



MINUTES

Operational Management Committee

Date:	Tuesday, 12 November 2019
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Roger Small (Chairman) Councillor Tommy Threlfall (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Mark Bamforth (via remote access), Alan Clayton, Chris Dixon, Will Harris, John Kirkham, Stan Trudgill.
Other Councillors Present:	Councillors Susan Fazackerley and Karen Buckley
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Andrew Loynd, Tara Walsh, Ross McKelvie.
Other Attendees:	One member of the public was in attendance.

Public Platform

There were no speakers on this occasion.

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 10 September 2019 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

No substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 23 (c):

Decision Items

4. Splash Park Toilet Facilities & Perimeter Fencing

The Chairman, Councillor Roger Small, presented the report regarding a proposed capital scheme to provide essential improvements at the Splash Park facility located in the St Anne's Promenade Gardens.

The Chairman began by explaining that a recent review of the Splash Park had been undertaken and had identified an urgent need to improve the current toilet facilities and perimeter fencing. The report recommended that funding currently included within the 2019/20 approved Capital Programme for the North Beach Car Park scheme be used instead to finance these Splash Park improvements.

Members of the Committee were assured that should the recommendation be agreed then funding for the north beach car park toilet facilities would be re-considered in the future as a priority.

During the discussion of this item, a question was asked about the liability of the perimeter fencing, this was addressed in full by Allan Oldfield, Chief Executive.

The Chairman, proposed an amendment to recommendation 3 as shown in the report. Copies of the amendment were provided to the committee for review prior to the meeting.

Following discussion, the Committee RESOLVED:

1. To recognise the success of the Splash Park facility and the need to provide toilet facilities and perimeter fencing for the 2020 season to enhance the customer experience and provide additional safety at the facility;
2. To request that the Finance & Democracy Committee approve an addition to the Capital Programme for 2019/20 in the sum of £185,000 in relation to the provision of toilet facilities and perimeter fencing at the Splash Park facility, that scheme replacing the existing scheme within the approved Capital Programme for 2019/20, in the same amount, in relation to the provision of toilet facilities at North Beach Car Park, with funding for the new scheme being by way of a virement in the sum of £185,000 from the previously-approved scheme for the provision of toilet facilities at North Beach Car Park;
3. To take no further action regarding toilet and sluice facilities until the outcome of a court case at North Beach is known. Once the outcome has been established the committee will request that an appropriate scheme is worked up, preferably for inclusion in 2020/2021
4. That subject to the approval of 2, above, to approve expenditure in the maximum sum of £185,000 for the provision of toilet facilities and perimeter fencing at the Splash Park facility;
5. To approve the direct award of the contract to design and build the public toilets at the splash park facility as detailed within the procurement section of this report to Danfo (UK) Ltd.

5. Car Park Working Group Outcomes

The Chairman, Councillor Roger Small, introduced the report which detailed the areas of Parking Services that were explored and reviewed by the Car Park Working Group over the period 2018 – 2019. A series of recommendations had been made by the group for the Operational Management Committee to approve which related to the Council's Car Park Strategy (attached as an appendix to the report) and a variety of issues that impact on the operation of the car parks.

During the discussion of this item, the Chairman stressed the importance of ensuring that the disabled bay policy and provision continue to be monitored.

Following detailed consideration into the various aspects of the report it was RESOLVED:

1. To approve the draft revised Car Park Strategy as set out in Appendix A
2. To agree to the principle of installing electric charging points on Fylde Council Car Parks and that low risk opportunities be explored for these to be installed.
3. To support the replacement of car park signs to bring them up to date
4. To agree to free Christmas Parking being offered on the three full weekends leading up to Christmas. When Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday this shall not be included in the scheme. Where there are four full

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weekends in December before Christmas, the first Saturday will be included to support Small Business Saturday.

5. To agree that the number of disabled bays provided on car parks should not be increased unless they do not meet the Department of Transport's non-statutory guidance. Free parking for up to 3 hours continue to be applied in disabled bays for blue badge holders.
6. To agree that standard parking charges should remain unchanged at this time and approve changes to motorhome and coach tariffs plus an increase to some permit charges as detailed within the report.
7. To agree to consider allowing motorhomes to park overnight on the far end section of Stanner Bank Car Park once it re-opens, subject to consultation with the Chair of the Tourism and Leisure Committee; and
8. To agree that the Council's current Car Park Enforcement Policy should remain the same.

6. Bus Shelter Working Group Outcomes

The Chairman, Councillor Roger Small, presented an overview on the outcomes of the Bus Shelter Working Group.

Members were informed that the group met in 2018 and 2019 to review the principle of providing bus shelters for third-party service, and to establish the most efficient and cost-effective means of doing so. The working group had since concluded and a series of recommendations had been made by the group for the Operational Management Committee to approve. These recommendations were highlighted in detail in the report.

In relation to recommendation 5 of the report, members stressed the importance of ensuring that bus shelters should not be forcibly transferred to parish councils and that it should be by request only.

Further to the above, it was suggested that a report containing a list of all the bus shelters identified as redundant be presented for consideration at a future committee meeting.

The Chairman also took the opportunity to express his thanks to the Bus Shelter Working Group for their work and input.

Following a detailed discussion, the Committee RESOLVED to:

1. Support the principle of Fylde Council continuing to provide bus shelters for a third-party service at the current level so long as they are still required;
2. Agree that additional shelters will only be provided where there is an identified need and funding in place;
3. Indicate support for the submission of a revenue growth bid for consideration as part of the 2020/21 budget-setting process in respect of bus shelter maintenance for an increase in the annual budget from £9,000 to £20,000 from 2020/21;
4. Agree that where redundant shelters are identified, and it is verified that no bus routes currently operate, or plan to operate in the near future, then they should be removed or relocated;
5. Support the principle of transferring ownership of bus shelters to Parish Councils where they request them, that adoption and sponsorship of individual shelters be explored and advertising on shelters is considered in consultation with Clear Channel; and
6. Agree the concluding of the working group on the proviso that it will reconvene when required.

Information Items

The following information items were received and noted by the committee.

7. Fairhaven to Church Scar Coast Defence Works

The report provided an update on the progress of the Fairhaven to Church Scar Scheme.

The Vice-Chairman, in his capacity as a member of the Coastal Defence Project Board, commented that the scheme was going well.

8. Christmas Tree Collection

The report provided an update on the collaboration between Fylde Council and Trinity Hospice on the trial doorstep collection of real Christmas trees.

Members were informed that plans were in place to extend this offer to other areas of the Borough for Christmas 2020.

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