



MINUTES

Tourism and Leisure Committee

Date:	Thursday, 7 January 2021
Venue:	Remote Meeting Via Zoom.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Cheryl Little (Chairman) Councillor Michael Sayward (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Peter Anthony, Tim Armit, Brenda Blackshaw, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Shirley Green, Gavin Harrison, Matthew Lee, Vince Settle, Elaine Silverwood.
Other Members	Councillors Karen Buckley, David O'Rourke, Roger Small.
Officers Present:	Paul Walker, Ian Curtis, Darren Bell, Mark Wilde, Tim Dixon, Charlie Richards, Jon Rutter, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone.
Members of the Public:	One member of the public attended the meeting.

Public Platform

There were no requests to speak under the Public Platform arrangements.

Procedural Items

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 5 November 2020 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

Decision Items

4. Bobby Ball Memorial Statue

Further to the Notice of Motion supported by Full Council on 7 December 2020, which sought to erect a statue of

Bobby Ball in Lowther Gardens, Paul Walker, Director of Development Services was invited to present an updated report on the matter.

Members were advised that Lowther Trust had agreed to raise funds for a special memorial statue of Bobby Ball that will be situated in Lowther Gardens. Mr Walker advised that A JustGiving page had been set up by Lowther Trust to help raise the funds required which are estimated to be in the region of £100,000 which would include the cost of the statue, plinth, installation, landscaping and lighting.

It was further reported that since the Notice of Motion was agreed there had been close liaison with the Bobby's family. There had also been a site visit to discuss a position for the statue which had been agreed by Lowther Trust, subject to planning permission.

The report set out the process for taking this project forward including: the drafting of a brief for the design; construction/landscape details; consultation; procurement of a sculptor; seeking planning permission and commissioning and installation of the statue. The Committee was advised that the process is estimated to take a minimum of 12 months subject to sufficient funds being collected.

Mr Walker advised that it was proposed that Fylde Council would provide Lowther Trust with support in delivering this project which would be in the form of communications, publicity, procurement advice/support, and technical advice/support.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairman invited questions from members. Clarification was sought from various members on the funding arrangements including, strands of fundraising; potential shortfall issues; events planned; ringfencing of the monies and the funding achieved to date. The questions were addressed in turn by Mr Walker and Mr Wilde as appropriate.

Councillor Susan Fazackerley was invited to report on the matter as the Council's representative on Lowther Trust.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To agree that Fylde Council provide Lowther Trust with support in delivering the Bobby Ball Memorial Statue project in the form of communications, publicity, procurement advice/support, and technical advice/support.
2. To note that periodic reports will be brought to the committee to inform members of progress being made towards delivery of the project.

5. Blackpool Road North Playing Fields Drainage

Darren Bell (Head of Technical Services) and Jon Rutter (Senior Technical Officer) were invited by the Chairman to present the report on the approved plan to replace the culverted drain at Blackpool Road North Playing Fields, St Annes.

It was reported that the works would replace the existing culvert along the full length of the sports field which had partially collapsed in areas. Members were advised that the works are a requirement under riparian ownership responsibilities as set out by the Environment Agency (EA). Further details regarding this matter including the scheme details, procurement arrangements, risks and associated costings were set out in the report.

Included as appendices to the report was a copy of the existing site plan and the proposed site plan.

Following the presentation, the Chairman invited questions from members of the committee and two ward members who were also in attendance at the committee. These related to the following areas: concerns regarding the wider drainage issues/waterlogging on the field; pitches remaining playable; contingency arrangements; future investigations/surveys and next stages/programme of works. These were addressed in turn by the appropriate officer.

Following consideration of this matter, it was RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee approval of a fully funded increase in the sum of £20,000 to the Blackpool Road North Playing Fields Drainage scheme within the approved Capital Programme for 2020/21, to be met in full from the Capital Investment Reserve;

2. To approve the draw-down of £20,000, in addition to the £105,000 already approved in the Council's 2020/21 capital programme, subject to the approval of the increase to the Blackpool Road North Playing Fields Drainage scheme by the Finance and Democracy Committee; and
3. To note the procurement route as detailed in the procurement section of this report and award the tender to Cleveland Land Services.
4. To note that additional work to prevent future ponding and waterlogging of the site is to be investigated as a matter of urgency and for any such work identified to be carried out concurrently with the main contract. If officers consider it appropriate, then consideration be given to using the expertise of the successful contractor by negotiating a contract extension for such work provided this is financially favourable and in accordance with the Council's procurement guidelines. The capital implications of extra work over and above the present budget is to be costed and agreed by the Finance and Democracy Committee.

6. Budget Setting – Prioritisation of Capital Bids 2021/22

The Chairman invited Paul Walker (Director of Development Services) to introduce the report relating to the prioritisation of capital bids for 2021/22 which fell within the Terms of Reference of the Committee. She then went on to invite the relevant officers to present the details of the bids.

In summary, the bids related to the following areas: (i) Access control measures (ii) Ashton Gardens lighting improvements (iii) Improvements to Children's play areas (iv) Fairhaven operational boathouse refurbishment (v) Open space improvements at School Lane, Newton and (vi) Park View drainage improvements.

The specific details/costings associated with each bid were included as an appendix to the report.

Members were invited to comment on the various schemes set out in Appendix A of the report in turn and determine the associated order of priority.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED: To support the capital bids relevant to the Committee's Terms of Reference (in the order of priority as detailed below) for further consideration by the Budget Working Group.

1. Access Control Measures 2. Ashton Gardens Lighting Improvements 3. Park View Drainage Improvements 4. Fairhaven Operational Boathouse Refurbishment 5. Improvements to Children's Play Areas and 6. Open Space Improvements at School Lane, Newton.

7. Budget Setting – Fees and Charges 2021/22

Tim Dixon (Tourism and Cultural Services Manager) introduced the report. In doing so, he advised that each year, as part of the budget-setting process, the schedule of fees and charges for the coming year are reviewed by budget-holders prior to the schedule being considered by the relevant Programme Committee before being approved at the March Budget Council meeting.

A full schedule of proposed fees and charges for all Council services for 2021/22 was made available via a link:

The schedule of fees and charges (as detailed in appendix A of the report) for those activities within the remit of the Tourism and Leisure committee were considered by members.

Members were invited to comment on the various fees and charges. Any questions relating thereto were addressed by Mr Dixon.

The Committee RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to Council the proposed schedule of fees and charges applicable for 2021/22; and
2. To note that the final fees and charges for 2021/22 will be approved by the Budget Council in March 2021.

Information Items

The following information items were received by the Committee.

8. Budget Setting – Revenue Budget 2021/22 – First Draft

The information report provided an update on the first draft of the revenue budget for 2021/22 that had been prepared which was made available via a link. The Committee was advised that the budget had been prepared on a continuation basis and had been updated to reflect all Committee and Council decisions made to date, the outcome of the budget-rightsizing exercise and all virements.

9. Floral Bedding Procurement 2020-2021

The information report described the floral bedding procurement process and recent changes made to the process as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

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