

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Moorlands Partnership Board
6 November 2019**

TITLE:	Approval of Projects
OFFICER:	Executive Director

1. Reason for the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek members' approval to allocate grant funding from the Moorlands Partnership Board (MPB). The budget for this year is £50,000. See table below to see allocations to date.

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Scheme	Budget £50,000
Victoria Buildings (Odeon Antiques)	£14,000 in principle allocation and subject to grant applications from owners.
Tudor House	£4,000
Foxlow phase 2	£8,000
Funerary Monuments	£5,000
Balance of funds	£19,000

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Members approve a grant of £2,364 towards the repair of Mill House Pond towards the cost of eligible works totalling £4,728 (inc VAT). The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:

- Agree specification or sample of any new stonework.

2.2 That Members approve a grant of £925 for the repair of the church wall at St Peters, Alton towards the cost of eligible works totalling £1,850 (inc VAT). The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions;

- Agree specification or sample of any stonework, mortar mix and appearance of pointing.

2.3 That Members approve a grant of £1,320 for the repair of the Market Cross, Cheadle towards the cost of eligible works totalling £2,640. The

work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions;

- Agree specification for mortar mix;
- Agree any new stone samples.

2.4 That Members approve a grant of £600 (inc of VAT) for the installation of notice boards at Halls Road playing fields, Biddulph. The eligible works total £1200 (inc of VAT). The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions.

3. Summary

3.1 This report allows members to consider applications for Environmental Enhancement Grants for funding towards projects within the district.

4. Report

Mill House Pool, Biddulph

4.1 A grant application has been received from the owners of the pool at Mill House, Biddulph. The repairs consist of dam wall repairs and the island walls. The property is not listed but the route of footpath (87) takes in this feature. The pool was constructed to serve Biddulph Corn Mill and is shown on maps dating back to 1770. The pool is fed from the leat at Biddulph Grange County Park.

Given the nature of the works only 1 estimate has been obtained for the works which totals £4,728 (inc VAT) and consists of the following:

1. Dam:-

- a. Drain down pool;
- b. Affix formers to dam wall;
- c. Pour concrete to stabilise dam and seal against leakage;
- d. Tank concrete (waterproofing).

2. Island wall:-

- a. Construct temporary walkway across mud from side of the pool;
- b. Recover stone work where possible;
- c. Rebuild wall including top dressed stone.

4.2 The repair and restoration of the pool will ensure the future preservation of this historic water feature and compliment the wider leat repairs carried out at Biddulph Grange Country Park (also funded by the MPB).

Recommendation

- 4.3 That Members approve a grant of £2,364 (inc VAT) towards the cost of eligible works totalling £4,728 (inc VAT).

St Peters Church, Alton

- 4.4 A grant application has been received from the church warden at St Peter's Church, Alton. The application seeks funding towards the repair of the stone church yard wall that abuts the public footpath. The church is listed and consent to undertake the repair works have been approved by the diocese. Two estimates have been received for the works, the lowest of which totals £1,850 (VAT not applicable) and consists of the following:

- Dismantling and rebuilding two sections of wall;
- Refixing copings with lime mortar.

- 4.5 The Church is listed grade II* with origins that date back to the 12th Century with later additions, enlarged and extended in the late 19th century.

Recommendations

- 4.6 That Members approve a grant of £925 towards the eligible works totalling £1,850 (VAT not applicable).

Market Cross, Cheadle

- 4.7 A grant application has been received for the repair of the historic Market Cross and plinth, Cheadle. The application seeks funding towards the repair of this iconic listed feature within the centre of Cheadle. Two estimates have been received for the works the lowest of which totals £2,640 (VAT not applicable) and includes for the following works:

- Remove top stone and repair cracked area;
- Clean moss from stone steps;
- Rake and repoint open joints;
- Repair missing corner from stone steps.

- 4.8 The market cross is grade II listed and occupies a prominent and focal position within Cheadle town centre being positioned at the top of Cross Street. The list description dates it as 17th century.

Recommendations

- 4.10 That Members approve a grant of £1,320 towards the eligible works totalling £2,640 (VAT not applicable).

Halls Road playing Fields, Biddulph – Community notice boards and interpretation

- 4.11 Biddulph Town Council propose to erect notice boards at the playing fields at Halls Road, Gillow Heath. These are well used by residents, visiting sports teams and families. A place is needed in this area to provide information about the disused railway tracks (Biddulph Valley Way), the history of the town and some additional community information. The Town Council has commissioned a heritage map which will be displayed in this area, with accompanying information about the town. This will be on one side of a noticeboard with community information on the other side. They intend to use a Broxap noticeboard throughout the town to ensure a level of consistency.

Only one estimate has been received for the works which totals £1200 (inc VAT).

Recommendations

- 4.12 That Members approve a grant of £600 towards the eligible works totalling £1200 (inc of VAT).

5 Implications

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| 5.1 | Community Safety: | Nil. |
| 5.2 | Workforce: | Nil. |
| 5.3 | Equality and Diversity | This report has been compiled in accordance with the Council's Diversity and Equality Policies. |
| 5.4 | Financial: | Any funding approvals will be financed from the Partnership's existing allocated budget. |
| 5.5 | Legal: | Nil. |
| 5.6 | Sustainability: | The repair and reuse of historic buildings contributes significantly to sustainability. |

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Background Papers

Location

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Decision:

Reason:

Interests Declared: