of £1.476 million for the Fairhaven Lake and Garden Restoration project. Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, the project can now fulfil its ambition to make Fairhaven Lake and Gardens one of the finest marine lakes in the United Kingdom!

Supported through the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Big Lottery Fund, the project aims to conserve and restore Fairhaven's heritage buildings and landscape, improve the lake's infrastructure and water quality, and provide an exciting new programme of events.

Situated on the Fylde Peninsula on the Lancashire Coastline between Lytham and St Anne's, historic Fairhaven Lake and Gardens is one of the borough's most popular attractions. The park consists of a 10-hectare marine leisure lake, historic gardens laid out by Thomas H Mawson and Sons, a wide range of sport and recreational facilities together with a traditional lakeside café.

The site plays host to the RSPB Discovery Centre on the gateway to the Ribble Estuary, one of the most important sites for birdlife in Europe and a designated Ramsar site, Special Protection Area and SSSI. Although the park remains a hugely popular tourist and resident destination, it is in much need of development to preserve and restore its physical heritage as well as introduce activity for a wider range of audiences.

The restoration objectives focus on 4 key elements; buildings, landscape, lake and activity.

- Key features of building works include:
 - o External and internal restoration of the pavilion café building (original 1896 golf club house)
 - o Internal development of the current Isaac Dixon Boathouse (1920's) to support water sports and community activity
 - o Restoration works to the Pagoda Building (1901) which is currently home to the RSPB Ribble Discovery Centre to enable a

wider range of park heritage interpretation and act as main welcome centre to the park

- Key features of the landscape works include:
 - o Improved facilities for tennis and bowls
 - o Changed planting to restore historic vistas
 - o Restoration of the Japanese Gardens
 - o Creation of full perimeter pathway
 - o Forest School Island and Winter Bird Roost
 - o New adventure play area
- Key features of the lake works include:
 - o Lake dredging and aeration
 - o Lake edge innovative pilot projects
 - o Reconstruction of the Lake Inlet/Outlet (courtesy of the Sea Defence Project)
- Key features of the Activity and Interpretation include:
 - o Information points around the gardens to highlight the historic importance of Mawson's design and highlight the site's international importance for wildlife
 - o Education offer expanded in partnership with RSPB and others
 - o Increased volunteer activity – in partnership with FOFL and UR Potential
 - o Significant increase in water based activity – kayaks, canoeing, sailing, windsurfing, open water swimming
 - o Arts/Crafts/workshop activity delivered by private partners with links to hard-to-reach groups
 - o Annual events programme to include outdoor theatre, performance arts, sailing regatta and much more

Projects will start in January 2019, with physical work on lake and gardens are due to be started in autumn 2019 with the project due for completion at the end of 2021.

Events Planned for this year are:

Wellness Walks

Theatre productions

Buggy Walks

Community Action Days

Bushcraft

Orienteering

Family Heritage and Heritage Walks

School sports

And of course the Big Picnic

Outside Bodies - Member Reporting Form

Details

Councillor Name and Role on Outside Body (for example, Observer, Trustee, Director)	Roger Small Lowther Trust member
Email	Cllr.rsmall@fylde.gov.uk
Period this report covers (date):	November 2018-March 2019
Name of Outside Body:	Lowther Trust
How often does the organisation meet? And how often have you attended?	Monthly, I have attended 100%, plus I attended a meeting for volunteers held by the chairman
Key issues arising for Fylde Borough Council	Governance review this is currently on going. The trust responding to actions taken by the council. The legal issue currently outstanding between the trust and the cafe tenant. Examples of issues could be those that may affect decisions regarding budget setting, challenges for residents, policy changes that affect partnership working etc
Who did you inform of these issues within Fylde Borough Council?	Chief executive, legal officer
In the light of these meetings, is it worthwhile for the Council to continue to have a representative/representatives on this body?	Yes
Any further comments?	I am there to represent the council's interests and give a robust explanation of the council's position, particularly in relation to funding, future developments etc.whilst striving to achieve a viable Lowther for the future.

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Councillor Name and Role on Outside Body (for example, Observer, Trustee, Director)	Tim Ashton Director
Email	tim.ashton@lancashire.gov.uk
Period this report covers (date):	September 2018 - February 2019
Name of Outside Body:	Lytham Town Trust
How often does the organisation meet? And how often have you attended?	4 times per year - attended all meetings within this period
Key issues arising for Fylde Borough Council	<p>Lytham Town Trust (LTT)owns Lytham hall and has granted a lease to operate the hall to The Heritage Trust Northwest (HTNW) A large regeneration project has been taking place both within the grounds and on the building at Lytham Hall. The works include painting the building and regenerating the internal space. Fylde Council is assisting both LTT and HTNW agree a way forward to ensure the longevity of the Hall and Grounds, Cllr. Richard Fradley has acted as an intermediary and to date positive steps have been taken. The trust also operates the Assembly Rooms in Lytham and these rooms are not very well used and on occasion the council holds events there. Lancashire County Council will be moving the library service into the Assembly Rooms – no date has yet been decided. This will impact on the Lytham Institute Building in Lytham which is owned by Fylde Council. At the present time LTT and The Friends of Lytham Library and Institute are discussing the best way forward to utilise the building for community use, either in full or part. The Civic Society has obtained Counsel's opinion on the charitable status of the Lytham Institute. The opinion of Counsel is that the building is still subject to the charitable trusts created by the 1917 deed of assignment.</p> <p>Examples of issues could be those that may affect decisions regarding budget setting, challenges for residents, policy changes that affect partnership working etc</p>
Who did you inform of these issues within Fylde Borough Council?	The Chief Executive
In the light of these meetings, is it worthwhile for the Council to continue to have a representative/representatives on this body?	Yes
Any further comments?	At the present time LTT and The Friends of The Lytham Institute are discussing the best way forward to utilise the building for community use, either in full or part. The Library and Institute building was paid for and built by the public and should remain as a public building. Fylde Council can play a pivotal role in ensuring that this valuable asset remains available for community use.