

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY – 19 APRIL 2016

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) CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR 2016/17 CAPITAL PROJECTS 3) CONSIDER IF THEY WISH TO HAVE A PRESENTATION FROM A MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN SUPPLIER

1.0 2015/16 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

1.1 **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 late May/early June 2016.

It is anticipated that a formal opening will take place in July 2016 (which will be supported by NWLDC Event officers) and will be marked by a marquee game for Coalville Town Football Club, which the club are in the process of arranging.

1.2 **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 now 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%.

1.3 Cropston Drive BMX Track and Wheeled Sports Facility – Balance £7,533.49

Proposals and costings have been developed and have been circulated to Members of the Working Party for consideration. Improvement works focus on the surrounds to the main car park area, the pedestrian entrance, the hardcourt basketball area and the hedge line. Works will be phased for delivery throughout the year.

1.4 Urban Forest Park, Coalville – Balance £6,955.50 (S106 funding)

As there is still an outstanding amount of S106 funding, officers will present back to the next meeting suggestions around how best this could be used. Initial suggestions, are on early years play equipment themed to existing forest/adventure style to complement what is already on site and more picnic style tables to facilitate a family summer picnic experience.

Members had also requested that officers give consideration to renaming the park which could be linked/timed to the aforementioned investment. Initial ideas include but are not limited too-:

1. Coalville Forest Park
2. Forest Adventure Park
3. Coalville Forest Adventure Park

If members support the above developments, it is proposed to recommend to cabinet that a name change is considered and a community consultation exercise undertaken.

Officers have also started to promote the site more through identifying the park on google maps as it was not listed (allowing it then to be listed on Trips Advisor Days Out), putting photographs on our website and including it in 'Days Out for Kids' guides.

1.5 Thringstone Bowls Club Toilet Block - £2,606

The following email was received from Thringstone Bowls Club on 7 March 2016-:

As you are aware, Thringstone Bowling Club have recently been fortunate in securing a grant of just over £26,000 from the Biffa Award fund.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you and to North West Leicestershire District Council for all the support that you have given to the Club and acknowledge the

contribution that you made towards our Biffa Award Application which helped us to secure the funding for the new toilet block. Indeed, without your support as a Third Party Contributor we would have had no chance at all.

With the new toilet block installed and other recent upgrades to our facility, which again you provided great support towards, the project will offer an even better quality bowling and social experience and will contribute towards increasing club membership and further enhance the community aspect of the club. You are also aware that over the past three years the club has taken part in the schools partnership scheme with local schools to introduce the game of bowls to youngsters, culminating in setting up a Junior Section in the club this coming season. The Biffa Award will support this initiative.

We are working towards the installation of the new toilet block in early May for use during the coming season. The ground-works for the building is being done by club volunteers.

Thank you again for your support. If you wish, you will be able to keep abreast of the progress of our project as it unfolds on our Club website, www.thringstonebowlingclub.org.uk.

Thank you again

2.0 2016/17 POTENTIAL CAPITAL PROJECTS

2.1 Melrose Road Green Gym - £12,000

Indicative costings and illustrations of equipment were circulated at the last meeting. Whilst prices of equipment vary considerably and a procurement process would need to be followed, it is anticipated that £12,000 would cover 4 pieces of equipment.

2.2 Bench in Thringstone - £600

An image of a proposed bench was circulated at the last meeting and a cost for installing a bench is £600. A site visit has been undertaken with the ward member and an update will be given at the meeting.

2.3 Thringstone Miners Social Centre Training Pitch - £5,000

Members may wish to consider allocating £5,000 towards the training pitch project. As highlighted in point 1.2, 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 (this would be similar to the Thringstone Bowls Club toilet project).

2.4 Scotlands Playing Field Play Hub

It has previously been agreed by 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. Discussions are on-going with Barretts and it is hoped that a timeline for resolving the long standing issue at Lillehammer will be available for the next meeting.

2.5 Memorial Trees - £2,000

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 have identified the Urban Forest Park as a potential location for the planting of 10 trees (maybe to create a feature such as an avenue or a corridor) at a cost of approximately £2,000. Officers will arrange to meet onsite with relevant Members to discuss further.

2.6 **Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs**

These are generally used on metal lamp posts (not concrete or telegraph posts) that are already in place. If no metal lamp posts are available LCC will consult with NWLDC over putting suitable posts in at our expense. The costs of the units are around £3,000.

The basic process to have these installed:

- Sign and return a required Memorandum of Understanding, which is an agreement between NWLDC and LCC on the management of the MVAS signs.
- Have a site meeting with LCC to discuss the suitability of desired locations.
- Agree that the map showing the sites, produced as a result of the site meeting, is correct.
- LCC will then arrange to have the lamp posts inspected for suitability (this stage is currently running 6 months behind schedule)
- NWLDC to purchase the preferred unit and use.

LCC have suggested that members consider inviting a supplier of the signs to make a presentation to the next Coalville Special Expenses meeting.

Grounds maintenance have quoted for moving the signs every 3 weeks and the total cost per move is £55 x 17 per annum = £935.00 pa.

2.7 **Coalville Town Guide**

This initiative has been discussed with the Interim Head of Economic Regeneration and Communications who advise that with a significant corporate focus on Coalville that it should be considered by Coalville Project but later in year once a number of wider strategies and further work has concluded.

2.8 **Phoenix Green Bridge Mural £3,649**

The Phoenix Green bridge project was completed in 2007 at a total cost of £8,727. The project was a community initiative which included workshops delivered by Mantle Lane Arts. Local children helped design and paint the mural. It has been identified that the mural is requiring attention due to graffiti and wear and tear and is in need of restoration. In preparation for the restoration, the mural and surrounding area should be cleaned and a quotation for this work has been received by our street cleansing team for £75. Painting of the black steelwork on the panels that surrounds and runners on the path side only of the bridge on Phoenix Green is required. The quotation received by grounds maintenance team is £1,060. A quotation to restore the paintwork on the panels has been received by the original artist who worked on the project. Artists anonymous have quoted £2,514 which will include a coating of anti-graffiti lacquer. Estimated completion time is 5 days. Total cost of the restoration project £3,649.00. Contact has been made with several departments within LCC to seek a contribution to the restoration however they were unable to commit to any financial contribution.

2.9 **Former Arriva Bus Depot Wall**

The wall is in poor condition in places with some surface of the bricks coming away. Parts of the wall have been repaired with new brickwork. The mural itself is in very

poor condition with paint peeling. The artist who originally painted the wall has stated that the wall is in too poor condition to paint over and this would need to be replaced or rendered. The cost of a new project which incorporated community engagement and workshops would cost between £8,000 - £10,000.

The former Arriva bus depot has been purchased with a view to becoming a car showroom. The new owner has submitted an application for planning permission to improve the frontage of the building. There is a meeting arranged between planning and the new owner and it has been requested that their future plans/thoughts for this mural be considered.

2.10 **Improved Signage**

LCC are finalising their signage changes for Coalville it is proposed to revisit signage later in the year once LCC have completed their programme of works.

3.0 2016/17 POTENTIAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

It was agreed by Members to reconsider this once the impact of LCC increasing the frequency of their urban grass cuts from 5 to 6 per annum had been assessed.