



MINUTES

Tourism and Leisure Committee

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| Date: | Thursday, 8 March 2018 |
| Venue: | Town Hall, St Annes. |
| Committee Members Present: | Councillor Cheryl Little (Chairman) Councillor Vince Settle (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Tim Ashton, Jan Barker, Brenda Blackshaw, Maxine Chew, Richard Fradley, Roger Lloyd, Sandra Pitman, Raymond Thomas |
| Other Members Present: | Councillors Susan Fazackerley, Karen Buckley |
| Officers Present: | Allan Oldfield, Paul Walker, Mark Wilde, Tim Dixon, Lisa Foden, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone, Charlie Richards, Simon Stott |
| Members of the Public: | 22 members of the public were in attendance |

Public Platform

There were no requests to speak under the Public Platform arrangements.

1. Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

Councillor Tim Ashton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 4 of the agenda relating to 'Lytham Hall Restoration: Progress Towards a New HLF Bid' and withdrew from the meeting during the consideration and voting thereon.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Tourism and Leisure Committee meeting held on 8 February 2018 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

Decision Items

4. Lytham Hall Restoration: Progress Towards a New HLF Bid

The Chairman, Councillor Cheryl Little introduced the progress report and then went on to invite Councillor Richard Fradley to present his report which was circulated with the agenda.

Councillor Fradley explained that his report provided a further update to the committee on progress against the recommendations approved in respect of the Lytham Hall Restoration Project. The report circulated reiterated that the Council's interest and priority remains focused on facilitating a renewed Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) bid for the restoration of the Hall and ensuring that the £300,000 capital grant that the Council contributed towards the HLF bid in 2012 achieves the restoration of Lytham Hall.

In brief, Councillor Fradley took members through the progress report which included details of events (since the last meeting of the committee in January 2018) and the various meetings and conversations that had taken place with key stakeholders including, Heritage Trust North West (HTNW), the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), Friends of Lytham Hall and Lytham Town Trust (LTT) regarding the restoration project and the associated preparations for a new lottery bid. Councillor Fradley indicated that he had been supported by the Chief Executive and the report included views, opinions and conclusions based on the conversations held and any supporting evidence provided.

In his report, Councillor Fradley made particular reference to the decisions of the previous meeting and the subsequent tour of Lytham Hall (attended by members of the committee) which took place on 23 February. His report suggested that HTNW are continuing to work towards delivering the recommendations from the Moore Stephens report and are in regular dialogue with the HLF. The report also made reference to recent activities associated with the bid for the Resilience Grant and the associated recruitment of a new Chief Executive at HTNW. It also highlighted Councillor Fradley's ongoing facilitation of meetings during February and March between HTNW and LTT which had resulted in a reciprocal arrangement of representatives of the two bodies being on the respective Boards of Trustees.

In addition to the above, Councillor Fradley's report provided details of HTNW appointed accountants (Ainsworth Limited) response to questions posed about the status of the restricted funds account for Lytham Hall. It also highlighted the various areas and income and expenditure. A copy of the Account was included as an appendix to the report.

In conclusion, Councillor Fradley stated that in general, he was pleased with the progress that HTNW had made to date in that all partners were working well towards a new bid for the restoration of Lytham Hall.

At the conclusion of presentation, the Chairman invited comments and questions from members of the committee. Various members commented on key aspects of the presentation including: benefits of the recent tour of Lytham Hall; the importance attached to key organisations working closely together/the appointment of a new Chief Executive of HTNW and the continued good work of Councillor Fradley in progressing matters.

In summing up, the Chairman on behalf of the Committee thanked Councillor Fradley for his time and commitment to the project and for his updated report.

Following detailed consideration of this matter, the committee RESOLVED:

1. To note the progress being made by all partners to work together towards a new heritage lottery bid for the restoration of Lytham Hall.
2. To note from the evidence and information provided about the Lytham Hall restricted fund account that it cannot be used to contribute towards a new lottery bid for the restoration of the Hall.
3. That all partners be asked to focus on developing a time table for the submission of a new bid to the HLF for the restoration of Lytham Hall.

5. Promenade Gardens Water Play Area (Splash)

The Chairman invited Lisa Foden (Parks and Coastal Services Manager) to introduce the progress report. The report presented details the work undertaken to date by the Friends of Promenade Gardens in partnership with

officers of the Council on a community project to create a fully inclusive water play facility within the Promenade Gardens in St. Annes.

