

## NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY – 13 OCTOBER 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 2016/17 CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>

#### 1.0 2016/17 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

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

Work on the new pavilion is now complete and the building has been formally handed over by the contractor to the football club. As agreed at the last meeting of the Working Party, officers will arrange a site visit for Members and would like to propose a visit on Thursday 27 October 4.00pm

Being supported by NWLDC officers, the club were hoping to have an official opening of the facility that would include a marquee game against a professional league team during August or September. However, the club have been unable to arrange this due to the unavailability of all local professional teams and so, with the approval from the Football Foundation, have agreed to move the official opening to the end of the football season (May/June) when it is hoped they can secure a game against prestigious opposition to mark the occasion.

##### 1.2 **Thringstone Miners Social Centre – £7,431**

Planning approval has been given for the fencing for the proposed new training pitch, but is still being awaited for the footpath diversion. Once this has been received, an officer will support the trustee's with a funding application to allow the remainder of the project to be delivered.

##### 1.3 **Cropston Drive Recreation Ground – Balance £7,500**

Work has commenced on improving the area, with the entrance drive having been levelled and the hedge works due to be completed during the w/c 3 October. Further

general grounds improvements will be undertaken following the hedge works and the hardstanding area and associated equipment will be upgraded during w/c 31 October.

1.4 **Urban Forest Park, Coalville – Balance £7,073 (S106 funding)**

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

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 which will commence in October/November once schools have returned following their summer break.

Officers have discussed the site with the National Forest who advised that they are not looking to take on the management of any woodland but are focussed on facilitating the creation of new woodland. They also advised they would not put in public toilets in such areas due to the significant cost unless there was surrounding infrastructure such as a museum, cafe, interpretation centre or paid for activities.

1.5 **Thringstone Bowls Club Toilet Block**

This project is now fully completed.

1.6 **Bench in Thringstone**

This project is now fully completed

1.7 **Memorial Trees - £2,000**

A site visit for Members has been arranged at Urban Forest Park in advance of the Working Party meeting. Revised proposals will be presented at the site meeting for consideration.

1.8 **Phoenix Green Bridge Mural**

This project is now fully completed

1.9 **Green Gym at Melrose Road - £12,000**

3 quotes within budget have been obtained for equipment. Officers will now liaise with Ward Members on final proposals with a view to placing order w/c 17 October.

1.10 **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. The Council are currently engaged in dialogue with Barratts regarding this matter.

1.11 **Mobile Vehicle Activated Signage - £4,000**

Officers have contacted LCC with proposed locations for the signs and are awaiting confirmation of a date they can visit the district to discuss these. Once undertaken, a map will be completed showing the agreed sites and the following process will be adhered to:-

- Sign and return a required Memorandum of Understanding, which is an agreement between NWLDC and LCC on the management of the MVAS signs.
- 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 units and use.

1.12 **Improved Parks Signage - uncosted**

This is for Urban Forest Park (once renamed) and Coalville Park. LCC have confirmed their signage changes in Coalville are now complete.

1.13 **Melrose Road Recreation Ground, Thringstone - uncosted**

Officers have met with representatives of Friends of Thringstone to consider improvements to Melrose Road Recreation Ground with the intention being to develop the area from a recreation ground into a Park for Thringstone. The site will still be usable and maintained for use as a football pitch but the exterior and entrances will 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. Officers will develop proposals and costings and will present ideas to the next meeting in December for consideration.

1.14 **Coalville Market Toilets**

This project is now fully completed and the toilets are open on a Sunday between 10am and 4pm, no vandalism has been reported to date.