

## **NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY – 7 JULY 2016**

Title of report	<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE</b>
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Purpose of report	To update members with regards to Capital Projects within the Coalville Special Expense Area
Recommendations	<b>THAT THE WORKING PARTY</b>  <b>1) NOTE THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON 2015/16 CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>  <b>2) NOTE THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON 2016/17 CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>  <b>3) CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER POTENTIAL 2016/17 CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>

#### **1.0 2015/16 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

##### **1.1 Owen Street Recreation Ground – Changing Room Development**

Building works on the new changing pavilion are almost finished. It is anticipated that works will be completed in late June 2016, with a handover from the contractor to the football club in early July. Once handover has taken place then officers will arrange a site visit for Members of the Working Party to see the facility.

It is anticipated that a formal opening will take place in August 2016 (which will be supported by NWLDC Event officers) and will hopefully be marked by a marquee game for Coalville Town Football Club, which the club are in the process of trying to arrange. Members will also be invited to this.

##### **1.2 Thringstone Miners Social Centre – Training ground development**

Planning approval has been given for both the footpath diversion and the fencing. Unfortunately the football club have capacity issues as a number of committee members have recently left and are in the process of being replaced. Once replacements are in situ, an officer will support a committee member with the funding application.

### 1.3 **Cropston Drive BMX Track and Wheeled Sports Facility**

Proposals and costings have been developed and have previously been circulated and approved by Members of the Working Party. Improvement works focus on the surrounds to the main car park area, the pedestrian entrance, the hardcourt basketball area and the hedge line. Works are programmed for commencement in July/August.

### 1.4 **Urban Forest Park, Coalville – Site improvements**

There is still an outstanding amount of S106 funding, officers are currently seeking costs for boundary improvements including car park fencing and improved site signage.

Following a recommendation at the working parties last meeting in April Cabinet have approved the potential renaming of the Urban Forest Park through a community consultation exercise to seek preferred names. The Council's Community Focus Team will support this consultation process.

### 1.5 **Thringstone Bowls Club Toilet Block**

This project is now completed and officers will arrange a site visit for any interested Members of the Working Party.

## 2.0 **2016/17 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

### 2.1 **Bench in Thringstone - £600**

A location for a new bench has been agreed with Members and the police and now that approval has been given by Cabinet, the Grounds Maintenance team will arrange for its installation.

### 2.2 **Thringstone Miners Social Centre Training Pitch - £5,000**

Now that the £5,000 allocation to the project has been approved by Cabinet, officers will work with the football club to submit a funding application to the BIFFA Main Grants scheme.

### 2.3 **Memorial Trees - £2,000**

An officer site visit has been made and an area close to the entrance within the park ear marked for potential development. A design is currently being drafted and will be presented to the next meeting for consideration.

### 2.4 **Phoenix Green Bridge Mural £3,649**

Contractors have been procured for the cleaning and re-painting of the mural and the work will take place in July.

## 3.0 **2016/17 POTENTIAL CAPITAL PROJECTS**

It was agreed that the following projects would be considered further once the final accounts have been confirmed for 2015/16.

### 3.1 **Green Gym at Melrose Road (£12,000)**

Indicative costings and illustrations of equipment were circulated at a previous 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.

### 3.2 **Scotlands Play Hub Development (uncosted)**

It has previously been agreed by the group to defer any work on identifying improvements to Scotlands Playing Field until the situation regarding the Lillehammer Drive MUGA has been resolved.

### 3.3 **Mobile Vehicle Activated Signage (£4,000 per sign)**

As requested at the last meeting, a presentation was given to Members of the Working Party on 8 June.

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.

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

### 3.4 **Improved Parks Signage (uncosted)**

This is for Urban Forest Park (once renamed) and Coalville Park. 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.

### 3.5 **Melrose Road Recreation Ground, Thringstone (uncosted)**

Officers have been approached by Friends of Thringstone to consider improvements to Melrose Road Recreation Ground. It has been suggested to develop the area from a recreation ground into a Park for Thringstone. The site would still be usable and maintained for use as a football pitch but the exterior and entrances would be improved to include trees, benches and planted areas. It is not proposed at this point to add equipment as it is felt the nearby play hub is the preferred location for equipment. It is proposed to bring a scheme of potential improvements to a future meeting if members support the broad proposal.

### 3.6 **Coalville Market Toilets (to be considered)**

A petition was recently presented to Full Council asking for the public toilets next to the Councils Market Hall to be opened on Sundays. Cabinet will consider this proposal at its next meeting on 26 July. The working party may wish to consider supporting and contributing to the cost of opening the market toilets on Sundays. In order to meet potential demand whilst the precinct businesses are open a 10am-4pm opening period could be trialled for a number of months with opening and closing undertaken by the Parks Wardens. In order to minimise costs there would be no cleaning or supervision during these opening hours which would leave them open to potential abuse but this could be reviewed weekly in light of operational experience. Members could recommend to Cabinet the allocation of a sum to contribute or a % of cost shared with the General Fund.