

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MOORLANDS PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

Minutes

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT: Councillor B Emery (Chair)

Councillors E Fallows, K Flunder, L A Malyon, T Riley, S Sillitoe and S Wales

APOLOGIES: Councillors R Barker, M Gledhill, D Shaw, S Walley and M Worthington

8 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

Agenda No.	Member Declaring Interest	Nature of Interest
Agenda Item 5 – Financial Summary & Proposed Grant Awards. (Restoration of the platform at Endon Railway Station).	Cllr Sillitoe	Other – A member of Endon with Stanley Parish Council. The Parish Council had submitted an application to the Board.
Agenda Item 5 – Financial Summary & Proposed Grant Awards. (Plaque at Endon House and restoration of the platform at Endon Railway Station).	Cllr Flunder	Other – The County Councillor for the area.
Not specified	Cllr Riley	Other – A shareholder at Churnet Valley Railway Station.
Agenda item 4 – Summary of Projects (St Edward’s Summer Houses).	Cllr Wales	Other – Resident at St Edward’s Estate and a member of the management company.

10 **SUMMARY OF PROJECTS**

The Board received a report which provided an update and reviewed progress on the grants already approved (in previous years) under the Moorlands Partnership Board.

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

This report was for information only but offered Members an opportunity to comment on progress. The report was presented with an accompanying power point presentation which displayed images of each project.

2016/17 OFFERS:

Biddulph Town Council Projects - The Trough, Gillow Heath Station and Halls Road Community Notice Board. The noticeboard is completed but not erected on site. Licences were being obtained to do the work at Gillow Heath Station. The Trough repair was delayed waiting confirmation of a contractor.

2019/2020 OFFERS:

42 Compton, Leek – sash window reinstatement

No further update to report. This grant offer is due to expire shortly and despite attempts made to contact the owner there has been no update received.

2020/2021 OFFERS:

St Edwards Summerhouses – Repair of grade II listed summer houses within site

To meet the grant conditions, the applicant has secured an updated condition survey and 1 estimate for the repair of 1 summer house only. The Regeneration Officer has asked for 2 estimates for the repair of ALL the summer houses and to confirm that the estimates have been prepared against the original and updated condition survey.

The grant of £8,000 is for the repair of ALL the summer houses rather than just 1. As such there is a need to agree a proportionate payment of the grant after the repair of each summer house.

The Board discussed the possibility of the maximum grant being awarded for each of the summerhouses. Councillor Wales would raise this matter at the next meeting of the estate's management company. Joanne Brooks also agreed to go back to the applicant and advise but to convey that future grants could not be guaranteed.

2021/2022 OFFERS:

Heaton House, Rushton Spencer – Reinstatement of stone boundary wall to match original

Planning Permission for the wall was approved in August and they intend to start work on the new all early next year. Stone sample and pointing mix has been approved.

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St Giles Church, Cheadle - Funerary Monument repairs

Diocese permissions being sought prior to commencement of works but progress is slow.

St Leonards Church, Ipstones – Relaying original stone path

Work complete and grant paid.

Guild Hall, Alton Castle – Roof repairs

Fund raising and grant awards have secured almost all the funding required for the repair to the roof of the building. A contractor will be appointed to start in March 2023.

19 Hugo Street, Leek – Sash window reinstatement

All but one of the windows has been installed. The grant has been part paid.

Ipstones Boundary Post – New boundary post carved and erected

The new boundary post had been cut to size and is ready for carving.

Foxlow Arts Centre, Leek – Render, window and soffit repairs along with rationalisation of rain water goods on east elevation

Works complete and the grant has been paid.

Den Engel, Leek – Roof repairs

Works were currently on site and likely to be completed at the end of November.

Christ Church, Biddulph Moor – Roof repairs

No update to report.

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2 – 4 Tape Street – repair of sash windows

Joinery works complete and waiting decoration.

Tean Heritage Trail

All the preparatory planning is now complete and the archaeological artist will begin work on the trail map in December.

ANTICIPATED APPLICATIONS:

Former garage/barn – Ipstones

Application has been received but second quote required. Also planning permission for alternative heritage interpretation needs to be secured prior to making a grant award.

RESOLVED: That the update report be **NOTED**.

11 **FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND PROPOSED GRANT AWARDS**

The Board considered a report which sought Members' approval to allocate grant funding from the Moorlands Partnership Board in 2022/23. The budget for this year was £60,000.

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Members also considered a verbal application for the restoration of the platform at Endon Station submitted by Endon with Stanley Parish Council, which had been received since the written report had been published.

(Councillor Sillitoe did not take part in the vote for the application at Endon Station)

RESOLVED: The Board -

- 1) **NOTED** the financial summary in 3.1 of the report.
- 2) **APPROVED** a maximum grant of £8,000 (inc VAT) at 71 Derby Street, Leek for the reinstatement of 4 arch topped traditional sliding sash windows and subject to the following technical conditions:
 - Planning permission was obtained for the 4 new windows.
 - All new joinery details were agreed with the Regeneration Officer by way of a detailed constructional drawing.
 - Colour scheme to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer.
- 3) **APPROVED** a 75% grant of £279 (inc of VAT) towards the installation of a plaque at Endon House, Endon, commemorating the home, life and work of poet TE Hulme.

The grant would not be paid until the details of the exact location are agreed with the Regeneration Officer and the plaque was erected.

- 4) **APPROVED** a maximum grant of £4350 (inc of VAT) for the resurfacing of the platform, pathway and paving area at Endon Station to provide access to the Tea Room & Post Office and subject to the following technical conditions:
 - A plan to demonstrate the areas which would be tarmacked and paved
 - Areas to be paved in stone rather than concrete
 - To receive written consent for the works to be carried out from Network Rail

The meeting closed at 2.38 pm

_____ Chairman _____ Date