

INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	10 JUNE 2021	11
FAIRHAVEN HERITAGE LOTTERY PROJECT UPDATE			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Building Works Contract

The construction works have now been progressing for approximately 7 months (including the standard two-week shutdown period over Christmas). The Pagoda building has been completed and was opened on 29th April 2021. The Watersports Centre is nearing completion with all internal fit-out works now complete; the remaining works being the installation of the external drainage tank and connection of the water supply. The Café is due to be practically complete by 16th July 2021, with the Café now watertight and internal fit-out having commenced.

Landscape Works Contract

Further to the update in the previous report, the Landscape Contractor has returned to site to carry out the edge protection, stonework and remediation of areas affected by the initial contract works. The contractor is on site as of this week (week commencing 24th May 2021) to finish the remediation and tidying works.

Interpretation

The external signage has now been installed except for those signs within the curtilage of the Building Contractor's site. The internal signage within the Pagoda building has been installed.

The Audio-Visual contractor has installed a specialist sound and light show within the Pagoda as part of the internal fit-out works undertaken though April. The contractor remains appointed to install the Rotating Guida Kiosk in the Pagoda and to connect a new camera that will be situated on the Estuary.

The remaining interpretation package to be procured is for a software developer to produce the Rotating Kiosk software and the App. This has been pushed back to the summer so that the supporting drone footage for the software can be filmed in the summer months when the site is 'clean'. The tender submissions for the Software Developer are due back on Friday 28th May, with the software packages programmed to be finalised by early July.

Activity and Events Programme

There has been a slow and measured build up to re-introduce parts of the NLHF funded Activity and Events Plan back to Fairhaven, in line with the easing of Covid-19 restrictions and in accordance with the various stages of the Governments Covid recovery plan. Volunteer activity has also returned to the site, with many of the Friends of Fairhaven Lake members involved, specifically in delivering heritage walks and the heritage ambassador scheme. The delivery of school Watersports sessions have also resumed in partnership with Outdoor Education North West. The Activity Development Officer will be working over the coming months to deliver all aspects of the Activity and Events plan to complement the completion of the main project works.

Operational Boathouse

Officers have explored the possibility of negotiating a price for the incumbent main building contractor, John Turner Construction Group, to carry out the Operational Boathouse refurbishment works as an extension to the wider building restoration contract. Unfortunately, the final price submitted by the main contractor was not competitive and the project will be tendered competitively and carried out later in the year.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

A request was made at the Tourism & Leisure Committee held on the 7th September 2017 for a regular information item to be presented to the Committee.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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