

MINUTES

Date:

Operational Management Committee

Venue: Town Hall, St Annes.

Committee Members Councillor Roger Small (Chairman)
Present: Councillor John Kirkham (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Karen Buckley, Alan Clayton, Brian Gill, Paul Hodgson, David O'Rourke,

Stan Trudgill, Viv Willder, Michael Withers.

Other Councillors Present: None

Officers Present: Allan Oldfield, Darren Bell, Stephen Ball, Ross McKelvie, Sharon Wadsworth

Other Attendees:

Marcus Phillips, from Jacobs Consulting Engineers, attended the meeting remotely.

Two members of the public were in attendance

Public Platform

One member of the public address the committee in relation to Item 4 – St Annes Seawall.

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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. No interests were declared on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Operational Management Committee meeting held on 16 June 2021 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 23 (c):

Councillor Brian Gill substituted for Councillor Mark Bamforth; Councillor Michael Withers substituted for Councillor Chris Dixon; Councillor David O'Rourke substituted for Councillor Bobby Rigby; Councillor Karen Buckley substituted for Councillor Michelle Morris.

Decision Items

4. St Annes Seawall

The Chairman introduced a report detailing how the Council had been successful in applying for funding to undertake development studies in preparation for the replacement of the hard sea defences at St Annes Seawall. Work had been undertaken in developing options and consulting on a preferred option and a detailed overview of these processes had been presented to members at an earlier briefing session.

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The Chairman highlighted key paragraphs within the report covering the consultation process and results, the financial implications and the next stages of the project before opening the discussion. Marcus Phillips from Jacobs Consulting Engineers attended the meeting remotely and provided responses to questions from members along with key officers involved in the project.

Assurances were provided that the committee, via the project board, would receive regular updates at each stage of the scheme with opportunities to review. Further consultation would be available throughout the planning stage of the design.

Following the detailed discussion it was unanimously RESOLVED:

- 1. To recognise the volume and strength of response as part of the consultation exercise and incorporate the retention of local attractions such as the miniature railway, beach huts and pitch and putt golf course.
- 2. To approve Option 3C as detailed in the report as the Council's preferred option.
- 3. Subject to Environment Agency approval of the Outline Business Case, approve the commencement of the Phase 2 Planning Stage of this project set out in the report at an estimated cost of £845,000 with the works being funded from the Environment Agency flood defence grant in Aid programme; £600,000 from the Council's 2021/22 capital programme and £245,000 from the 2022/23 capital programme.
- 4. Subject to Environment Agency approval of the Outline Business Case, approve the draw down of the £600,000 business support budget.
- 5. Approve the procurement approach as set out in the report to use the Environment Agency's National Framework to procure the consultant and contractor, and to deliver the development stage of the St Annes Sea Wall project. To authorise that contracts are to be then entered into through the Environment Agency's National Framework for the Planning Studies.

6. Permission to Review TRO Objections

The Chairman presented a report that followed the decision made at the Operational Management committee, held on 16th June 2021, when it was resolved to implement a variety of changes to the overnight motorhome parking scheme.

The committee was requested to delegate the responsibility of reviewing any objections to the advertised proposed amendments to the car park Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to the Director of Development Services. To date no objections had been received.

The committee unanimously RESOLVED:

- 1. To delegate authority to the Director of Development Services to review any objections to the proposed amendments to Fylde Council's car park Traffic Regulation Order as agreed at the Operational Management Committee held on 16th June 2021.
- 2. Should the Director of Development Services deem an objection merits the proposals being varied, this would be agreed in conjunction with the Chair of the Operational Management Committee.

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