

Minutes

TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Date:	Thursday, 2 June 2016
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee Members:	Councillor Cheryl Little (Chairman) Councillor Tim Ashton (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Jan Barker, Brenda Blackshaw, Julie Brickles, Tony Ford JP, Richard Fradley, Paul Hodgson, Angela Jacques, Sandra Pitman, Richard Redcliffe, Vince Settle
Other Members:	Councillors Karen Buckley, Susan Fazackerley
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Paul Walker, Mark Wilde, Lyndsey Lacey- Simone
Members of the public:	Eight members of the public were 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.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Tourism and Leisure Committee held on 10 March 2016 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 24(c):

Councillor Tony Ford for Councillor Maxine Chew.

Councillor Angela Jacques for Councillor Raymond Thomas.

Councillor Richard Redcliffe for Councillor Christine Akeroyd.

Decision Items

4. The Island Regeneration

The Chairman invited Paul Walker (Director of Development Services) to present the comprehensive report on proposals to redevelop and regenerate the Island site on the promenade, St Annes.

In summary, the report presented the history and background to the development of the Island site. It also referred to recent interest in the Island and recommended the undertaking of a marketing process to seek expressions of interest and ideas/proposals to redevelop and regenerate the site. Details with regard to this matter were set out in full in the report.

Councillor Redcliffe sought further clarification on the financial considerations and risks as outlined in paragraph 37 of the report. He made particular reference to the income received from the leases and the associated overall costs. This was addressed by Mr Walker.

A copy of the site plan was included as an appendix to the report.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To note the report and agree to the principle of marketing The Island site to seek proposals for its redevelopment and regeneration.
2. To instruct officers to prepare a brief and particulars for the marketing of the site which would set out those parameters to guide the exercise.
3. To agree that once the brief and particulars are prepared that marketing is undertaken through appropriate media to seek interest from developers.
4. To agree that a working group is approved made up of the chairman (or their nominee) from each of the following committees: Tourism & Leisure, Operational Management, Development Management and Finance & Democracy to assess any interest received.
5. To agree that a report presenting the outcome of the exercise be produced and reported to members in due course.

5. Freckleton Memorial Gardens Community Project

Mark Wilde (Head of Parks and Gardens) was invited to present a report on the Freckleton Memorial Gardens Community Project.

Members were reminded that Friends of Freckleton Memorial Gardens have been working in partnership with Fylde and LCC officers since April 2013, on a community project to “create a fully inclusive play area and surrounding gardens for the community to enjoy within the current Freckleton Park”.

Members were advised that the project had followed the ten stage process of the community parks improvement programme which included a comprehensive consultation exercise, the production of an agreed Masterplan and funding strategy. Officers had assisted the Friends group with a number of external funding bids, in addition to their own fund raising and a grant from Freckleton Parish Council. Further to the above, Council at its meeting on the 30 March 2015, approved a capital contribution of £50,000 to the Friends of Freckleton Memorial Park, in the 2016/17 budget, to be fully funded from the Council’s Capital Investment Reserve.

The full report described the funding strategy and summarised the context/scheme details. In addition, it highlighted the cost breakdown of the scheme, method of financing and the associated procurement process/tendering arrangements/details for new play facilities and associated improvement works at Freckleton Memorial Gardens.

A full set of drawings detailing the scheme together with a committee risk assessment were included as appendices to the report.

Various members commented on the exemplary approach adopted by the Friends Group and expressed their sincere appreciation to all involved in the project.

Councillor Barker sought clarification on the ‘restricted tendering procedure’ with particular reference to using the ‘CHEST’ procurement portal. Mr Wilde addressed this matter.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED to recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee:

1. That the Council acts as accountable body for the additional capital budget in the sum of £122,350, fully funded from various external grants and Section 106 contributions as detailed in the report.
2. Approval of a fully funded capital budget increase to the 2016/17 capital programme of £122,350, to be fully funded from the various external grants and Section 106 contributions as detailed in the report which will give a total capital budget of £172,350
3. Authorise the proposed expenditure in respect of the scheme to undertake improvements to Freckleton Memorial Gardens as detailed in the report. The approved Capital Programme for 2016/17 includes part funding of this scheme in the sum of £50,000 funded from the Capital Investment Reserve.
4. Agree to the letting of the contract for the design and build of new play facilities and associated improvement works to Wicksteed playgrounds in the sum of £172,350, subject to the funded budget increase of £122,350 to the 2016/17 capital programme, being approved by the Finance & Democracy Committee.

6. Hope Street Park Footways

Paul Walker (Director of Development Services) presented details of proposed resurfacing works to Hope Street Park Footpaths, St Annes.

The committee was informed that the proposed works would be fully funded from the Capital Investment Reserve within the 2016-2017 approved Capital Programme. Details with regard to this matter (including a cost breakdown of the scheme) were set out in the report.

Councillor Redcliffe commented on the cost breakdown for the scheme and the four quotes received. Particular reference was made to the high quote received from Lancashire County Council. Councillor Ashton agreed to provide feedback the county council on the matter.

Councillor Ford asked why part of the footways near the Bowling Green and pavilion etc had not been incorporated into the resurfacing works. An undertaking was given by Mr Walker that he would look in to this matter.

It was RESOLVED - To authorise the proposed expenditure works up to £24,000 in 2016/17 to Hope Street Park Footpaths as detailed within the report, with the works being fully funded from the Capital Investment Reserve as part of the approved 2016-17 capital programme.

7. Developing a Policy on Events Including Club Days, Festivals and Concerts

Paul Walker (Director of Development Services) was invited by the Chairman to present the report. In doing so, Mr Walker explained that it was proposed to develop a policy on events including club days, festivals and concerts in accordance with the recently approved Corporate Plan.

Further to this, it was proposed that a workshop be held with all members of the Tourism and Leisure committee to facilitate this work.

Various members welcomed the proposals and in doing so, sought clarification on whether in the long term, a wider cross section of the community would be involved in contributing to the policy. In response, Mr Walker indicated that the initial workshop would allow a free exchange of ideas that would ultimately translate into a policy document. Once drafted and if appropriate, the council could consult on the draft document with a wider section of the community.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To approve the development of a policy on events including club days, festivals and concerts.
2. To agree to the hosting of a workshop involving all members of the Tourism and Leisure Committee to facilitate this work.
3. To present an updated report to committee on the new policy once this work is complete.

8. Appointments to Members Working Group – Public Space Protection Orders

Paul Walker (Director of Development Services) was invited to present the report.

Members of the committee were invited to consider a proposal to establish a cross party member working group 'To investigate the possible use and implications of Public Space Protection Orders at Fylde and to make recommendations on whether they should be used, where they should be used and for what activities they should be used'. Full details with regard to this matter were set out in the report.

It was RESOLVED – To nominate the Chairman, Councillor Cheryl Little and Councillor Vince Settle to be part of the cross party/committee working group looking at Public Space Protection Orders relevant to the remit of the committee.

Information Items

9. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2015/16 – Outturn Position 31 March 2016

The information report provided details of the capital programme expenditure on a scheme by scheme basis extracted from the Council's financial ledger system for the period to 31st March 2016.

10. Year End Performance 2015/16

The information report provided details of the key performance outcomes for the financial year end 2015/16. Performance was reported against the targets set for the year and commentary was also provided by performance exception.

Specific to the committee was details of the number of swims at St Anne's pool which was highlighted as above target.

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