

MINUTES

Tourism and Leisure Committee

Date:	Thursday, 11 March 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, Kiran Mulholland, Vince Settle, Elaine Silverwood.
Other Members:	Councillors Karen Buckley, David O'Rourke.
Officers Present:	Paul Walker, Ian Curtis, Mark Wilde, Tim Dixon, Lisa Foden, Charlie Richards, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone.

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 7 January 2021 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

Decision Items

4. Release of S106 Monies – Hove Road, St Annes

Lisa Foden (Parks and Coastal Services Manager) was invited by the Chairman to introduce the report regarding the release of S106 monies in the sum of £1,275 for proposed play area improvements at Hove Road, St Annes.

It was reported that the improvements would include replacement of worn and damaged safety surfacing and the provision of new parks furniture. Further details regarding this matter were set out in the report.

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Clarification was sought on the S106 threshold arrangements. This was addressed by Mr Walker.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee approval of a fully funded revenue budget increase of £1,275 fully funded from the S106 contribution from the St. Albans Road development, to carry out play area improvement works at Hove Road, St. Annes as detailed in the report.
2. To award the above works to DCM Surfaces Ltd who, for the sum of £1,275, will undertake the agreed play improvements, subject to the approval of the fully funded budget increase by the Finance and Democracy Committee.

5. Spitfire Memorial

Paul Walker (Director of Development Services) introduced the report regarding the proposed adoption of the Spitfire Memorial at Fairhaven Lake by Fylde Council. Details regarding this matter including the financial implications were set out in the report.

Following the presentation, the Chairman invited questions from members of the committee. These related to the following areas: importance attached to the Spitfire asset; maintenance issues/shelf life of the Spitfire memorial; financial commitments involved /fundraising opportunities to mitigate costs; possible charges linked to the 1940s event; options for a shorter management/maintenance period and the possible support/sponsorship from BAE support and/or other local businesses. The questions were addressed in turn by Mr Walker.

Following consideration of this matter, it was RESOLVED:

1. To agree to accept the transfer of the ownership of the Spitfire memorial to Fylde Council at no cost.
2. To agree that Fylde Council takes on the management and maintenance of the Spitfire memorial for a minimum period of 10 years with a view to reviewing the arrangements on an annual basis.
3. That the agreement entered into between Fylde Council and John Coombes dated 26/7/2012 be terminated and a new agreement be drafted incorporating the terms set out in the report with the exception of the minimum period being 10 years as 2 above.
4. That the cost of annual maintenance of the Spitfire Memorial be met from existing budgets, although the periodic costs of refurbishment and repainting would need to be the subject of a capital bid at the appropriate time.
5. That suitable arrangements be made to look at sponsorship options for the Spitfire Memorial with a view to reporting on the outcome at the next appropriate meeting of the Committee.

Information Items

The following information items were received by the Committee.

6. Capital Scheme: Improvements to Children's Play Areas

Further to the approval of a capital growth item in the sum of £37,621 at Budget Council on 4 March 2021 and the securing of grant funding in the sum of £12,379, the information report provided a progress update in respect of the capital scheme to improve children's play areas within the borough.

The Committee was advised that a prioritised and phased list of annual works had been collaborated to inform a repair and replacement programme, based on risk, condition, location and use.

The sites allocated for funding were detailed in the report.

7. Coastal Explorers Project Update

The information report provided an update on the Coastal Explores Project including the associated funding arrangements/bids.

In summary, members were advised that the project is planned to deliver a series of participative programmes and a creative hub which would be sited close to St Paul's Avenue Car Park at Fairhaven.

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In order to provide a more detailed overview of the current status of the Project, a copy of the Coastal Explorers PowerPoint presentation material was included as an appendix to the report.

Clarification was sought about accessibility to the Project for persons with disabilities. This was addressed by Mr Dixon.

8. Fairhaven Heritage Lottery Project Update

An updated information report on the Fairhaven Heritage Lottery Project with specific reference to the building/landscape works contracts together with the Interpretation and Activity and Events Programme was included on the agenda.

9. Bobby Ball Statue Update

Further to resolution of the 7 January 2021 committee meeting, the information report provided an update of actions taken to date in delivering the Bobby Ball Memorial Statue project. The details were set out in the report.

Clarification was sought about the tender process and the associated financial arrangements/implications. This was addressed by Mr Wilde.

10. Reports of the Various Outside Bodies

The reports from members appointed to the various Outside Bodies (within the remit of the committee) were included (where appropriate) as appendices to the covering report.

11. COVID 19 Recovery

A verbal update was provided to members on the COVID 19 Recovery measures/ Roadmap in so far as it relates to the Terms of Reference of the Tourism and Leisure Committee with particular reference to how different events and facilities would be restarted safely when the restrictions are lifted.

Mr Walker advised the Committee that the Council had submitted an application on behalf of the Fylde Coast YMCA for a grant from the National Leisure Recovery Fund which had resulted in a £140,000 grant being awarded. In addition, a further £9,612 had been granted to the YMCA from that fund from unspent monies from other areas of across the country resulting in a total grant of £149,612. This would go forward as a funded budget increase.

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