

# INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	9 SEPTEMBER 2021	8
<b>FAIRHAVEN HERITAGE LOTTERY PROJECT UPDATE</b>			

## PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

#### Building Works Contract

The building works contract is due to complete on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. A decant of the contractor's compound will commence at the same time and at the time of writing is due to be complete by 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021. The only outstanding substantial works to be completed at the time of Practical Completion is the fencing installation to the boat yard and the surfacing to the two new public tennis courts which is due to be undertaken week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

The Café tenant will sign a temporary license to allow for staff training, familiarisation, and furniture installation for a period of two weeks after Practical Completion. It is estimated that the Café will open between two and three weeks after Practical Completion (likely mid-late September).

#### Landscape Works Contract

Minor works will be undertaken by the landscape contractor in September; including completion of the crazy paving path and further seeding and remediation works.

#### Lake Works

The team are exploring an alternative long-term approach to the de-silting of the lake in conjunction with our appointed lake hydrologist Dr Nick Haycock. We are due to undertake sensitive velocity tests once the main boat service season ends in September to prove the methodology will work. The alternative method comprises of using an aggressive de-watering of the lake to occur in the off-season by leaving the sluice gate open to allow tides in and out without restriction. This in turn will purge silts (mainly sand) slowly and regularly back out to the Estuary.

The remaining lake works including new pontoons and works to the islands will be undertaken over Winter 2021.

#### Activity and Events Programme

The summer events programme is now complete with a range of family activity having been delivered. Although participation is lower than in previous years (490 participants over 9 events) due to covid booking restrictions, the quality of experience has been and high and the team has received great feedback.

In addition to the NLHF delivered events, we have also hosted 'Eye of Newt' theatre company which included a day of outdoor theatre in partnership with Spot On.

Fairhaven has also hosted two LCC 'Youth Fest' events over the summer period. The project supported the event by funding an art project with young people who designed and produced a series of tiles that will be installed on the skate park, collaborating with local artists. This has resulted in the young people developing skills and given

them a sense of pride within the park.

The Fairhaven team have provided 4 sessions for the Holiday Activity and Food scheme. The sessions provided a unique leisure activity for local children who are entitled to free school meals, giving them opportunity to take part in Fairhaven's attractions. The sessions have been challenging with multi-partner working and a diverse range of behavioural issues. The support of the Friends of Fairhaven Lake volunteers has been invaluable and cannot be commended enough.

The Fairhaven Regatta will return on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, showcasing the new Watersports Centre and all resident clubs.

#### **Operational Boathouse**

As per the previous report, the Operational Boathouse refurbishment project will be undertaken during the Winter; with tender documents due to be issued in October 2021.

#### **SOURCE OF INFORMATION**

Charlie Richards, Senior Projects Manager

#### **WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?**

A request was made at the Tourism & Leisure Committee held on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 for a regular information item to be presented to the Committee.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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