

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY – 11 JUNE 2019

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. THE WORKING PARTY NOTE THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE 2019/20 CAPITAL PROJECTS.2. THE WORKING PARTY RECOMMEND TO CABINET THAT £6,000 BE ALLOCATED TO COVER BARRATT'S LEGAL COSTS IN THE REMOVAL OF COVENANTS AND CHANGES TO S106 AGREEMENTS REGARDING LILLEHAMMER DRIVE MUGA AND OPEN SPACE PROVISION.

1.0 2019/20 CAPITAL PROJECTS

1.1 Thringstone Miners Social Centre Training Pitch – £7,431

The football club have left the Board of Trustees and are now a standard user group. Currently, the trustees are in the process of formally transferring the football clubs assets related to the centre over to the social centre, as well as attempting to get additional trustees and volunteers engaged so the facility can continue to deliver functions and events without relying on the football club. Once done, attention will then turn to the training pitch development as a priority.

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

Waymarkers have now been installed which have completed the newly formed jogging circuit. The only outstanding works are the upgrading of the signage and information boards which will be completed prior to summer. Following the improvements, there has been a significant increase in the amount of anti-social behaviour at the site. These have been reported through to the Safer Stronger Communities team and the police who are working together to help mitigate the issues.

1.3 Melrose Road Play Hub – £7,000 (£4,000 footpath, £3,000 legal fees)

Provisional agreement has been reached with the legal representatives of the Squire De Lisle to enter into a Permissive Footpath Agreement. The waymarkers and signage have been designed and sent to representatives of the Squire for approval. Finalisation of the legal agreement is ongoing and, once completed, the agreement will be signed and the path installed.

1.4 **Coalville Park Green – £35,470 S106 funding and £1,200 CSE funding**

1.4.1 **Extension of the Park**

Proposals to extend the park into the field at the rear of the site are being drawn up, alongside the identification of potential funding pots that could support the work. Once approved by the Friends of Coalville Park group, these will be brought to the working party for consideration.

1.4.2 **Play Equipment**

The Friends of Coalville Park Group are working with officers to develop proposals and identify funding sources to improve the play equipment, and these proposals will be presented to the working party for consideration once finalised.

1.4.3 **Community Garden**

John Merison is working with the Friends of Coalville Park group to develop proposals, costings and a business plan for the management of the community garden as part of an Incredible Edible scheme. These will be presented to the working party once finalised.

1.4.4 **Skate Park Graffiti Project - £1,200**

As the spend for this project requires approval from Cabinet and there have been no Cabinet meetings since the last meeting of the working party, nothing has been progressed.

1.5 **Lillehammer Drive**

Following liaison with Barratt's, they have agreed to the following-:

- That the £35,470 S106 funding allocated to replacing the MUGA could be allocated instead to any of the 3 projects;
 - Extending Coalville Park into the field at the rear of the site
 - Improving the play equipment provision at Coalville Park
 - Improving the community garden to support community access as part of an Incredible Edible scheme
- That the former MUGA site that should be converted to open space could instead become an educational nature area that is part of Belvoirdale School which would then be leased to them for a peppercorn rent
- That the S106 funding received to convert the MUGA area into open space and to maintain it, could instead be used to help create the educational area above

Liaison is now ongoing with the school for them to formally notify the council of their desire to take on the management of the area so legal proceedings can begin with Barratt's to formalise the arrangement through the removal of covenants and the amending of S106 agreements. As anticipated, Barratt's legal costs will need to be covered by Coalville Special Expenses, and although it was agreed by both parties that the S106 funding for the open space provision could be used to cover these costs, Legal Services have advised that this cannot happen as it wouldn't be CIL compliant. It is anticipated that the legal costs to Barratt's should not exceed £6,000, so Members are asked if they wish to seek approval from Cabinet for £6,000 to be allocated from Coalville Special Expenses funds to cover Barratt's legal costs so the development can continue.

1.6 **London Road Closed Cemetery - £4,500 (£2,250 CSE and £2,250 external funding)**

The outstanding interpretation panel is currently being amended by Communications to ensure it meets corporate guidelines. Once complete it will be circulated to Members for approval prior to being ordered and installed.

1.7 **Coalville Floral Displays 2019**

At the last meeting of the group, proposals were circulated for floral displays throughout the town centre using flower towers and flower troughs. It was explained at the meeting that permission would need to be sought from Leicestershire County Council (LCC) to site the majority of towers and troughs. Whilst LCC were happy with the tower locations, due to health and safety reasons they didn't approve the majority of troughs. This was because they were to be sited adjacent to main roads and there were concerns for pedestrians due to reduced visibility for drivers of the pavements and people potentially stepping out into the road. However, LCC have worked in liaison with officers to identify alternative locations for troughs, such as Phoenix Green and around the market place, as well as additional locations for towers. Consequently, the original budget allocated will still be spent and officers are confident that the displays will have a significant visual impact.

1.8 **Coalville in Bloom 2020**

Due to officers not having the capacity to deliver Members requests of a potential 'Coalville in Bloom' for 2020, a procurement exercise has commenced to identify a contractor who can manage the project. This will be a 2 stage procurement process, with the successful contractor initially submitting a cost for developing a project plan that will cover the following elements-:

A number of options and costs for providing;

- Hanging baskets on buildings
- Flower towers
- Flower troughs
- Potential numbers and locations for all the above
- Getting agreement from private building owners for having brackets and hanging baskets on their buildings
- Either getting SLA's in place with private building owners, or supporting our Legal Services team with this process
- Ensuring adequate brackets to support hanging baskets are in situ
- Getting approvals from LCC for flower locations
- Installation and removal of all flowers, towers, troughs and baskets
- Timescales for delivery of the above
- Ongoing watering and maintenance of the flowers over summer

The Coalville Project have agreed in principle to fund this element of the project, subject to the cost being confirmed and not being excessive.

Full options and costs will then be presented to Members of the working party for consideration as to which they would prefer to take forward, and stage 2 of the procurement process will be for the contractor to deliver the project.

1.9 **The Oval Play Area, Bardon - £15,760 external funding**

As the spend for this project requires approval from Cabinet and there have been no Cabinet meetings since the last meeting of the working party, nothing has been progressed.

2.0 **Trees in Coalville**

A request has been received from a Member to consider getting more trees in the Coalville Special Expense area utilising the Forestry Commission Urban Tree Challenge Fund. The Community Focus Team are assessing the implications of a district wide bid linking to the National Forest, and Coalville Special Expense area will be considered as part of this. Officers will report back further at the next meeting of the Working Party.