

Outside Body	Councillor	Report Status
<b>Tourism &amp; Leisure Committee, 28/2/19 meeting</b>		
	Arts Partnership for Fylde	Raymond Thomas
		Arts Working Group
	Fairhaven Lake & Gardens Restoration Project Board	Cheryl Little
	Fylde Arts Association	Raymond Thomas
		Fylde Coast YMCA Partnership Board
	Lowther Trust	Roger Small
	Lytham Hall Partnership	Richard Fradley
		Lytham Town Trust
	St Georges Day Festival Committee	Richard Fradley
		To follow - away

Fylde Council has received confirmation of receipt National Lottery grant of £1.476 million for the Fairhaven Lake and Garden Restoration project. Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, the project can now fulfil its ambition to make Fairhaven Lake and Gardens one of the finest marine lakes in the United Kingdom!

Supported through the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Big Lottery Fund, the project aims to conserve and restore Fairhaven's heritage buildings and landscape, improve the lake's infrastructure and water quality, and provide an exciting new programme of events.

Situated on the Fylde Peninsula on the Lancashire Coastline between Lytham and St Anne's, historic Fairhaven Lake and Gardens is one of the borough's most popular attractions. The park consists of a 10-hectare marine leisure lake, historic gardens laid out by Thomas H Mawson and Sons, a wide range of sport and recreational facilities together with a traditional lakeside café.

The site plays host to the RSPB Discovery Centre on the gateway to the Ribble Estuary, one of the most important sites for birdlife in Europe and a designated Ramsar site, Special Protection Area and SSSI. Although the park remains a hugely popular tourist and resident destination, it is in much need of development to preserve and restore its physical heritage as well as introduce activity for a wider range of audiences.

The restoration objectives focus on 4 key elements; buildings, landscape, lake and activity.

- Key features of building works include:
  - o External and internal restoration of the pavilion café building (original 1896 golf club house)
  - o Internal development of the current Isaac Dixon Boathouse (1920's) to support water sports and community activity
  - o Restoration works to the Pagoda Building (1901) which is currently home to the RSPB Ribble Discovery Centre to enable a

wider range of park heritage interpretation and act as main welcome centre to the park

- Key features of the landscape works include:
  - o Improved facilities for tennis and bowls
  - o Changed planting to restore historic vistas
  - o Restoration of the Japanese Gardens
  - o Creation of full perimeter pathway
  - o Forest School Island and Winter Bird Roost
  - o New adventure play area
  
- Key features of the lake works include:
  - o Lake dredging and aeration
  - o Lake edge innovative pilot projects
  - o Reconstruction of the Lake Inlet/Outlet (courtesy of the Sea Defence Project)
  
- Key features of the Activity and Interpretation include:
  - o Information points around the gardens to highlight the historic importance of Mawson's design and highlight the site's international importance for wildlife
  - o Education offer expanded in partnership with RSPB and others
  - o Increased volunteer activity – in partnership with FOFL and UR Potential
  - o Significant increase in water based activity – kayaks, canoeing, sailing, windsurfing, open water swimming
  - o Arts/Crafts/workshop activity delivered by private partners with links to hard-to-reach groups
  - o Annual events programme to include outdoor theatre, performance arts, sailing regatta and much mor

Projects will start in January 2019, with physical work on lake and gardens are due to be started in autumn 2019 with the project due for completion at the end of 2021.

Events Planned for this year are:

Wellness Walks

Theatre productions

Buggy Walks

Community Action Days

Bushcraft

Orienteering

Family Heritage and Heritage Walks

School sports

And of course the Big Picnic

## Outside Bodies - Member Reporting Form

## Details

Councillor Name and Role on Outside Body  
(for example, Observer, Trustee, Director)

Roger Small Lowther Trust member

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Period this report covers (date):

November 2018-March 2019

Name of Outside Body:

Lowther Trust

How often does the organisation meet? And  
how often have you attended?

Monthly, I have attended 100%, plus I attended a meeting for volunteers held  
by the chairman

Key issues arising for Fylde Borough Council

Governance review this is currently on going. The trust responding to actions  
taken by the council. The legal issue currently outstanding between the trust  
and the cafe tenant.

Examples of issues could be those that may affect decisions regarding budget  
setting,  
challenges for residents, policy changes that affect partnership working etc

Who did you inform of these issues within  
Fylde Borough Council?

Chief executive, legal officer

In the light of these meetings, is it worthwhile  
for the Council to continue to have a  
representative/representatives on this body?

Yes

Any further comments?

I am there to represent the council's interests and give a robust explanation of  
the council's position, particularly in relation to funding, future developments  
etc.whilst striving to achieve a viable Lowther for the future.

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Councillor Name and Role on  
Outside Body (for example,  
Observer, Trustee, Director)

Tim Ashton Director

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Period this report covers  
(date):

September 2018 - February 2019

Name of Outside Body:

Lytham Town Trust

How often does the  
organisation meet? And how  
often have you attended?

4 times per year - attended all meetings within this period

Key issues arising for Fylde  
Borough Council

Lytham Town Trust (LTT) owns Lytham hall and has granted a lease to operate the hall to The Heritage Trust Northwest (HTNW) A large regeneration project has been taking place both within the grounds and on the building at Lytham Hall. The works include painting the building and regenerating the internal space. Fylde Council is assisting both LTT and HTNW agree a way forward to ensure the longevity of the Hall and Grounds, Cllr. Richard Fradley has acted as an intermediary and to date positive steps have been taken. The trust also operates the Assembly Rooms in Lytham and these rooms are not very well used and on occasion the council holds events there. Lancashire County Council will be moving the library service into the Assembly Rooms – no date has yet been decided. This will impact on the Lytham Institute Building in Lytham which is owned by Fylde Council. At the present time LTT and The Friends of Lytham Library and Institute are discussing the best way forward to utilise the building for community use, either in full or part. The Civic Society has obtained Counsel's opinion on the charitable status of the Lytham Institute. The opinion of Counsel is that the building is still subject to the charitable trusts created by the 1917 deed of assignment.

Examples of issues could be those that may affect decisions regarding budget setting, challenges for residents, policy changes that affect partnership working etc

Who did you inform of these  
issues within Fylde Borough  
Council?

The Chief Executive

In the light of these meetings,  
is it worthwhile for the  
Council to continue to have a  
representative/representatives  
on this body?

Yes

Any further comments?

At the present time LTT and The Friends of The Lytham Institute are discussing the best way forward to utilise the building for community use, either in full or part. The Library and Institute building was paid for and built by the public and should remain as a public building. Fylde Council can play a pivotal role in ensuring that this valuable asset remains available for community use.