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**COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY** 

Time/Day/Date		6.30 pm on Tuesday, 13 February 2024				
Location		Abbey Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN				
Officer to contact		Democratic Services (01530 454512)				
		AGENDA				
Item			Pages			
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE					
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST					
	Under the Code of Conduct members are reminded that in declaring interests you should make clear the nature of that interest and whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest, registerable interest or other interest.					
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# Circulation:

Councillor M B Wyatt (Chair) Councillor M Burke

Councillor D Everitt

Councillor M French

Councillor J Geary
Councillor J Legrys
Councillor J Page
Councillor J Windram

Councillor L Windram (Deputy Chair)

MINUTES of a meeting of the COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY held in the Abbey Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN on WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2023

Present: Councillor M B Wyatt (Chairman)

Councillors M Burke, D Everitt, J Geary, J Legrys, J Windram and L Windram

In Attendance: Councillors S Sheahan (Observer), A Barker (Observer) and P Moult (Observer)

Officers: Mr P Wheatley, Mr T Devonshire and Mr P Stone

#### 19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor M French and J Page.

#### 20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Wyatt declared a registerable interest in all items as the owner of two businesses in Coalville.

Councillor J Geary declared a registerable interest as the Council's representative for Coalville Town Football Club.

#### 21. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor J Geary, seconded by Councillor L Windram and

**RESOLVED THAT:** 

Subject to amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2023 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

# 22. DRAFT 2024/25 COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES BUDGET

The Strategic Director of Resources presented the report.

A Member asked what the proposed Council Tax rise amounted to as a percentage and the Head of Finance advised that it was 7%. Officers then advised the Committee on the flexibility available to adjust rates, the impacts potential changes could have, and the place of Special Expenses within the budget setting process. Officers were also happy to clarify the nature of on-costs with a Member after the meeting.

A Member felt the public should be told about the oncost of providing services for Coalville Specials, in the February budget.

The Chairman sought clarification whether the contribution of local businesses to Coalville in Bloom was detailed in the budget. Officers agreed to follow this up outside of the meeting.

The Chair thanked Members for their comments.

#### 23. 2023/24 EVENTS UPDATE

The Head of Property and Economic Regeneration presented the report.

A Member expressed concern with the increased expenditure on Christmas lights, to £34,000, and the fact that despite the investment there were still problems with them. In response, the Head of Property and Economic Regeneration advised that this figure included the storage and maintenance of the stock during the year. A sum of £4,000 was the figure spent on lights, which was not enough to solve all the problems in the stock which the Working Party was already aware of.

The Member felt that this indicated that the maintenance process was inadequate. The Chairman interjected and said that he had witnessed some of the contractors at work and was happy with them. Nevertheless, he felt a sub-group to examine the lights should be created, as the problem had been an ongoing one and needed resolving.

Members welcomed the Chairman's suggestion.

The Chairman suggested that the fair complemented the rest of the event. He also suggested next year there could be more child focused stalls. Overall, it was a busy event with broadly positive feedback.

Several Members expressed concern with the laser show, which they suggested had been underwhelming, as the Head of Property and Economic Regeneration had noted.

A Member said the event was pleasingly patronised although he was concerned with the parking provisions.

A Member asked who the contractor was for the lights. The Head of Property and Economic Regeneration advised that it was Field & Lawn, but local contractors were used in any repairs which were needed. Officers would investigate how issues with the lights could be resolved.

A Member asked what was the plan with the light columns which were predicted to fail in 2024. The Chairman said this was one of the issues he was proposing that a sub-group should tackle.

The Chairman said that there should be greater communication with regards to car parking at town centre events; furthermore, people should also be encouraged to walk where possible. The Head of Property and Economic Regeneration advised Members that it was a trade-off between using car parks for events and for parking; this would be examined in the future as to what the appropriate balance was. He added that an effort was made to communicate with the public.

A Member suggested that an approach should be made to Leicestershire County Council to utilise their site at Snibston in the future. The Head of Property and Economic Regeneration advised Members that this site had been identified as one to potentially use and would be considered again in the future.

