

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY – 24 APRIL 2018

Title of report	CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE
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Purpose of report	To update members with regards to Capital Projects within the Coalville Special Expense Area
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. THAT THE WORKING PARTY NOTE THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE 2017/18 CAPITAL PROJECTS2. £3,000 IS ALLOCATED FROM BALANCES TOWARDS IMPROVEMENTS TO COALVILLE PARK IN ORDER TO HELP GAIN THE GREEN FLAG AWARD3. FOLLOWING THE FIELDS IN TRUST APPLICATION FOR COALVILLE PARK, AND ASSUMING IT'S SUCCESSFUL, THAT THE WORKING PARTY MAKE A REQUEST TO CABINET TO AMEND THE NAME OF THE AREA TO COALVILLE CENTENARY PARK4. THAT THE WORKING PARTY NOTE THE 2018/19 CAPITAL PROJECTS

1.0 2017/18 CAPITAL PROJECTS

1.1 Owen Street Recreation Ground

1.1.1 **Floodlights - £55,000 (£50,000 CSE and £5,000 CTFC)**

The procurement process has been completed and the contract for the refurbishment of the floodlights has been awarded to OLighting Ltd. Their quote of £47,500 will enable all columns to be replaced and for LED lamps to be installed creating a lux level of 180. Work will also need to be undertaken on the distribution of the power supply to ensure that it is adequate for the demand created by the new lamps and the old changing pavilion to prevent the tripping out of the floodlights as has happened periodically, and this is currently being quoted for. However, it is expected that all works will come in within the £55,000 budget. The refurbishment will be undertaken during the close season in June.

1.1.2 **Radio Transmitter**

Hermitage FM have approached the Council and Coalville Town FC with a view to locating a radio transmitter at Owen Street Recreation Ground in order to broadcast a new radio station aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of those aged over 60. A variation to the lease with the football club has been made allowing them to allow underlettings with the written approval of the council, and written approval has been given. A planning application for the works has been approved and delivery of the project

now sits with Hermitage FM and Coalville Town FC. This item will be removed from future reports.

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

Planning approval has been given for both the fencing and the footpath diversion and the Board has been revitalised by the addition of 3 new Trustees and a new Chair. At their AGM, the training pitch project was identified as a priority action for the forthcoming year by the trustees. At the last meeting of the trustees further issues were highlighted regarding the financial stability of the football club. Consequently this is a priority for the trustees and once resolved, it will allow them to progress with the training pitch project.

1.3 **Coalville Forest Adventure Park – Balance £14,614 (£4,814 S106 funding and £9,800 external funding)**

Improvement works have commenced with the planting of trees and the planting of willow tunnels in partnership with the Coalville Education Partnership (CEP). Despite having been planted, the willow tunnels will take a minimum of 12 months to bed and grow into tunnels. Prior to the school summer holidays, the following work will also be undertaken:-

- Creation of a picnic area with picnic benches
- Installation of children's play equipment in partnership with the CEP
- Improved signage
- Installation of a 3-2-1 Jog Circuit
- Installation of bird boxes

At the back end of summer, there will be additional planting undertaken in partnership with CEP, and the creation of an additional path.

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

Despite a couple of teething issues, the MVAS is now operational. A further 2 batteries will be purchased to enable the signage to be continuously working and speed data will be analysed by the Community Focus team. This item will be removed from future reports.

1.5 **Melrose Road Recreation Ground, Park Development - £2,000**

The planting of trees and shrubbery has been undertaken with positive comments having been received from the Friends of Thringstone group. This item will be removed from future reports.

1.6 **Melrose Road Play Hub - £4,000**

Formal written approval has been received by the landowner of the wooded area and a legal agreement has been drawn up between the council and the landowner in support of the new path. This agreement was forwarded to the legal representative of the landowner in January for comments and signing, but nothing as yet has been received back. Consequently officers will continue to progress this. Once the agreement has been signed by both parties, the path will be installed.

