

## NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY – 25 APRIL 2017

Title of report	<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE</b>
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Purpose of report	To update members with regards to Capital Projects within the Coalville Special Expense Area
Recommendations	<b>THAT THE WORKING PARTY</b>  <b>1) NOTE THE COMPLETION OF TWO 2016/17 CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>  <b>2) NOTE THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON 2017/18 CAPITAL PROJECTS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET</b>

#### 1.0 2016/17 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

##### 1.1 Cropston Drive Recreation Ground

All works are now fully completed.

##### 1.2 Green Gym at Melrose Road

All works are now fully completed.

#### 2.0 2017/18 CAPITAL PROJECTS

##### 2.1 Owen Street Recreation Ground – £779

Concerns have been raised over the sustainability of the floodlights, with 3 main issues being highlighted:-

1. The lux levels are only adequate for the league Coalville Town FC are currently playing in and would be inadequate if they got promoted.
2. The light fittings are outdated and are now becoming very difficult to replace.
3. The lighting columns are now reaching the end of their natural life and 2 potential issues have been identified;
  - a. The bolts that secure the base plates into the ground can deteriorate over time.
  - b. The lower part of the column structure can also deteriorate over time.

Officers are currently working in liaison with Property Services to ascertain options and costs which will be presented back to the Working Party for consideration.

2.2 **Thringstone Miners Social Centre Training Pitch – £7,431**

Planning approval has been given for both the fencing and the footpath diversion. The Board of Trustees has been revitalised by the addition of 3 new trustees and a new Chair. However, the football club was not represented at the last meeting of the Trustees as they are currently seeking to appoint to a number of vacant positions on their committee. Consequently the Chair is attempting to engage the club with a view to assisting them in resolving some of their issues. Once resolved and the Board of Trustees are up to full capacity, a funding bid will be submitted to BIFFA with a view to delivering the project.

2.3 **Coalville Forest Adventure Park – Balance £4,781 (S106 funding)**

The Buccaneer play equipment has been vandalised beyond repair and will cost approximately £9,000 to replace (no budget has currently been allocated for this expense). Officers are therefore investigating other options (instead of a straight replacement) which will be in line with the new name of Coalville Forest Adventure Park. Officers will present to the meeting options of what could be developed on the site using the available S106 funding as well as what else could be added to further enhance facilities.

A date for the relaunch of the new name is currently being considered for June/July (before the school summer holidays) along with the design of the new signs.

2.4 **Scotlands Play Hub Development – uncosted**

It has previously been agreed by the group to defer any work on identifying improvements to Scotlands Playing Field until the situation regarding the Lillehammer Drive MUGA has been resolved. Any future developments should be considered in partnership with Coalville Town FC due to their increasing use of the site and the successful partnership now in place.

2.5 **Mobile Vehicle Activated Signage - £8,000**

Officers met with LCC colleagues in January and the report at Appendix 1 highlights feedback on proposed locations and the options available. It should be noted that the following locations were deemed unsuitable by LCC for the signage:-

- **Hotel Street, Coalville**  
No suitable options due to signage on existing posts or vision is obscured by Pelican crossing and Leicester inn signage.
- **Highfield Street, Coalville**  
Unsuitable Road for MVAS due to parking of vehicles on both sides of the highway.
- **Warren Hills Road, Coalville**  
Not a suitable location due to access and absence of footpaths.
- **Hall Lane, Whitwick**  
Old style light columns so no suitable location.

All other locations have been deemed as potentially suitable, it is proposed that a further site walk is undertaken (with officers and members) to decide which specific locations would be preferred so that LCC can then undertake testing of these columns for suitability. The cost of the testing is yet to be confirmed by LCC as they are undertaking a procurement exercise to identify a preferred contractor to undertake the work, but it is estimated to be between £20-100 per column.

Officers will attend the testing of the columns with the contractor so that if the preferred location is deemed unsuitable, the contractors can then test an alternative column listed in the attached report.

Once the columns have been deemed appropriate then officers will arrange for the brackets to be attached which will take approximately 6 weeks.

2.6 **Melrose Road Recreation Ground, Park Development - uncosted**

Consultation has been undertaken with the Ward Member and Friends of Thringstone and proposed designs and costings will be presented at the Working Party meeting for consideration by Members. Officers have rescoped proposals to significantly reduce costs.