A Member inquired whether the cost of the celebration of the fifty-year anniversary of North West Leicestershire District Council was coming solely out of Special Expenses budget. In response, Officers clarified that the whole budget for the celebration of the fifty-year anniversary of North West Leicestershire District Council would come from the General Fund. This would furthermore provide an opportunity, as the celebration would almost certainly take place in Coalville.

A Member sought clarification on precisely what the celebrations would be, and the Head of Property and Economic Regeneration advised that the details were still being worked through and would be discussed by the envisaged events working party. District-wide contributions would be solicited from Members.

A Member asked for the full balance sheets of every event to be presented to the Working Party and Officers were happy to provide that.

It was agreed that the Events sub-group meeting would be on 25 January 2024.

It was moved by Councillor J Geary seconded by Councillor L Windram, and

## **RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1) The progress on the 2023/2024 events programme be noted.
- 2) The proposed Member Engagement for 2024/2025 events be noted.
- 3) That a sub-group to examine the Christmas lights situation be formed.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15 pm



# NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL





Title of Report	CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE
Presented by	Jason Knight Leisure Services Team Manager
Background Papers	None
Financial Implications	All works included in the 2024/25 Asset Management Plan have been incorporated within the proposed 2024/25 budget.
	There is an opportunity to consider a proposed saving to the Coalville Special Expense budget by requesting that Leicestershire County Council undertakes maintenance of areas it owns as per 1.4 in the report which would save £2,968
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes
Legal Implications	Leicestershire County Council (LCC) owns the areas of Memorial Square, Hotel Street, and Broomleys Corner. These areas have historically been maintained by NWLDC utilising the Coalville Special Expenses budget. It has recently come to light that there is no formal agreement between NWLDC and LCC to underpin this arrangement. If Members recommend to Cabinet that NWLDC continues to maintain some or all of these areas and this is supported by Cabinet then a Licence to Cultivate will need to be agreed and signed with LCC.  Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes
Staffing and Corporate	None identified
Implications	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes
Purpose of Report	To update members with regards to capital projects within the Coalville Special Expenses Area and to seek approval on the recommendations within the report.
Recommendations	<ul> <li>THAT THE WORKING PARTY:         <ul> <li>NOTES THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE 2023/24 CAPITAL PROJECTS AND THE PROJECTS INCLUDED WITHIN THE 2024/25 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN</li> <li>CONSIDERS WHETHER IT WISHES TO MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET IN RELATION TO THE MAINTENANCE OF MEMORIAL SQUARE, HIGH STREET, AND/OR BROOMLEYS CORNER WHEN THE MATTER GOES BACK TO CABINET</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### FOR A DECISION

#### 1.0 2023/24 CAPITAL PROJECTS

#### 1.1 <u>Lillehammer Drive - £7,514 (S106)</u>

Unfortunately, due to excessive wet weather the landscaping of the area was unable to take place prior to Christmas. Once the land dries out sufficiently, the work will be undertaken. It is anticipated this will be prior to the end of March.

#### 1.2 **CSE Assets**

The Asset Management Plan approved as part of the 2023/24 budget setting process is attached as **Appendix A**. All works budgeted for in 2023/24 along with those outstanding from 2022/23 will be delivered during the financial year. All 2022/23 and 2023/24 items will be removed from future reports with any outstanding works being included in the 2024/25 Asset Management Plan, where appropriate, for future reports.

## 1.2.1 **Asset Management 2023/24**

As per the Asset Management Plan (attached as **Appendix A**), the following works are planned to be delivered in 2023/24:

# Refurbishment of Disabled Toilets at Coalville Park - £4,500

The order for this work has been placed and will be undertaken prior to the end of March.

## Scotlands Bowls Pavilion Repairs and Maintenance - £3,000

A scheme of works has been developed by Property Services which will be considered as part of the wider feasibility assessment of the bowls and changing pavilions on site.

## Broomleys Cemetery Pathworks - £4,130

These works have commenced and are ongoing.

# St Faiths Road Play Area Equipment Removal and Creation of a More Biodiverse Area - £2,500

All equipment has been removed and groundworks are ongoing and will be completed prior to the end of March.

