

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET – 11 JUNE 2013

Title of report	MINUTES OF THE COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY
Key Decision	a) Financial No b) Community No
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Purpose of report	To consider the recommendations made by the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party.
Reason for Decision	To progress Coalville Special Expenses projects and programmes.
Council Priorities	Value for Money
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	As set out within the budget.
Link to relevant CAT	None.
Risk Management	N/A
Equalities Impact Assessment	None discernible.
Human Rights	None discernible.
Transformational Government	None.
Comments of Head of Paid Service	The report is satisfactory

Comments of Section 151 Officer	The report is satisfactory
Comments of Monitoring Officer	The report is satisfactory
Consultees	Members of the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party
Background papers	Agenda and reports relating to the meeting on 16 April 2013: https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/files/documents/csewp_agenda_160413/Agenda%20pack%20160413.pdf
Recommendations	TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY AS DETAILED WITHIN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 16 APRIL 2013.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Coalville Special Expenses Working Party meets on a quarterly basis to consider financial issues which affect the special expenses area. As the group reports directly to Cabinet, all recommendations made will be sent to the first available Cabinet meeting after the group have met for final approval.

2.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE

- To consider budget and financial issues which either solely or predominantly affect the special expenses area alone and to make recommendations back to Cabinet.
- To consider possible project options regarding the allocation of surplus reserves which have been examined by the relevant budget officers and to make recommendations to Cabinet.

MINUTES of a meeting of the COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY held in the Board Room, Council Offices, Coalville on TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 2013

Present: Councillor N Clarke (Chairman)

Councillors D Everitt, J Geary, R Johnson, M Specht and M B Wyatt.

Officers:- Mrs V Eaton, Mr J Knight, Mr G Lewis and Mr J Richardson.

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors R Adams, J Legrys and L Spence.

23. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor M B Wyatt declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 4 - Capital Projects Update, as a member of Broom Leys Allotment Society, and left the meeting for the consideration of that project, and a disclosable non pecuniary interest in any reference to Coalville and Coalville Town FC, as a business owner in the Town Centre.

Councillors J Geary and R Johnson declared a disclosable non pecuniary interest in Item 4 - Capital Projects Update, as regular supporters of Coalville Town FC.

Except where stated otherwise, the above named Members remained in the meeting.

24. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2013.

Councillor J Geary wanted it put on record that he thought the minutes of the last meeting were an excellent set of minutes.

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2013 be approved.

25. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

The Leisure Services Team Manager presented the report to Members.

Coalville Park Improvements

Members were informed that the "Green Gym" had been installed and there had been significant usage of these items in the Park at the weekend. The signage for the 100m, 200m, 400m, long jump and triple jump would be completed within the next couple of weeks.

Scotlands Recreation Ground

Members were advised that the £10,000 allocated to the Scotlands changing pavilion was now earmarked for any significant maintenance works (roof and boilers).

Councillor J Geary asked if the £10,000 would be ring fenced, the Leisure Services Team Manager explained that it would, unless Cabinet decided otherwise, but there was no recommendation for them to do so.

Owen Street Recreation Ground

Members were informed that quotes had been received for the electrical upgrade and if the quote of £1,800 was approved then the works could commence mid season. With regard to the flood lighting a second contractor had visited the site and advised that due to ongoing advancement in floodlighting, specifically around LED lighting, it would not be prudent to work up a scheme at this time and recommended that the scheme be developed closer to the date of requirement in two promotions time. It was therefore proposed that as the changing room development was the immediate need then the underspend on the electrical/floodlighting project be earmarked for this purpose.

Changing Room Development

Members were informed of the total funding obtained so far for this project.

Following a question from Councillor J Geary, the Leisure Services Team Manager stated that Property Services had engaged a contractor who had started working on the plans.

The Leisure Services Team Manager informed Members that Officers were currently looking at ways to obtain more funding for this project from various sources.

Councillor M B Wyatt suggested that Officers contact the Big Society at Leicestershire County Council, who could help fill in the gap. If you already had some funding then they could give you another 25%, so long as it is towards a Community Project.

The Leisure Services Team Manager thanked Councillor M B Wyatt and said that Officers would explore his suggestion.

Melrose Road Play Hub, Thringstone

Members were informed that this Project would be completed in the next week or so.

Cropston Drive BMX Track/Skate/Play facility

Members were informed that consultation had taken place and the preferred scheme included improvements to the BMX Track and a new wheeled sports facility. Officers had been successful in obtaining additional funding to that allocated to this scheme via the 515 scheme. This additional funding would be specifically used on the improvements to the BMX Track and would leave the original funding solely for a new wheeled sports facility. Officers were drawing up an outline scheme for further consultation with Ward Members.

Councillor M B Wyatt advised that Jake Windram wanted to thank Officers for taking up their time, which had been very beneficial.

Broom Leys Allotments, Greenhill

Having declared an interest in this item Councillor M B Wyatt left the meeting and did not return.

