



MINUTES

Tourism and Leisure Committee

Date:	Thursday, 26 July 2018
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Cheryl Little (Chairman) Councillor Vince Settle (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Tim Ashton, Jan Barker, Brenda Blackshaw, Paul Hodgson, Angela Jacques, Sandra Pitman, Ray Thomas
Other Members Present:	None
Officers Present:	Paul Walker, Mark Wilde, Tim Dixon, Charlie Richards, Julie Vale, Sharon Wadsworth.
Members of the Public:	No members of the public in attendance

Public Platform

There were no requests to speak 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 meeting held on 7 June 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 Angela Jacques for Councillor Shirley Green.

Councillor Sandra Pitman for Councillor Richard Fradley.

Decision Items

4. Fairhaven HLF Project Round 2 Submission

Charlie Richards, Fairhaven Project Officer, provided the committee with an overview of the progress of the Fairhaven Lake & Gardens HLF project to date. The project had now progressed to a stage at which Committee approval was required before the final bid could be submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) in August 2018.

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Mr Richards highlighted that Round 2 submissions faced significantly greater competition, compared to recent years and the HLF had requested that any unsecured match funding, submitted as part of the application must be underwritten at the time of the Round 2 submission by the grant applicant. At the full Council meeting, held on 16th July 2018 it was approved for an addition to the Capital Programme for 2018/19, should it become necessary, in relation to the underwriting of the Fairhaven Lake and Gardens Heritage Lottery Fund Round 2 submission for a maximum sum of £343,000.

The Committee was requested to approve the revised masterplan and the capital cost plan which included the underwriting of £343,000 by the Council for the as yet unsecured match funding that would form part of the Heritage Lottery Fund Round 2 submission of the restoration of Fairhaven Lake and Gardens.

Following detailed consideration of this matter, the committee unanimously RESOLVED:

1. To note the approval by the Council at the meeting of 16th July 2018 of an addition to the Capital Programme for 2018/19, should it become necessary, in relation to the underwriting of the Fairhaven Lake and Gardens Heritage Lottery Fund Round 2 submission in a maximum sum of £343,000;
2. To approve the detail and submission of the Fairhaven Lake and Gardens final masterplan included in the report, which forms part of the Round 2 submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund; and
3. To approve the detail and submission of the Fairhaven Lake and Gardens final capital cost plan included in the report, which forms part of the Round 2 submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund, which included the underwriting of £343,000 as agreed by Council at the meeting of 16th July 2018.

5. Grant of Lease at Park View Playing Fields to Lytham Juniors FC

Tim Dixon, Tourism and Cultural Services Manager, presented a report that proposed a twenty five year Lease to be granted to Lytham Juniors Football Club for four playing pitches located on Park View Playing Fields (Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields) in Lytham. Granting of the lease would allow the club to apply for a £260,000 development grant from the Football Foundation for new changing facilities to be built on adjoining land.

The Football Foundation had ring fenced £260,000 of grant funding for Lytham Juniors to create fit for purpose changing facilities on adjacent land that was not owned by the council. Currently no changing facilities were available. In order to provide a new clubhouse, the Club required a 25 year lease on the pitches as per the criteria set out by the Football Foundation to secure the tenure for the club on the pitches. Mr Dixon highlighted that the Fylde Playing Field Strategy, approved in 2016, that feeds into the proposed Fylde Local Plan had identified poor changing facilities in the area. The approval of the lease would seek to address this.

By entering into a Lease with Lytham Juniors the Council would be proposing a disposal of the pitches from public playing pitches to pitches for the exclusive use of the proposed tenant. Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972 required the council to advertise its intent to dispose of open spaces and consider any objections received.

Following questions from members that were answered in full by Paul Walker, Director of Development Services, the committee RESOLVED:

1. To grant delegated authority to the Director of Development Services in consultation with the Chair of the Tourism and Leisure Committee and the two Clifton Ward Members appointed to the committee, Councillors Thomas and Fradley, to approve the draft Lease with Lytham Juniors following the consideration of any objections to this disposal,
2. For Mr Walker, Director of Development Services, to inform that Tourism and Leisure committee members of any objections received and the proposed responses.

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