



MINUTES

Tourism and Leisure Committee

Date:	Thursday, 7 June 2018
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Cheryl Little (Chairman) Councillor Vince Settle (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Jan Barker, Karen Buckley, Maxine Chew, Susan Fazackerley, Shirley Green, Roger Lloyd, Sandra Pitman, Elaine Silverwood, Raymond Thomas
Other Members Present:	None
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Paul Walker, Ian Curtis, Mark Wilde, Tim Dixon, Charlie Richards Lyndsey Lacey-Simone
Members of the Public:	2 members of the public were in attendance

Former Councillor David Eaves

A minute's silence was held in memory of former Councillor David Eaves who sadly passed away on 3rd June 2018.

Public Platform

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

Review of the Council Art Collection

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman, Councillor Little read out a prepared statement from Ms Margaret Race (Chair of the Friends of the Lytham St Annes Art Collection) in relation to item 7 the agenda. In essence, Ms Race expressed her thanks and appreciation for the work undertaken by the appointed working group. Members of the Committee were invited by Ms Race to the 'Friends' next event, '*Penelope Revealed*', at the Town Hall on 14th June. The Chairman asked members to notify Ms Race direct if they wished to attend.

Lytham Festival Agreement

Following on from the above, the Chairman announced that item 6 on the agenda relating to the Lytham Festival Agreement had been withdrawn because the necessary legal arrangements to permit the ownership variation required further time to be complete. Members were advised that the item would be presented at the next meeting of the committee.

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.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

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

3. Substitute Members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 22(c):

Councillor Karen Buckley for Councillor Tim Ashton.

Councillor Susan Fazackerley for Councillor Richard Fradley.

Councillor Sandra Pitman for Councillor Brenda Blackshaw.

Councillor Elaine Silverwood for Councillor Paul Hodgson.

Decision Items

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

The Chairman, Councillor Cheryl Little introduced the progress report and in the absence of Councillor Fradley, went on to invite Allan Oldfield to present the report (previously circulated).

Mr Oldfield explained the report is the latest update to the committee on progress towards a new Lytham Hall Restoration Project. The report reiterated that the Council's interest and priority remains focused on facilitating a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) bid for the restoration of the Hall and ensuring the £300,000 capital grant the Council contributed in 2012 achieves the restoration of Lytham Hall.

In brief, Councillor Fradley's sixth progress report included details of events that had taken place since the last meeting of the committee (March 2018) including continued work with Heritage Trust North West (HTNW) and Lytham Town Trust (LTT) to develop a robust and constructive partnership to deliver a new HLF bid.

In his report, Councillor Fradley made particular reference to the improved relations between the partners and the work on the timetable to submit a new HLF bid. The report made reference to plans to finance and recruit a new Chief Executive at HTNW, the appointment of Mr Steve Williams (from LTT's Executive) as a Trustee at HTNW and possible reciprocal arrangements with a HTNW representative proposed as a member of the LTT Board.

In conclusion, Councillor Fradley's report indicated he was pleased with the progress made to date with all partners working towards a new bid for the restoration of Lytham Hall. It was proposed future updates will be information items unless a decision or approval is required.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairman invited comments and questions from members of the committee. Various members commented on key aspects of the presentation including: matters associated with £300,000 capital grant and future funding requirements; robustness of the current partnership arrangements and the timeframe for applying for a new HLF bid. These were addressed in turn by Mr Oldfield.

Following detailed consideration of this matter, the committee RESOLVED:

1. To note the progress being made by all partners to develop constructive and progressive relationships which will support a new bid for the restoration of Lytham Hall.
2. To continue to receive further updates through Councillor Fradley with particular focus on the timetable and plan for a restoration bid for the Hall.

5. Proposals for the Control of Barbecues, Outdoor Cooking and Other Forms of Fire on Council Owned Land

Further to the committee report of 22 June 2017, Paul Walker, Director of Development Services and Mark Wilde, Head of Parks, Leisure and Cultural Services were invited by the Chairman to present the updated report.

In brief, the report detailed the consultation process undertaken and the associated results of the proposed PSPO to prohibit or control the use of barbecues, outdoor temporary cooking facilities and other forms of fire on council owned land. It also made reference to the relevant legislation and a desktop study undertaken of other local authority approaches. An Options Appraisal was also included in the report setting out the benefits and

challenges of each option to enable members to make an informed view and these were further highlighted at the meeting.

In summary Members were invited to consider the following three options in an attempt to address concerns raised on the matter.

Option A: Full prohibition of barbecues and open fires on coastal parks and open spaces, ecological sites and beaches as identified in the consultation process, through the application of a Public Spaces Protection Order.

Option B: Full prohibition of barbecues and open fires on coastal parks and open spaces only, as identified in the consultation process, through the application of a Public Spaces Protection Order.

Option C: Provision of designated, managed barbecue zones, with selective prohibitions applied to all other areas enforced either through;

- Formal enforcement by the application of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), or
- Less formal enforcement undertaken on a trial basis to confirm effectiveness.

