



Minutes

TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Date:	Thursday, 10 March 2016
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members:	Councillor Cheryl Little (Chairman) Councillor Tim Ashton (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Jan Barker, Brenda Blackshaw, Maxine Chew, Richard Fradley, Paul Hodgson, Sandra Pitman, Richard Redcliffe, Raymond Thomas.
Other Members:	Councillors Karen Buckley, Susan Fazackerley
Officers Present:	Paul Walker, Darren Bell, Lyndsey Lacey- Simone
Other Attendees:	Tim Lince - Lowther Trust Sue Robinson - Spot on Rural Touring
Members of the public:	There were no other members of the public in attendance

Public Platform

There were no speakers 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. There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor Cheryl Little declared a personal interest in item 5 relating to the Capital Scheme Lowther Pavilion Partial Re-Roof in so far as she represents the Council as a Trustee in the management of Lowther Trust.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Tourism and Leisure Committee held on 7 January 2016 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

The following substitution was reported under Council procedure rule 24(c):

Councillor Richard Redcliffe for Councillor Vince Settle

Information Items

4. Spot on Rural Touring

Sue Robinson (Manager of Spot on Rural Touring) attended the meeting to address the committee on the work of the touring company.

The Information Note included in the report stated that Spot On is Lancashire's rural touring network consisting of teams of volunteers who work in rural communities promoting professional theatre, dance, music and storytelling /children's shows. It is also running a development project within the county's libraries. Ms Robinson provided the committee with a detailed overview of the touring company's work.

The Chairman invited questions from members of the committee and these were addressed in turn by Ms Robinson.

Decision Items

5. Capital Scheme Lowther Pavilion Partial Re-Roof

The Chairman Tim Lince (Chairman of Lowther Trust) came to the table to provide an updated report on the proposed Capital scheme at Lowther Pavilion.

The report concerned the delivery of the replacement and insulation of part of the roof at Lowther Pavilion. The scheme was approved at Budget Council on 3rd March 2015 in the sum of £123k for delivery across 2015/16 and 2016/17 period. Members were advised that in 2015 Blackpool Council were engaged to project-manage the scheme at an initial cost of £8k. During 2015, Lowther Gardens Trust decided to explore a more ambitious project to refurbish the Pavilion at the same time as the partial roof replacement project.

The importance of co-ordinating various elements of the project was outlined at the meeting and in view of this, a grant to Lowther Gardens Trust in the sum of £122,703 in respect of the roof replacement scheme, payable in two instalments, one in March 2016 and the other in August 2016 was proposed.

Included as an appendix was a copy of Lowther Pavilion concept plans.

Members commented on various aspect of the scheme including: marketing arrangements/ticket sales, demographic change, details of the phasing arrangements for the proposed works, sustainability matters and future projects. These were addressed in turn by Mr Lince.

After full consideration it was RESOLVED:

1. To approve a total Capital Grant in the sum of £122,703 to Lowther Gardens Trust to provide funding for the partial re-roofing of part of Lowther Pavilion, this to be fully-funded from the Councils approved capital programme
2. To approve two payments of the grant: £4,600 in March 2016 to provide for the repair of the pitch slate roof and a second and final payment £118,103 in August 2016 towards the remainder of the works.
3. To note that the delivery of the project will be subject to Lowther Gardens Trusts procurement procedure and practices.

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.

Following full consideration it was RESOLVED:

1. To recommend the following nominations to the outside bodies listed for consideration by Council;

- Lowther Trust - Councillor Cheryl Little
- Lytham Town Trust – Councillor Tim Ashton
- Fylde Coast YMCA Partnership Board - Councillor Sandra Pitman.
- Fylde Arts Association – Councillor Raymond Thomas
- St Georges Day Festival Committee – Councillor Cheryl Little
- Arts Partnership for Lytham – Councillor Raymond Thomas
- Arts Working Group- Councillor Vince Settle

2. To confirm the continuation of the Arts Service Review Working Group which would meet as and when required; and

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

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