

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY – 15 DECEMBER 2015

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	THAT THE WORKING PARTY 1) NOTE THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON 2015/16 CAPITAL PROJECTS 2) TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR 2016/17 CAPITAL PROJECTS AND REVENUE FUNDING

1.0 2015/16 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

1.1 Coalville Park Improvements – Peace Garden

This project is now completed following the well attended official opening on Tuesday 3 November 2015 by the Deputy Chairman of the Council. Feedback from stakeholders, members of the public and the media has been extremely positive.

1.2 Owen Street Recreation Ground – Changing Room Development – £115,563 (£30,563 S106, £85,000 CSE)

Building works on the new changing pavilion are now well underway. It is anticipated that works will be completed in April 2016.

As part of the funding agreement, NWLDC Property Services section are acting as Clerk of Works and are responsible for monitoring the build to ensure compliance to the original proposals submitted and also to periodically release NWLDC held funding to cover building costs.

It is anticipated that a formal opening will take place in July 2016 and will be marked by a marquee game for Coalville Town Football Club.

1.3 Thringstone Miners Social Centre – £4,913

Thringstone Miners Social Centre Trustee's are still working with NWLDC officers to identify sources of funding to convert the former Clover Place play area into a sports training area. As agreed by Members of the Working Party, the project has been split into 3 phases with the £4,913 allocated to the project being earmarked for phase 1.

- Phase 1 - Obtain planning permission and divert the footpath
- Phase 2 - Erect fencing to secure the area
- Phase 3 - Undertake surface works

The total costs of the project are estimated at approximately £45-50,000 dependent upon the exact size of the training area. This is broken down into the following:-

- Planning permission and footpath diversion £6,000
- Fencing £9,000
- Surface works and seeding £30-35,000

At the request of the Working Party Members, consultation was undertaken with local residents in advance of phase 1 through the distribution of flyers to households. 1 response was received objecting to the proposal which has been replied to by the Chair of the Trustee's. Given the very limited response, the planning and footpath diversion applications have been submitted and are in the process of going through formal consultation.

In the meantime, officers are continuing to work with the Trustee's to try and secure further funding to deliver phase 2 and phase 3 of the project. It is possible that a funding application could be submitted to the BIFFA Main Grants Scheme which accepts applications of upto £50,000. However, this would require a third party contribution of 10%.

1.4 **Cropston Drive BMX Track and Wheeled Sports Facility – Balance £10,033**

Proposals and costings have been developed and will be circulated at the meeting for consideration. Improvement works focus on the main car park entrance, the pedestrian entrance, the hardcourt basketball area and the hedge line. If approved, works will be delivered during spring (before the bird nesting season) and early summer.

1.5 **Urban Forest Park, Coalville Footway and Drainage Improvements**

Work has now been completed. The boardwalk has received positive comments, and the footpaths have been significantly improved. Drainage works are also finished. The area will be monitored over the coming weeks to assess if there are any localised issues.

1.6 **Thringstone Bowls Club Toilet Block - £2,606**

The club have received positive feedback from BIFFA regarding their application, and information on this will be relayed at the meeting. Whilst the total cost of works is still confirmed as £25,422, BIFFA have confirmed that the amount required by a third party would be £2,606, which is slightly more than the £2,500 originally requested. This is down to the way BIFFA account for the financial elements of projects.

2.0 **2016/17 POTENTIAL CAPITAL PROJECTS**

2.1 **Melrose Road Green Gym**

Images of various pieces of Green Gym equipment will be available for Members to see at the meeting. The cost of the equipment varies from £800 to £3,800 dependant on whether they are single or multi use. There is then a requirement for safety surfacing and installation. The examples on show are from contractors quoting for works at Millfield Recreation Ground where installation costs for 3 to 4 pieces of equipment catering for between 5-9 people is anticipated to cost between £10,500 and £13,700.

2.2 **Benches in Thringstone**

An image of the type of bench quoted for is available for Members to see at the meeting. The cost of the bench is £430 and installation will cost between £60-170 dependent on where it is sited and if a concrete base is required. If this scheme is supported it is proposed to undertake a patch walk with interested ward members to identify suitable locations prior to seeking any necessary agreements with land owners.

2.3 **Thringstone Miners Social Centre Training Pitch**

Members may wish to consider allocating up to £5,000 towards the training pitch project. As highlighted in point 1.3, this would constitute the 10% third party contribution that would then allow the Trustee's to submit a funding application to the BIFFA Main Grants Scheme for the outstanding amount required to deliver the project.

2.5 **Scotlands Playing Field Play Hub**

It was agreed at the last meeting of the group to defer any work on identifying improvements to Scotlands Playing Field until the situation regarding the relocation of Lillehammer Drive MUGA had been resolved.

2.6 **Memorial Trees**

A request has been received from Members for officers to consider planting trees in various locations throughout the Coalville area in the run up to 2018 (100 year mark) in memory of the end of World War 1 and of everyone who lost their lives during the war. These would be funded through a combination of Coalville Special Expense funding and external funding with a possible ceremony to commemorate the occasion and the planting scheme. Officers are currently identifying potential locations for the planting scheme and will feed back initial proposals at the next meeting.

2.7 **Variable Message Signs**

Community Focus Officers are currently liaising with Leicestershire County Council (LCC) to understand the process for consideration and approval of such signs on highway land which may include first establishing through a speed watch programme excessive vehicular speeds in hot spot locations. Officers will confirm the process for the next meeting of the working party.

2.8 **Coalville Town Guide**

This initiative is being discussed in a range of forums including the NWL Tourism Promotions Board, the Councils Business Focus team and with Coalville Town Team to try and clarify the objectives of the leaflet, what should or should not be included and if any match funding can be secured. Other examples of Town Guides are also being sourced including e-guides.

2.9 **Flag Pole at front of Council Offices**

This initiative has now been completed and a flag raising ceremony was held on 11 November following the ceremony at the Clock Tower, Memorial Square.

2.10 **Phoenix Green Bridge Mural**

Officers will be looking at how this mural and also the mural next to the former Bus Depot/Garage can be refreshed and the associated costs. It is hoped to present further information at the next meeting.

2.11 **Improved Signage**

LCC are close to finalising their signage review for Coalville which is currently focussing on Brown Signs and these will start to be installed in the coming weeks. It is

proposed to revisit signage later in the year once LCC have completed their review and installation programme.

3.0 2016/17 POTENTIAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKS

3.1 Coalville – Grass/verge maintenance - £4,000

A sum of £4,000 was allocated from reserves in 2015/16 and is currently not built into base revenue budgets for 2016/17. Leicestershire County Council have confirmed that they will be increasing their urban grass cuts from 5 cuts in 2015 to 6 cuts in 2016. However, there are a number of areas within Coalville that members may wish to improve through one off works on an annual basis including jitty/roundabout/verge hedge/shrub/bush/bed maintenance. Members may