



MINUTES

Tourism and Leisure Committee

Date:	Thursday, 14 March 2019
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Cheryl Little (Chairman) Councillors Tim Ashton, Brenda Blackshaw, Maxine Chew, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Shirley Green, Roger Lloyd, Richard Redcliffe, Elaine Silverwood, Ray Thomas
Other Members Present:	Councillor Karen Buckley
Officers Present:	Paul Walker, Allan Oldfield, Mark Wilde, Ian Curtis, Tim Dixon, Lisa Foden, Charlie Richards, Katharine McDonnell
Members of the Public:	Two members of the public were in attendance

A minute's silence was held to honour the memory of Councillor Christine Akeroyd, who had passed away on 13th March 2019.

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.

The Chairman, Councillor Cheryl Little declared a personal interest in item 7 – Outside Bodies in so far as she is a trustee of Lowther Trust.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Tourism and Leisure Committee meeting held on 10 January 2019 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 23(c):

Councillor Sue Fazackerley MBE for Councillor Vince Settle.

Councillor Richard Redcliffe for Councillor Richard Fradley.

Decision Items

4. Proposals for the Control of Barbecues and other Outdoor Cooking on Council Owned Land

Paul Walker, Director of Development Services, presented the results of the further consultation undertaken on proposals to introduce a PSPO (Public Spaces Protection Order) to control the use of barbecues and other outdoor cooking on council owned land.

Mr Walker explained that a consultation had been undertaken between July and September 2018, following on from an earlier consultation undertaken in 2017. He explained that the questions asked in both consultations had been the same to ensure consistency. In addition to public comments, the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service were contacted for their views on the proposal.

Mr Walker advised that Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service were not supportive of a total ban, their preferred option was designated areas, as these were easier to manage. He further advised that research had indicated that only a handful of local authorities had a PSPO for barbecues in place, most were for specific areas rather than blanket bans, other authorities used bye-laws or education through signage to manage issues with barbecues

He advised that a number of options were open to members, which were detailed in the report, these included the options for PSPOs and the necessary costs associated for enforcement.

Mr Walker also explained that, as observations indicated that members of the BME community were disproportionately represented among barbecue users who would be affected by the proposed orders, making the orders would constitute indirect discrimination. He advised that under the Equality Act the committee therefore needed to be satisfied that whatever restrictions were imposed were a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim, or the restrictions would be unlawful. Mr Curtis, Head of Governance offered the committee further advice on the public sector equality duty.

Mr Walker concluded his presentation by advising that members should note that Option A or B, which would see the introduction of a PSPO, should be reviewed after a year, and then every 3 years.

The committee debated the matter fully and in doing so raised a number of questions. Mr Wilde, Head of Parks, Leisure and Cultural Services advised that the information regarding the BME community had derived from officers observing the users of barbecues whilst undertaking their normal duties, and through the BME Forum. In response to a question, Mr Curtis, advised that to the provision of designated managed barbecue sites would be unlikely to materially increase the risk of liability for the council unless the sites were poorly maintained or of a poor initial construction.

A number of options were proposed and seconded and considered in turn, and then voted upon. It was therefore **RESOLVED**

1. To introduce a full prohibition of barbecues and other outdoor temporary cooking facilities on council owned land through the application of a Public Spaces Protection Order; to set the level of the Fixed Penalty Notice at £50; and
2. To recommend to Council an additional unfunded annual revenue budget increase of £38,000 to cover the cost of enforcement.

5. Fairhaven Heritage Lottery Project

Charlie Richards, Fairhaven Project Officer, presented an update on the Fairhaven Heritage Lottery Project. He advised that as the team had been successful in securing the second round capital grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Mr Richards provided a detailed background to each of the recommendations before committee, along with key points from the report including the match funding requirement, the spending proposals for the grant and the approved purposes which the grant funding specified.

It was **RESOLVED**;

1. To recommend to Council approval of a fully-funded increase in the total scheme value within the Capital Programme of £2,317,497 (£33,342 in 2018/2019, £1,401,500 in 2019/2020, £713,943 in 2020/2021 and £168,712 in 2021/2022) in respect of the Fairhaven Lake & Gardens Restoration Project, to be met in full as detailed in the report;

2. Subject to the approval at 1 above, to authorise the proposed expenditure in respect of Professional fees in the sum of £170,653 and activity costs in the sum of £276,125 as detailed in section 9 in order to progress the scheme; and

3. To note that further draw down reports would be presented to the Tourism and Leisure committee as the scheme progresses.

6. Fairhaven Adventure Golf – Capital Bid 2019/20

Paul Walker, Director of Development Services, introduced the item and Charlie Richards, Fairhaven Project Officer, gave a detailed presentation and showed a short video regarding a capital bid proposal for an 18 hole Adventure Golf course at Fairhaven Lake. Mr Richards explained that the idea for which had emerged during the development phase of the Fairhaven HLF project, and was one which aligned with the recently adopted Commercial Strategy. The committee report requested that members considered the capital bid as described in Appendix A of the report and to make a recommendation for the bid to be progressed in conjunction with the Fairhaven Lake Heritage lottery funded project.

Following the short video of the proposed course, which incorporated Fylde landmarks, Mr Richards advised that opportunities for sponsorship would be explored that may reduce the capital cost of the facility to the Council. He provided a detailed breakdown of costs both for development and possible income streams. He explained that both best and worst case scenarios had been explored, following benchmarking research against other courses.

Mr Richards advised that the initial capital investment would be £505,000, annual expenditure would be £91,099. Expected annual income under the best case scenario would be £225,000 and worse case £142,032. Working to those figures the capital investment would be paid back within 3.8 years based on the best case figures and 9.5 years based on the worse case figures.

In response to questions from Committee, Mr Walker explained that as the grant award from the HLF had not been announced until December, the proposed bid could not be considered during the usual November budget cycle.

Mr Richards advised that the lease for the proposed kiosk would be offered to the tenant of Fairhaven café in the first instance before being offered elsewhere.

The Committee commented it was an excellent scheme and thanked the officers for their hard work.

It was RESOLVED

1. To support the progression of the proposed bid in conjunction with the Fairhaven Lake Heritage project; and
2. To recommend to Full Council that the proposed capital bid be included in the Fairhaven Lake Heritage project.

Information Items

7. Outside Bodies

The Committee considered the reports from members appointed to Outside Bodies.

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