



MINUTES

Tourism and Leisure Committee

Date:	Thursday, 10 June 2021
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Michael Sayward (Chairman) Councillor Gavin Harrison (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Peter Anthony, Brenda Blackshaw, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Brian Gill, Shirley Green, Cheryl Little, Vince Settle, Elaine Silverwood.
Other Members:	Councillors Karen Buckley, David O'Rourke.
Officers Present:	Paul Walker, Tim Dixon, Lisa Foden, Charlie Richards, Ross McKelvie, Sophie Fuce, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone.
Members of the Public:	3 Members of the public were in attendance

Public Platform

Under the Public Platform arrangements, Mrs Amanda Dalmasso addressed the committee on matters associated with the Fairhaven Kiosk/ Ice Cream Bar, Stanner Bank (agenda item 6/minute 5 refers). The matters raised were addressed during the presentation.

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 11 March 2021 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

The following substitution was reported under Council Procedure Rule 23(c):

Councillor Brian Gill for Councillor Matthew Lee.

Variation of Business

At this juncture, the Chairman varied business on the agenda as set out below:

Decision Items

4. Arts Service Review Working Group

Tim Dixon (Tourism & Cultural Services Manager) introduced the report. In doing so, he presented 3 recommendations proposed by the Arts Service Review Member Working Group at the meeting held on 18 May 2021. Details regarding this matter were set out in the report.

Sophie Fuce (Collections Development Officer) expanded on key elements contained in the report.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairman invited questions. These related to the Forward Plan and access to the collection. These were addressed in turn by Sophie Fuce.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To note that formal ratification of the proposed Forward Plan as detailed in this report is required for accreditation for the art collection under the Arts Council England (ACE) scheme.
2. To agree to the establishment of a formal Service Level Agreement with the 'Friends' of the Collection.
3. To agree to making the Collection accessible for a minimum of 20 days per year to meet the requirements of the museum accreditation standards.

5. Fairhaven Kiosk/ Ice Cream Bar, Stanner Bank

Darren Bell (Head of Technical Services) was invited by the Chairman to introduce the report regarding a proposed scheme at the Fairhaven Kiosk/Ice Cream Bar at Stanner Bank, Fairhaven.

In summary, the report described a potential development proposal which sought to deliver regeneration benefits to the junction of Stanner Bank Car Park and Granny's Bay.

It was reported that working in partnership with the existing tenants of the adjacent Kiosk, the Council had developed a proposal to replace the existing ice cream kiosk at the entrance to Stanner Bank Car Park and replace with a new larger landmark architect designed building with seating and toilets. In this regard, the report proposed a fully funded addition to the Council's capital programme.

Members were advised that the initial design work investigated various potential built forms and architectural directions, culminating in three initial options. These were subsequently refined resulting in two further options. Further details regarding the options and the proposed lease terms/ arrangements were set out in the report.

included as appendices to the report was a copy of the location plan and details of the preferred Option 05 design.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairman invited questions.

On behalf of Councillor Armit who was absent from the meeting, Councillor Gill sought clarification on various matters relating to the proposal. These related to the commercial spend/ costs and return on the investment; the driver for the change; rationale behind the choice of architect; potential for leasing of the ground space and matters associated with the added value/justification for the cost. The questions were addressed in turn by Mr Bell.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to Council, approval of a fully funded addition to the Councils Capital Programme in the sum of £360,000 to the Fairhaven Kiosk/ Ice Cream Bar project, within the approved Capital Programme (£180,000 for 2021/22 and £180,000 for 2022/23), to be met in full from the Funding Volatility Reserve;
2. Subject to approval by Council to approve the spend of £15,000 to develop the project to RIBA stage 3.
3. To agree the principal of letting the new facility on a lease on the basis of the terms as set out in the report.
4. Subject to approval by Council that a further report be presented to committee to seek agreement of the final design, scheme costs and procurement route along with the fuller provisionally agreed heads of terms of a lease for the new facility.

6. Blackpool Road North Playing Fields Drainage

Further to the report in January 2021 and recent site visit, Darren Bell (Head of Technical Services) presented an updated report relating to Blackpool Road North Playing Fields drainage.