In brief, the report set out details of the design brief and the associated funding strategy. It also summarised the context of the project and details of the tendering arrangements/subsequent assessment following the procurement process for a new water play area and associated infrastructure improvements at Promenade Gardens including timescales.

Included as appendices to the report was a copy of the Committee Risk Assessment and a detailed Design and illustration.

At the conclusion of presentation, the Chairman invited comments and questions from members of the committee. Various members commented on key aspects of the presentation including: the use of public conveniences in the locality serving the facility; daily/weekly maintenance costs; long term intention regarding changing facilities for the scheme; eligibility criteria/funding opportunities for similar schemes in rural villages. The questions were addressed in turn by Ms Foden.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee approval that the Council may act as the accountable body for the Promenade Gardens water play facility scheme in the total sum of £259,295.
2. To recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee approval to a fully-funded addition to the Capital Programme in 2018/19 in the sum of £109,295 in respect of the Promenade Gardens water play facility scheme, fully funded from the various external grants and Section 106 contributions as detailed in the report, noting that the approved Capital Programme for 2018/19 currently includes funding in respect of this scheme in the sum of £150,000, funded from the Capital Investment Reserve.
3. Subject to the approval by the Finance and Democracy Committee to 1 and 2 above, to authorise the proposed expenditure in respect of the Promenade Gardens water play facility scheme as detailed in the report.
4. Subject to approval of the above the approve the letting of the contract for the design and build of the promenade water play facility and associated infrastructure improvement works to Kingcombe Aquacare in the sum of £259,295.

6. Appointment to Outside Bodies/Working Groups

The Committee was invited to recommend nominations to the various outside bodies/working Groups (within the remit of the committee) for consideration at Full Council. In addition, copies of reports received from members currently serving on outside bodies was also included as an appendix to the report for information purposes.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To recommend the following nominations to the outside bodies for consideration by council:
 - Lowther Trust - Councillor Brenda Blackshaw
 - Lytham Town Trust - Councillor Tim Ashton
 - Fylde Coast YMCA Partnership Board - Councillor Sandra Pitman
 - Fylde Arts Association - Councillor Raymond Thomas
 - St George's Day Festival Committee - Councillor Richard Fradley
 - Arts Partnership for Fylde - Councillor Raymond Thomas
 - Arts Working Group - Councillor Vince Settle
 - Fairhaven Lake & Gardens Restoration Project Board – Councillor Cheryl Little

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2. To confirm the continued establishment of (i) The Arts Service Review Working Group comprising: Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Julie Brickles, Maxine Chew, Sue Fazackerley, Cheryl Little, Roger Lloyd, Sandra Pitman, Vince Settle and Raymond Thomas; and (ii) The Island Regeneration Working Group comprising: Chairmen of Tourism & Leisure, Planning, Operational Management and Finance & Democracy Committees and the Leader of the Council.

3. To note the reports from members currently serving on outside bodies.

Information Items

The following information items were received by the committee.

7. Fairhaven Heritage Lottery Project Update

The Information Report circulated provided an update on the Fairhaven Heritage Lottery Project. The Committee was advised that the project team are progressing with RIBA Stage 3 design work which is due to be issued along with a full updated cost plan by mid- March 2018 with a view to submitting a full grant application to HLF in August 2018.

8. Tourist Information Weekend Opening

Further to the request of Tourism and Leisure Committee meeting held on 22 June 2017, the Information Report circulated set out the new arrangements for the opening of the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) at St Annes Town Hall at weekends and bank holidays during 2018.

9. Tourism Website - www.discoverfylde.co.uk

Further to a review of tourism communications, Tim Dixon (Tourism and Cultural Services Manager) gave a brief presentation to the committee on the work undertaken to develop a new tourism website - www.discoverfylde.co.uk . He advised that this would replace the existing tourism website in due course.

Decision Items

10. Exclusion of the Public

IT WAS RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

11. The Island Regeneration

Paul Walker (Director of Development Services) was invited to introduce the updated report of the Island Regeneration Working Group on the previous resolution of the committee in relation to the regeneration of The Island.

IT WAS RESOLVED To note the report of The Island Working Group setting out progress to date on option 5 as agreed by the Tourism and Leisure Committee on 7 September 2017.

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