Members were informed that the Broom Leys Allotment Society were currently looking at the option of dividing the full sized plots into half plots. NWLDC were working with the Society with a view to bringing water onto the site.

Urban Forest Park, Coalville – Play Equipment

Members were informed that the new play equipment had been ordered, but due to the adverse weather conditions installation had been delayed until May 2013.

Footway and Drainage Improvements

Members were informed that Officers were currently looking at further play equipment and proposals to improve the links, pathways and drainage on the site. Once these proposals had been drawn up Ward Members would be consulted.

Thringstone Miners Social Centre

Members were informed that the Thringstone Miners Social Centre Management Committee were currently looking at the feasibility of reintegrating the former Clover Place play area and surrounding land into the site campus in order to create a training facility. The Management Committee and Officers had been involved in discussions with the County Council so that a proposed scheme of works could be developed.

Councillor D Everitt stated that he was happy that something was going to be done with this site as it was an eyesore at the moment and needed improving.

The Leisure Services Team Manager advised Members that as some of the projects were nearing completion then more Officer time would be spent on the Thringstone Miners Social Centre project.

Councillor J Geary referred to the electrical upgrade at Owen Street Recreation Ground and moved that the quote of £1,800 be agreed. With regard to the changing room development at Scotlands Recreation Ground, he stated that the space in the changing room did not fully adhere to the current league and the suggestion of a new building was a good idea.

Following a question from Councillor J Geary, the Head of Community Services explained that Officers had spoken to Property Services regarding ground source heat pumps and they advised that it would not warrant the capital investment.

The Chairman referred to the Cropston Drive Project and extended his thanks to Officers who had raised an additional £10,000 from 515 funding.

Members were advised that Tim Sporne from the Broom Leys Allotment Society had offered to come along to a future meeting of this Group to update Members.

Councillor J Geary suggested that Mr Sporne be invited to attend the next meeting.

All Members agreed to this request.

RESOLVED THAT:

the Working Party notes the progress on 2012/13 and 2013/14 Capital Projects.

26. 2013/14 EVENTS UPDATE

The Cultural Services Team Manager presented the report to Members and provided an update on each event. He explained that the proposed events had been discussed at previous meetings, as well as at the Events Task and Finish Group on 4 March 2013 and Coalville Town Team plus their representatives.

April 2013

Erection/Dismantling of St Georges Day Flags (14 to 28 April)

The Head of Community Services informed members that the Task and Finish Group had requested that flags be reviewed. Several flags and poles were looking “tired” and worn. £4,000 is an approximate cost for their wholesale replacement. The brackets on some of the poles were also getting to the end of their lives, but these were the responsibility of the premises that they were attached to. The review would be undertaken by the Sub Group and their findings would be brought back to this Group.

Councillor J Geary explained that he had received a number of negative comments regarding the St Georges Day flags, mainly people saying “another waste of money” and “why can’t the money be used for filling potholes”. However, he had recently received one positive comment.

Coalville TWENTY13 (Coalville Park) Sunday, 23 June 2013

Following the success of the Coalville TWENTY12, the Events Task and Finish Group (and partners) had reconvened to support the planning of this community event for a second year. Representative of RAMPZ and Coalville Rotary Club had attended a previous planning meeting.

Coalville Christmas Decorations

The Cultural Services Team Manager advised Members of the additional budget which has been made available for general maintenance, replacement and improvement as the existing lighting stock had not been added to in the last few years. It was proposed that this fund provide some additional decorations for the Clock Tower, new pea lighting outside the Council Offices (opposite the Ford Garage) and a small number (16) of bagatelle decorations for lamp columns around Belvoir Road would be within budget.

Photographic proposals were passed around to Members at the meeting for their views.

Members suggested a combination of alternate red and blue coloured lights.

Following a question from a Member, the Cultural Services Team Manager explained

that the Royal British Legion would be consulted on the proposed additional lighting for the Clock Tower.

RESOLVED THAT:

the Working Party notes the progress on 2013/14 events and approve the additional Christmas lighting for 2013.

27. COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES – PERIOD 11 FINANCE UPDATE

The Head of Community Services presented the report to Members and highlighted item 2.1 of the report which referred to the grit bins that Members had proposed to purchase for identified locations within the Special Expense area. He gave a verbal update that any requests for grit bins would not be considered by LCC until the Summer. This would mean that there was still time to collate Members requests and pull this together. All requests for bins had to meet the very strict criteria laid down by the County Council, which was read out to Members. Once the bins were in place it was the responsibility of the Coalville Special Expenses Group to fund any future repairs such as vandalism to the bins.

Following a question from a Member, the Head of Community Services informed him that the bins would hold approximately a tonne of grit.

It was agreed to bring back suggested grit bin locations to the next meeting.

RESOLVED THAT:

The working party notes the Period 11 Financial Position and Forecast Out-turn

Councillor M B Wyatt left the meeting at 6.37pm

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and closed at 7.06pm