## Staples Drive Play Area Fencing Works - £10,340

An order for this work has been placed and it will be delivered prior to the end of March.

# 1.2.2 Earmarked Reserves (carried forward from 2022/23)

<u>Scotlands Recreation Ground Bowls Pavilion Access Road Pothole Repairs - £4,054</u> This work will be undertaken prior to the end of March.

## Broomleys Cemetery Tree Works - £4,000

These works have commenced and are ongoing.

## Broomleys Cemetery Pathworks - £3,000

These works have commenced and are ongoing.

# Cropston Drive (£33,050) and Sharpley Avenue (£19,660) Play Areas Equipment Replacement

The procurement process has commenced for these works and it is anticipated the documentation for inviting quotes will be distributed prior to the end of January.

## Claremont Drive (£8,520) Play Area Equipment Removal

This work has now been completed.

#### 1.2.3 **Asset Management 2024/25**

As per the Asset Management Plan (attached as Appendix A), the following works are planned to be delivered in 2024/25, subject to the approval of the budget by Council on 22 February 2024;

# Coalville Park Gym Equipment Removal - £6,000

This equipment has reached the end of its life and, due to the cost of replacing it, the equipment will be removed and the ground reinstated in line with the current surfacing.

# Scotlands Sports Pavilion Repairs and Maintenance - £3,000

This budget will be allocated to support any emergency works required pending the wider feasibility assessment of the bowls and changing pavilions on site being undertaken by Property Services.

<u>Scotlands Recreation Ground Bowls Pavilion Access Road Pothole Repairs - £5,000</u> This budget will be allocated to support any repair works required on the entrance drive to the bowls club.

#### Scotlands Bowls Pavilion Repairs and Maintenance - £3,000

This budget has been allocated to support any emergency works required pending the wider feasibility assessment of the bowls and changing pavilions on site being undertaken by Property Services.

#### London Road Cemetery Tree Works - £1,020

To deliver tree management works as identified through Tree Surveys.

#### Broomleys Cemetery Additional Grave Space - £4,900

To install a concrete plinth to allow for the installation of headstones therefore creating additional burial space.

#### Broomleys Cemetery Tree Works - £1,870

To deliver tree management works as identified through Tree Surveys.

## Broomleys Cemetery Pathworks - £4,300

To allow for the sealing of an area of footpaths which is undertaken on a rolling programme.

#### Play Area Painting - £5,400

To allow for the painting of 4 play areas as part of a rolling programme for the painting of all play areas.

# 1.3 <u>Trees in Coalville</u>

Colleagues at Leicestershire County Council have indicated that it is still their intention to plant trees on highway verges at Meadow Lane, Abbots Oak Drive, and Blackwood. However, capacity issues and increased tree works caused by recent storms has put additional pressure on the team meaning there is a risk the works may not be delivered this winter. County Council colleagues have advised they will keep officers updated if the risk to the works being delivered increases.

## 1.4 <u>Memorial Square, High Street and Broomleys Corner</u>

There are three pieces of land that are owned by Leicestershire County Council (LCC) in the Coalville Special Expense (CSE) area. These have historically been maintained by NWLDC using the CSE budget. It has recently come to light that there are no formal agreements between NWLDC and LCC for the maintenance of these areas. This arrangement has been in place some time and officers consider it appropriate that Cabinet revisits whether it wishes to continue with the current arrangements or whether it would prefer for the maintenance to revert back to LCC.

Officers have been liaising with colleagues at LCC and within the Legal Services team to, if approved by Cabinet, enter into an agreement through a Licence to Cultivate agreement. Any agreement entered into with LCC would have adequate exit clauses to allow for the Council to withdraw from it with adequate notice and would also allow NWLDC to utilise third parties to help maintain elements such as flower beds.

Each area is currently visited by NWLDC officers nine times per year to undertake grass cutting, shrub maintenance, removal of weeds, and maintenance of flower beds (not including any planting). If Cabinet approved that responsibility reverted back to LCC then the number of maintenance visits to the areas would reduce from nine to six per annum. However, it would deliver a saving to the CSE budget, the amount being dependant on which areas LCC maintain.