1.7 **Coalville Park**

1.7.1 **Green Flag Award**

Achievement of the Green Flag Award has been included in the 2018/19 Council Delivery Plan. Discussions have taken place with a Green Flag assessor who will support the council on this journey and has visited the site to meet staff and offer recommendations.

The quarterly tasks for the award are:-

- Quarter 1 - Identify improvements to be made to gain the award, and seek approval for proposals and costs from the Coalville Special Expense Working Party and Cabinet:-
It is anticipated that £3,000 will be required to make improvement to the parks in order to obtain the Green Flag. These include improved signage, new notice boards, the replacement of litter bins, and the replacement of seating. This amount will also cover associated fees for the application process. It is recommended that Members seek approval from Cabinet to allocate this amount from balances towards the project.
- Quarter 2 - Establish a community based group to support the management of the park and seek to place the park in trust:-
Work has already commenced on this in partnership with the CEP and Friends of Thringstone.
- Quarter 3 - Develop a Management Plan for the park:-
This will highlight how the park will be managed and will also include a fluid and costed Improvement Plan to evidence ongoing investment and continuous improvement in the area. This will allow the Working Group to allocate budgets to improvements on an annual basis.
- Quarter 4 - Undertake the accreditation process:-
Applications are accepted annually with a deadline of 31 January 2019.

1.7.2 **Fields in Trust**

Following the last meeting, approval was given to seek to apply for trust status for Coalville Park. An application has been submitted as part of the Centenary Fields programme which honours the memory of those who lost their lives in World War One. If the application is successful, it is recommended that Members seek approval to amend the name of the park to Coalville Centenary Park to recognise this.

1.8 **Lillehammer Drive**

A meeting took place between the Leisure Services Team Manager and representatives of Barratt's on 27 February. At the meeting, Barratt's expressed their intent of resolving the situation by the end of their financial year on 30 June. This would mean that the MUGA is removed, and the open space is transferred to the ownership of NWLDC along with the relevant commuted sums for maintenance of the open space provision and replacement of the MUGA.

At the meeting, Barratt's submitted a revised and improved landscaping scheme which has subsequently been approved in principal by colleagues in Planning. The other actions agreed at the meeting were:-

- Barratt's would forward a draft letter outlining their intent to meet the planning conditions with indicative timescales around the revised planting scheme being delivered and the removal of the MUGA.
- Once this letter had been received, and assuming Planning were happy with it, the planning conditions would be discharged.
- Barratt's would then formally write to NWLDC with their intentions and with the formal revised planting scheme and the planning application would be approved.
- In liaison with Barratt's, a communications message would be distributed to residents to notify them of what was happening.
- Work would commence in spring to firstly undertake the planting and then to remove the MUGA, with the land transfer then taking place.

- NWLDC would then complete the work required to make the MUGA area into a public open space.

Unfortunately, since the meeting nothing further has been forthcoming from Barratt's. Attempts have been made to contact them by email and by phone but with no success at the time of writing the report. Officers will continue to attempt to resolve the situation in a timely fashion and will feed back further at the meeting.

1.9 **London Road Closed Cemetery**

A meeting is taking place on site in advance of the CSEWP meeting to see improvements made and to agree if any further works should be undertaken. Further feedback will be given at the meeting.

1.10 **Coalville Library**

A request has been made to consider making improvements to the area outside Coalville Library. Whilst the area is owned and maintained by LCC, they have given permission for any improvement work to be undertaken. It is proposed that officers meet with the relevant Members to discuss options, and that they then feedback further on proposals at the next meeting for members of the group to consider if they'd like to contribute funding towards the project with a view to progressing it.

2.0 2018/19 CAPITAL PROJECTS

It is proposed that the following projects be carried forward into 2018/19;

- Owen Street Recreation Ground Floodlights
- Thringstone Miners Social Centre Training Pitch
- Coalville Forest Adventure Park
- Melrose Road Play Hub
- Coalville Park - Green Flag Award and Fields in Trust
- Lillehammer Drive
- London Road Closed Cemetery
- Coalville Library