

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY – TUESDAY, 19 JUNE 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. THE WORKING PARTY REQUEST TO CABINET THAT £3,000 IS ALLOCATED FROM BALANCES TO ALLOW FOR A PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH AGREEMENT AT MELROSE ROAD PLAY HUB3. IF THE FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE BARDON COMMUNITY FUND IS UNSUCCESSFUL, THAT THE WORKING PARTY MAKE A REQUEST TO CABINET THAT £4,500 IS ALLOCATED FROM BALANCES FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LONDON ROAD CEMETERY4. THAT MEMBERS CONSIDER IF THEY STILL WISH TO PROPOSE TO CABINET THAT THE NAME OF COALVILLE PARK BE CHANGED TO COALVILLE CENTENARY PARK

1.0 2018/19 CAPITAL PROJECTS

1.1 **Owen Street Recreation Ground Floodlights - £55,000 (£50,000 S106 and £5,000 CTFC)**

Work commenced on the refurbishment on 29 May and is due to be completed by 20 June. Although funding had previously been approved through the Coalville Special Expenses budgets, S106 funding has been identified that will now be used for the project allowing the £50,000 originally allocated to be returned to the relevant Asset Protection budget and balances.

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. However, no further meetings of the trustees have taken place since the last meeting of the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party.

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

Improvement works are ongoing. The picnic area and benches are in the process of being installed and the childrens play equipment has been ordered and is due to be installed before the end of June. The improved signage, 3-2-1 jogging circuit and bird boxes will be installed early to mid July, and at the back end of summer, there will be additional planting undertaken in partnership, and the creation of an additional path

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

Formal written approval has been received by the landowner of the wooded area and a legal agreement was drawn up between the council and the landowner in support of the new path. However, the landowner has indicated they would like a Permissive Footpath Agreement. Having discussed with colleagues in Legal Services, as the landowner they can stipulate this and, therefore we have no option but to follow this process. The cost of this is approximately £1,500. However, Leicestershire County Council will also have to be party to the agreement as the footpath will adjoin highways land and this may incur further costs. Members may wish to allocate £3,000 from balances to enable the project to be delivered.

1.5 **Coalville Park**

1.5.1 **Green Flag Award - £3,000**

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. A funding application was submitted to the Bardon Community Fund at the end of May and a decision is pending. Following the outcome, the improvements will be delivered using either the external funding or, if unsuccessful, the £3,000 approved by Members following the last meeting of the group.
- 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.

1.5.2 **Fields in Trust**

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. Fields in Trust have responded indicating that the park is eligible but there would be a delay in processing the application due to them having a lack of legal representation. Consequently we are waiting a formal response.

It was agreed at the last meeting to propose to Cabinet changing the name of Coalville Park to Coalville Centenary Park in recognition of the Centenary Fields Programme. However, it has been confirmed that this isn't a requirement of the programme and the name can remain the same if required. Consequently, Cabinet have deferred making the decision pending Members of the Working Party reconsidering if they do definitely want to propose the name change.

1.6 **Lillehammer Drive**

Barratt's have confirmed their intention to remove the MUGA from Monday 18 June. They are anticipating the removal will be fully completed and the area will be secured with green mesh fencing by 2 July, although this will be weather dependant. The land transfers will then take place, as will the transfer of the commuted sums, and the area will be planted up as an open space during the next planting season in early autumn. Letters have gone out to residents in a joint correspondence from NWLDC and Barratt's notifying them of the work to be undertaken and the timescales.

1.7 **London Road Closed Cemetery - £4,500**

An application has been submitted to the Bardon Community Fund to cover the cost of improvement works. If unsuccessful, Members may wish to consider allocating £4,500 from balances for the work to be undertaken. In addition, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission has been contacted to see if there is any funding available to reinstate laid down headstones and a response is awaited.

1.8 **Coalville Library**

Following an on site meeting between officers and Members to discuss potential improvements to the area outside Coalville Library, it became apparent that the proposals were significantly larger than first anticipated. There was also a request made for consideration being given to improving High Street generally. In addition, officers were also conscious of not undertaking any work that conflicted against wider works within the Coalville area. Consequently, officers will refer the concerns regarding the area to the Coalville Board for consideration.