

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY –
TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2020**



Title of Report	CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE
Presented by	Jason Knight Leisure Services Team Manager
Financial Implications	There are none.
Purpose of Report	To update members with regards to Capital Projects within the Coalville Special Expense Area
Recommendations	THAT THE WORKING PARTY NOTE THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE 2020/21 CAPITAL PROJECTS.

1.0 2020/21 CAPITAL PROJECTS

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

A meeting has been arranged with Leicestershire FA on Wednesday 14 October to discuss how the project can be progressed.

1.2 Melrose Road Play Hub – £4,000

This project has been completed and the item will be removed from the agenda

1.3 Coalville Park – £35,470 S106 funding and £1,200 CSE funding

1.3.1 Play Equipment

Following resident engagement, this is considered the highest priority and in principle support has been given by CSEWP to allow the majority of S106 funding to be allocated to this project. Following the unsuccessful funding application to the National Lottery Community Fund, the Friends of Coalville Park group are undertaking further online consultation to understand in more detail resident's and users requirements so the designs can be refined pending further funding applications.

1.3.2 Community Garden

This has been identified as the second priority. The Royal British Legion have been engaged and attended the last meeting of the Friends of Coalville Park meeting to discuss their proposals which were welcomed by the group. The Legion will now work with officers to improve the area, to get it re-established, and to involve community groups in its use.

1.3.3 Park Improvement

Improving the park by extending into the adjacent field to provide additional planted areas, trees and pathways has been identified as the lowest priority, although consultation with residents still highlighted a significant desire for this work to be undertaken so as to maximise the space available for public within the park all year around. In addition, one of the justifications of transferring the s106 funding from

Lillehammer Drive to Coalville Park was that additional open space would be created in the park to offset the loss of open space at Lillehammer Drive.

In order to get an agreed and approved design, a designer will be engaged who can develop 3 designs based on the criteria stipulated by members for consideration. Hopefully the designs will have a far more visual impact of what the area can look like, with the creation of event space, and how this will look with people in it. This is something officers don't have the skills to produce. Resident consultation on the designs will be undertaken to identify which is the preferred option, and the results of this along with the options will be reported back to CSEWP for consideration and to make a recommendation to Cabinet.

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

As requested by Members at the last meeting of the CSEWP, this project has been deferred until 2021.

1.4 **Lillehammer Drive - £6,000**

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

Work is ongoing with Belvoirdale school to develop designs for the area to see if it can be constructed within the appropriate S106 cost envelope and so the school can understand the ongoing maintenance costs and requirements to ensure they can stand the financial commitment. Various options with one off and ongoing maintenance costs have been presented to them for consideration and officers await a response.

In the meantime discussions have commenced between Barratt's legal representatives and the NWLDC legal team to agree a Memorandum of Understanding for the use of the S106 funding allocated to replacing the MUGA to allow it to be used on Coalville Park. Once completed and the situation is clearer with the school, then a Deed of Variation will be agreed for the change of use of the open space and the associated S106 funding for converting that area.

1.5 **Coalville in Bloom 2020**

This project has now been completed and will be removed from the agenda.

1.6 **Coalville in Bloom 2021 £6,644**

£6,644 of external funding from the Bardon Community Fund is earmarked for this project, although it should be noted that the cost for towers, troughs and watering in 2020 was £13,356. Officers will meet with the Chair of the CSEWP to discuss options and will report back to the next meeting.

1.7 **CSE Assets** (Asset Management Plan - Appendix 1)

1.7.1 **Cropston Drive Recreation Ground Changing Pavilion - £8,000 CSE funding, £2,000 external funding**

Unfortunately the insurance claim for the replacement of the roof was unsuccessful. Parks and Open Spaces team officers are now working with colleagues in Property Services to undertake the work using the budget allocated.

1.7.2 **Scotlands Bowls Pavilion - £13,000**

Recruitment attempts have proved successful and officers believe there is currently enough interest to recommence bowling in 2021. This is being supported by Bowls Leicestershire and a local coach. Consequently, work will be progressed to get the green and the pavilion to a usable standard by undertaking the works as identified in the Asset Management Plan. If at any point interest wains and it no longer looks feasible for bowling to recommence, then any outstanding works will be put on hold.

Once the building is operational and in use, consideration will be given to further environmental enhancements to the building that may help reduce operational costs to CSE, and any funding that could be accessed to support this work.

1.7.3 **Asset Management**

As part of the Asset Management Plan (attached as Appendix 1), the following works have been approved for 2020/21;

Cropston Drive Pavilion Roof - £10,000

Covered in 1.7.1.

Scotlands Recreation Ground Bowls Pavilion - £13,000

Covered in 1.7.2.

Thringstone Recreation Ground Bowls Pavilion - £500

This is for a structural survey to determine the cause of a sagging roof and is being progressed by Property Services

London Road Cemetery - £11,720

£1,500 for a structural survey on the entrance wall which is being progressed by Property Services.

£10,220 for tree works which have commenced and will be completed over winter.

Broomleys Cemetery - £2,500

To create additional grave space which will be completed over winter.

Coalville Park Play Equipment - £8,122

This will be addressed as part of the play area equipment improvement proposals being considered by the Friends of Coalville Park group (1.3.1)

1.8 **Scotlands Recreation Ground - £5,000**

Officers are in the process of meeting with the Ward Member and Chair of CSEWP to discuss and agree design proposals. It is intended to try and also incorporate distance way markers as part of the project to encourage residents and users of the park to be more physically active. Once costed proposals have been agreed consideration will be given to submitting funding applications to help support delivery of the project.

1.9 **Trees in Coalville**

A number of areas within Coalville have been identified as potential locations for tree planting. These are;

- Coalville Park field – to be considered as part of the park extension
- Scotlands Recreation Ground – project being delivered
- Willow Green – community project being delivered at no cost to CSE
- Romans Crescent – community project being delivered at no cost to CSE
- Cropston Drive
- Kenmore Crescent
- Various grass verges