A further option was presented at the meeting which suggested undertaking further work on the matter to understand the impacts of the problem and possible solutions to barbecues, outdoor cooking and open fires. It was suggested that the report include best practice examples and options for how Fylde can better manage the issue so as to reduce any detrimental impacts and at the same time, ensure people are provided with opportunities to safely enjoy their visit to our coastal parks and open spaces, ecological sites and beaches areas.

Particular reference was made at the meeting to the low level of responses received to the consultation exercise undertaken; the importance attached to having a balanced approach to the matter and the associated impact of any decision made on the Heritage Lottery bid.

The results of public consultation were attached as an appendix to the report which included qualitative comments made by respondents to the consultation.

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: reference to specific issues at Fairhaven Lake; the timing of the public consultation exercise undertaken; challenges relating to proposed dedicated areas for BBQs and the associated financial and health and safety implications together with comparisons to other local authority dedicated facilities. These were addressed in turn by the relevant officer.

Following detailed consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. The committee notes the low level of response to the consultation and feels it makes it impossible for the council to be satisfied on reasonable grounds at this time that any of the proposed measures are necessary to prevent detrimental effects on those in the locality or reduce the likelihood of the detrimental effect continuing, occurring or recurring. In those circumstances, the statutory requirements for making a PSPO are not met.
2. The committee requests that further work is undertaken to understand the impacts of the problem and possible solutions to barbecues, outdoor cooking and open fires and that this include a re-consultation during the summer months.
3. The committee requests that in the meantime, more focus is given by the Parks and Coastal Services Team in an attempt to monitor the issues in these locations.

6. Lytham Festival Agreement

As referred to above, this item was withdrawn.

7. Review of the Council Art Collection

The Chairman invited Mark Wilde, Head of Parks, Leisure and Cultural Services who presented the updated report which detailed the outcome of work undertaken by a Member Working Group appointed by the Committee in November 2017, to establish the future management approach to the Council Art Collection. In doing so, she

advised the committee the departure of Amanda Draper, Ms Sophie Fuse had recently been appointed as the Council's new Arts Collection Officer and would commence her duties on 18 June.

The report summarised the work undertaken by the Working Group at three separate meetings and the conclusions drawn from those meetings. Members were advised that the Working Group had unanimously agreed that the Council should take a more proactive management approach to the management of the art collection and work towards achieving museum accreditation for the collection.

Following the presentation, various questions were raised by members including: options available for fundraising; the outcome of the proceeds from the insurance claim relating to the ivories; title of the collection; storage/racking proposals and the associated allocated budget and purpose of the visit to the Atkinson Museum.

An undertaking was given by Mr Walker to advise members (by way of email), of the outcome of the insurance claim relating to the ivories

In conclusion, the Chairman invited any member interested to visit the current arts storage facility at the Town Hall to view the existing conditions.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. That the Council adopts a more proactive management approach to the art collection and work towards achieving a 'strategic framework' as recommended by Mr William Moffett in the legal opinion 2017.
2. That Officers work towards achieving museum accreditation for the art collection under the Arts Council England scheme described in this report.
3. That Officers work to establish a Development Trust as described in this report to assist with additional fundraising and promotion of the collection.
4. That officers seek and apply for any external funding that may be applicable to an accredited art collection.
5. That in line with museum accreditation policies and procedures, the Council will not seek to sell any piece of artwork unless all external funding grants and additional fundraising opportunities have been exhausted, and the aims and objectives of the strategic framework have not been achieved. Only then would an application to the Charities Commission and Court be supported, with any income from sales used for the management of the remaining collection as per legal advice.
6. That the appointed member working group continue to be involved in the development of the above recommendations.

Information Items

The following information items were received by the committee.

8. Fairhaven Heritage lottery Project Update

Charlie Richards, Fairhaven Project Officer was invited by the Chairman to give a brief presentation/progress update to the committee on the Fairhaven Lake and Gardens HLF project.

A summary of the presentation was included as an appendix to the report.

The Chairman reported that it was that it is likely that an additional meeting of the committee would be arranged mid/late July in order to approve the final version of the Stage 2 Fairhaven Heritage Lottery Fund submission. In addition, she requested that an updated report on the Coastal Explorers Project (which commenced last year) be presented at the same meeting.

In regard to the proposed Costal Explores Project, it was suggested that a working group be appointed comprising the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Tourism and Leisure and Operational Management committees to oversee the Project.

It was RESOLVED to approve the action as outlined above.

9. Year- End Performance 2017/18

The information report provided the committee with details of the key performance outcomes (relevant to the committee) for the financial year-end 2017/18. Performance was reported against the annual targets and commentary was provided in relation to performance exception.

10. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2017/18 - Outturn Position 31 March 2018

The information report provided the committee with details of expenditure on schemes within the Council's approved capital programme for the financial year 2017/18.

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