In brief, the report requested additional funds to replace the existing surface water culvert along the full length of the sports field at Blackpool Road North which is collapsing. It was reported that these works are a requirement under riparian ownership responsibilities as set out by the Environment Agency (EA). In addition, the Committee was asked to support the additional works to renovate the football pitches post culvert contract. Details about the financial aspects of the proposed works were set out in the report.

Following the presentation, the Chairman invited questions from members of the committee. These related to matters associated with the financing of the scheme. This was addressed by Mr Bell. Following on from this, the Chairman invited the ward member, Councillor David O' Rourke to address the committee on the matter.

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 £40,000 to the Blackpool Road North Playing Fields Drainage scheme within the approved Capital Programme for 2021/22, to be met in full from the Capital Investment Reserve;
2. To approve the draw-down of £40,000 to support the ongoing works at Blackpool Road North Playing Fields within the Council's 2021/22 capital programme, subject to the approval of the increase to the scheme by the Finance and Democracy Committee.

7. Newton Community Park - Phase 1

The Chairman invited Charlie Richards (Fairhaven Project Manager) to introduce the report.

Members were reminded that the 'Friends of Newton Community Park' have been working in partnership with Fylde officers since 2019, on a community project to regenerate Newton Community Park, School Lane, to provide a community facility that is accessible and suitable for use by all ages and abilities.

The Committee was advised that the project had followed the ten-stage process of the community parks improvement programme, which had included a comprehensive consultation exercise, the production of an agreed Masterplan and funding strategy. As a result, the 'Friends of Newton Community Park' (FoNCP) had been successful in securing funding from a number of sources. A capital bid was presented on 7 January 2021 to the Tourism and Leisure Committee, with a request for a capital contribution of £50,000 from the Council's Capital Investment Reserve. This was supported and subsequently approved by the Finance and Democracy Committee in March 2021.

The report described the funding strategy and summarised the initial tender process undertaken. An addendum paper was issued prior to the meeting detailing the receipt of tenders and evaluation of the same.

A copy of the location plan was included as an appendix to the report.

It was RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee approval to a fully-funded increase in the sum of £50,000 in respect of Phase 1 of the Newton Community Park project within the approved Capital Programme to be met from the various external grants as detailed in the report. This will provide a total project budget of £100,000 including the previously agreed Fylde Council capital contribution of £50,000.
2. To agree that the Council acts as accountable body for the additional capital budget in the sum of £50,000, fully funded from various external grants as detailed in the report.
3. Subject to approval of the above, to approve the letting of the contract for the Newton Community Park Phase 1 to Kompan Ltd to the value of £100,000.

8. Larbreck Avenue Play Area, Elswick

This item was withdrawn.

9. Corporate Plan Progress Report

Paul Walker (Director of Development Services) presented an updated report on progress against the actions scheduled for completion in the Corporate Plan relevant to the Tourism and Leisure Committee for the first quarter of 2021/22.

In summary, these related to work to develop coast & countryside walks and pathways, improving signage, and incorporating ranger events and work to maintain our seaside award/ work toward Blue Flag status.

Following consideration of this matter, it was RESOLVED: To approve and sign off the progress update as detailed in the report for the actions from the corporate plan that are scheduled for completion by the end of quarter 1 (June 30th).

10. Confirmation of Working Groups

The Committee was invited to review the current appointments to the working groups within the remit of the Tourism and Leisure Committee.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To confirm the membership of the working groups as follows:

- (i) Arts Service Review Working Group: Councillors Peter Anthony, Sue Fazackerley, Gavin Harrison, Cheryl Little, Roger Lloyd, Michael Sayward, Vince Settle and Ray Thomas.
- (ii) Coastal Explorers Project Working Group: Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Tourism & Leisure and Operational Management Committees.

2. To disband The Island Regeneration Working Group.

Information Items

The following information items was received by the Committee.

11. 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.

Councillor Cheryl Little

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to Councillor Cheryl Little (former Chairman of the Tourism and Leisure Committee) for the many years of dedication to the work of the Tourism and Leisure Committee and all the associated achievements.

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