Members are asked to consider if they wish to make a recommendation to Cabinet to request that either NWLDC continues to maintain some or all of the areas using the CSE budget, or that LCC is asked to take back responsibility for maintaining some or all of the areas. The current costs for maintaining the areas and the amounts that would be saved if LCC maintained them are:

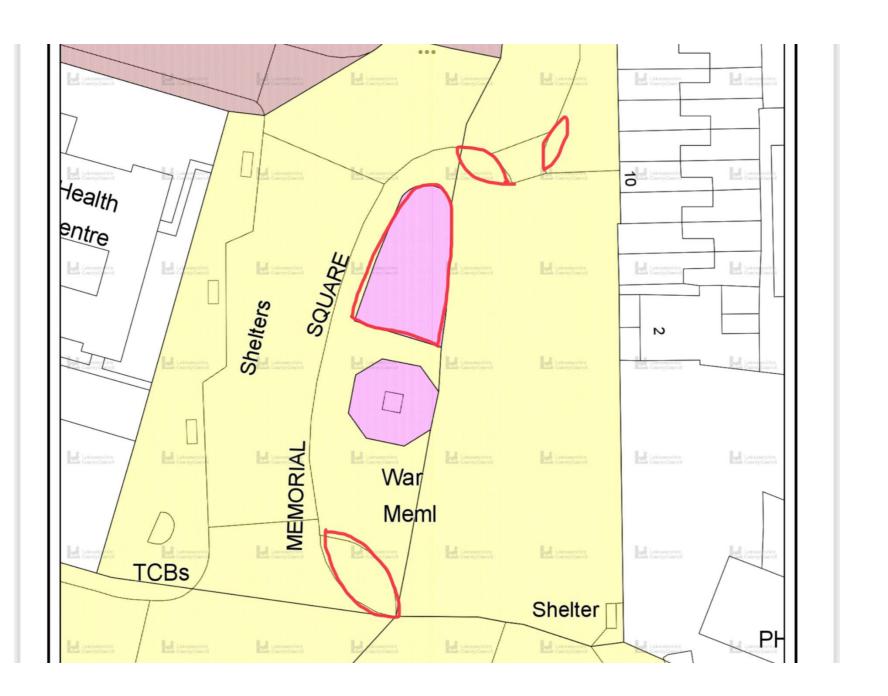
- Memorial Square (Appendix B) £699pa
- High Street (Appendix C) £801pa
- Broomleys Corner (Appendix D) £1,468pa

#### 1.5 Coalville in Bloom 2024

Subject to approval being given as part of the budget setting process for 2024/25 to include £5,000 in the Coalville Special Expenses budget for Coalville in Bloom 2024, officers will work with the Chair of the Working Party to develop a scheme.

	ES - Proposed Plan 23/24 - 24/25					EXPENDITURE			
Asset/Site	Brief Description of Works	22/23 C/Fwd into 23/24 (EMR's)	2023/24 Budget	Actuals/ Commitments as at 17/01/24	To be c/fwd into 23/24	23/24 budget no longer required	Comments	2024/25 Proposed Budget	Comments
ARKS AND RECREATION (Exp code \$0477-A20007)									
COALVILLE PARK	Public Conveniences - Refurbishment of disabled of disabled toilets.		£4,500	£4,500				£0	
	Removal of Gym equipment and re-instate ground							£6,000	
CROPSTON DRIVE - Pavilion	No planned work							£0	
MELROSE ROAD RECREATION GROUND - Pavilion	No planned work							£0	
OWEN STREET - Pavilion	No planned work							£0	
SCOTLANDS RECREATION GROUND - Sports Pavilion	Ongoing revenue commitments to repairs & mtce		£3,000					£3,000	
SCOTLANDS RECREATION GROUND - Bowls pavilion	Repair potholes in access road/Driveway repairs	£4,054						£5,000	required H&S.
	Ongoing revenue commitments to repairs & mtce							£3,000	
THRINGSTONE REC GROUNDS - Bowls Pavilion	No planned work							£0	
		£4,054	£7,500	£4,500	£0	£0		£17,000	
METERY / CHURCHYARDS (Exp Code S0451-A2000	17)								
COALVILLE CLOSED CEMETERY, LONDON ROAD	Tree works							£1,020	
COALVILLE CEMETERY, MEADOW LANE (Broomleys)	creation of additional grave space							£4,900	
	tree works	£4,000						£1,870	
	Path works - sealing	£3,000	£4,130					£4,300	
		£7,000	£4,130	£2,844	£0	£0		£12,090	
MEMORIALS (Exp Code S0477-A20007)									
COALVILLE MEMORIALS	No planned work								
		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0		£0	
LAY AREAS (Exp Code S0477-A20007/ CAPITAL tbc	)								
ASCOT DRIVE	No replacement equipment							£0	
ASCOT DRIVE	Fencing works		£1,540					£0	
ADAM MORRIS WAY	No replacement equipment							£0	
BURGESS ROAD	No replacement equipment							£0	
COALVILLE PARK	No replacement equipment							£0	
CROPSTON DRIVE	Replacement equipment	£33,050						£0	
CLAREMONT DRIVE	B-dt	£8,520		£297		67.000	Remove equipment and turn into bio-diverse area.	£0	
	Replacement equipment	£0,520		1.291		£7,000	Dio-diverse area.	£0	
GREENHILL BMX KENDRICK CLOSE	No replacement equipment							£0	
	No replacement equipment								
MELROSE RD	No replacement equipment	+ -						£0	
ST FAITHS RD	Replacement equipment		£2,500				equipment not being replaced, remove and grass over.	£0	
STADIUM CLOSE	No replacement equipment	1	1,2,000				remove and grass over.	£0	
STAPLES DRIVE	No replacement equipment							£0	
STAPLES DRIVE	Fencing works		£10.340					£0	
SHARPLEY AVENUE	Replacement equipment	£19,660	210,340					£0	
		213,000							
SUNNINGDALE	No replacement equipment	1						£0	
THE OVAL	No replacement equipment	1						£0	
VESTERN AVENUE	No replacement equipment	1						£0	
ARIOUS - Cropston Drive Play Area, Cropston Drive Open space, Staples Drive, Melrose Road, Coalville Park	Painting of play areas 4 year repeat program							£5,400	
		£61,230	£14,380	£297	£0	£7,000		£5,400	
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	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£72,284	£26,010	£7,641	£0.00	£7,000		£34,490	
	LESS FUNDING	£72,284	-£15,710	£0	£0	£0		£0	





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## NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL





Title of Report	EVENTS UPDATE			
Presented by	Paul Wheatley Head of Property and Regeneration			
Background Papers	None			
Financial Implications	Details are set out in the report and appendix and will be met from the Coalville Special Expenses Budget 2024/25 subject to final approval by Council on 22 February 2024.  Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes			
Legal Implications	None			
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes			
Staffing and Corporate Implications	Staff resources are used to manage and deliver the adopted events programme with the associated costs charged to the Special Expenses budget.  Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes			
Purpose of Report	To present a draft events programme to Coalville Special Expenses Working Party.  To seek approval of the proposed events programme from the working party.  To recommend the events programme for approval by Cabinet.			
Recommendations	THAT THE WORKING PARTY:			
	<ol> <li>NOTES THE BUDGET AVAILABLE IN 2024/25 FOR COALVILLE EVENTS</li> <li>NOTES THE PROPOSED MEMBER ENGAGEMENT FOR 2024/25 EVENTS</li> <li>RECOMMENDS THE PROGRAMME TO CABINET FOR APPROVAL AT A FUTURE MEETING.</li> </ol>			

## 1. SPECIAL EXPENSES EVENTS BUDGET

- 1.1 Subject to final ratification of the Council's budget at the meeting of the Council on 22 February 2024 the budget available for Coalville Special Expenses Events is expected to be £64,700.
- 1.2 Members of the Special Events Working Party Events Sub-group met on 25 January 2024 to discuss the proposed content of the 2024/25 events programme.

1.3 The event programme proposed by officers to the subgroup was as follows:

Date	Event	Description	Proposed budget
23 April 2024	St George's Day	Installation of St George flags at Memorial Clock Tower (installed 22 April 2024, take down 29 April 2024)	£100.00
29 and 30 June 2024	Summer event – Celebrating 125 years of Coalville Park	A weekend of community celebration to mark the 125 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Coalville Park (1899 – 2024)  • An evening of song, music, performance and entertainment (Saturday)  • A family fun day in Coalville Park, featuring a main stage, music, performances, entertainment, activities, workshops, stalls, food and drink (Sunday  • A time capsule and artwork installation for Coalville Park, to include community engagement workshop and an unveiling ceremony (subject to a successful external grant)	£20,000  Estimated funded required £11,425
23 Nov 2024	Christmas in Coalville	A day of Christmas festivities in Coalville town centre (details of programme for the day to be agreed at a future meeting of CSEWP).	£14,600
23 Nov 2024 to 2 Jan 2025	Coalville Christmas Decorations	Town centre Christmas decorations, comprising of lamp post mounted decorations (where permitted), bespoke decorations on Memorial Clock Tower, pea lights in trees (High Street and Memorial Square and two large Christmas trees.	£30,000
TOTAL			£64,700

- 1.4 Information tabled in appendix one outlines the proposed budget allocation for the summer event. These are for guidance and are based on estimates where quotations have yet to be received. A contingency of 10% is included in the above figures.
- 1.5 It is suggested that a further Events Subgroup meeting is scheduled for either Tuesday 19 or Thursday 21 March 2024 at 6.30pm (via MSTeams) whereby councillors can consider Christmas light options for 2024, this will then allow recommendations to be reported to a future CSEWP meeting and then onto Cabinet for approval.
- 1.6 The working party is requested to consider the events programme further and determine whether it wishes to recommend the programme to Cabinet.

Appendix one – proposed allocation of budget for the summer event, Celebrating 125 years of Coalville Park, these are based on allocations in previous years, quotations are currently being sought,

Item	Proposed allocation
Front infrastructure and agricument (Catuaday and Conday)	of budget
Event infrastructure and equipment (Saturday and Sunday)	£8250.00
- Stage / pa / lighting	£4995.00
- Toilets	£1000.00
- First aid	£430.00
- Security	£1350.00
- CCTV cover	£200.00
- Banners / road signs	£275.00
Event management	£2950.00
- Pre event support and event set up	£800.00
- Waste services (bins and staff)	£400.00
<ul> <li>Event staff (set up, management, marshalling etc.)</li> </ul>	£1750.00
Entertainment / music (Saturday night)	£1300.00
- Headline act	£800.00
- Support act	£200.00
- Other acts	£300.00
Performers (Saturday night)	£400.00
- Bubbles or balloons	£400.00
Entertainment / music (Sunday night)	£1500.00
- Headline act	£800.00 (min. charge)
- Support act	£200.00 (variable)
- Other acts (brass band etc.)	£500.00 (variable)
Attractions / performers (for example based on previous years)	£4000.00 (approx.)
- Stilts / bubbles / balloons	£1100.00
- Activity attractions, such as climbing wall, graffiti art, table football,	£700 to £1400 per
skate park workshops	attraction
Main stage performances	£1600.00
- Headline act	£800.00 (min. charge)
- Support act	£200.00 (variable)
- Other acts (brass band etc.)	£600.00 (variable)
Time capsule and art installation	£11,425.00
- Project management, artists fees, materials, community	£11,475.00 (subject to
engagement etc	a successful funding
- Some of the event costs have been included in the application: 125	application)
bunting and flags to decorate the park, craft workshop/meet the	
artists/artwork exhibition, entertainment and performers	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (forecast)	£31,425.00

An application has been submitted to Bardon Community Fund to cover the costs associated with the time capsule and art installation project, it is hoped that the outcome of the application will be known by the end of January 2024.

The income target for the summer event is £2000.00, if this is achieved the net cost of delivering the event will be £18,000.

As in previous years officers will also be seeking sponsorship opportunities, in recent years approximately  $\pounds 500$  sponsorship has been secured towards the event. If sponsorship is achieved this will further reduce the net cost of delivering the event.