

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Moorlands Partnership Board
06 November 2019**

TITLE: Current Status of Projects

OFFICER: Executive Director

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the report is noted.

2. Summary

2.1 This report deals with progress to date on those projects, awaiting commencement, on site, or completed since the last meeting of the Moorlands Partnership Board.

2.2 This report is for information but it does offer Members an opportunity to comment on progress.

3 Background and Detail

Projects Update

2015/16 OFFERS

Gazebo, Whitehough, Ipstones

Still waiting for doors to be installed and then scheme complete. No further update.

2016/17 OFFERS

67 Tape Street, Cheadle

Property has changed hands works complete by new owners. No request to transfer grant to new owners so grant withdrawn.

The Trough – Biddulph

Awaiting commencement. Listed building consent has been submitted and waiting a decision.

2017/2018 OFFERS

Cheddleton Station

Tenders have now been returned for the completion of the works to repair Cheddleton Station. Bat survey has indicated presence of bats so further investigative surveys required which cannot be carried out until April 2020 at the earliest.

Funerary Monuments

Works are now complete on the repair and consolidation of the funerary monuments at Dilhorne (9 listed structures). The Yates Memorial at St Luke Endon and the Prince Memorial at St Leonard, Ipstones are also completed. A further allocation of £5,000 from the MPB will allow further monuments to be repaired at Kingsley, Horton, Draycott and Alton.

Biddulph Town Council Projects

Railings A57 –Due to be completed this month.

Gillow Heath Station - A small working group has been formed, and this has turned into a four phase project:

Stage one will be moving the fence on the District Council land and installation of 2 new benches – Assets are being chased about the removal of the fence before benches can be installed.

Stage two will be restoring the edge of the platform – the North Staffordshire Railway Company has been working to source edging stones.

Stage three is the installation of signage and interpretation boards – No update.

Stage four is to repair the nearby footbridge, constructed using the old rails, which is one of only two in the country, the other being at Rudyard Lake – No update

Well at Tower Hill Road – Complete.

2018/2019 Grant Offers

Foxlowe, Leek

Works to repair the roof are on site and may well be complete at the time of the MPB meeting. The second phase of works for the render and window repairs will be started shortly, subject to funds.

Leekbrook Rail Link

Grant paid and works well underway to reinstate track.

1 High Street, Cheadle

Works on site but have halted due to submission of planning permission for conversion to holiday accommodation.

Leekbrook Interpretation Panels

Historic photographs and text being sourced.

2019/2020 Grant Offers

Victoria Buildings, Leek

At the last meeting, the MPB set aside £20,000 for the repair of the building which is in 4 separate ownerships. The cost to repair the building is around £52,459 but this figure does not include preliminaries, contingencies, fees or VAT. The likely final figure could be around £90,000. Officers have contacted all the owners requesting a grant application. Members are asked to note the following update:

- 4A Broad Street ground floor - Grant offer £1356 2018/2019 – No progress.
- 4A Broad Street upper floor – Update from owner who is keen to take up grant but has lease arrangements to resolve.
- 4B Broad Street - Update from owners who no longer intend to apply for the grant but do intend to undertake the works. In principle grant allocation was £6,000.
- 2 Broad Street and 74 Edward Street – No update from owner.

No update to report.

Tudor House Cheadle

Works complete and grant paid. New tenant has moved into the premises and building fully occupied.

Big Mill

At the last MPB meeting Members raised concerns about the future of Big Mill. This has been recognised in the draft Corporate Plan for SMDC 2019 – 2023 as a priority for action and will be taken forward by developing an overarching masterplan for bringing redundant mills back into use. Development of this masterplan sits within Aim 3 of the draft Corporate Plan – to help create a strong economy by

supporting further regeneration of town and villages.

4 Implications

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| 4.1 | Community Safety: | Nil. |
| 4.2 | Workforce: | Nil. |
| 4.3 | Equality and Diversity: | This report has been compiled in accordance with the Council's Diversity and Equality Policies. |
| 4.4 | Financial Considerations | This report deals with those projects for which funding has already been allocated. |
| 4.5 | Legal: | Nil. |
| 4.6 | Sustainability: | The repair and reuse of historic buildings is an important sustainability objective. |

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Background Papers

Project Applications
File 6366

Location

Regeneration Service

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Decision:

Reason:

Interests Declared: