

**STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Moorlands Partnership Board  
8<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Current Status of Projects</b>
<b>OFFICER:</b>	<b>Executive Director</b>

**1. Recommendation**

- 1.1 That the report is noted.
- 1.2 Members consider the update on public access to the summer houses at St Edwards.

**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**

**2011/2012 OFFERS**

**Bourne Fountain, Cheadle**

This is an old grant offer relating back to an offer made in 2011. Given the offer is now 6 years old, officers are inclined to suggest that they write to Cheadle Town Council and withdraw the funding.

**2014/2015 OFFERS**

**14 Market Place, Leek**

Commencement due early in the New Year.

## **2015/16 OFFERS**

### **18 Deansgate, Leek**

Works completed and grant paid.

### **Gazebo, Whitehough, Ipstones**

Awaiting commencement.

### **High St House, Leek**

At the time of writing the report the works are ongoing. However, by the time of the MPB meeting, the works may well be complete and the scaffolding removed.

### **No1 Clerk Bank, Leek**

Works completed unsatisfactorily and property up for sale. Unlikely to pay the £4,000 grant due to quality of work and potential change of ownership.

## **2016/17 OFFERS**

### **67 Tape Street, Cheadle**

Works due to commence early in the New Year.

### **Derby Street Bollards, Leek**

Works now complete and bollards installed.

### **9 – 11 High Street Dilhorne**

Works ongoing and approximately 50% complete. New windows and door installed as agreed and approved under listed building consent.

### **Cheddleton Choir House**

Works complete and grant paid.

### **Stockton Brook Layby**

There has been some delay during preparatory work as it was noticed that there was a potential drainage and flooding issue. This has now been resolved and the works are due to commence shortly.

### **TE Hulme Memorial – Endon**

Works complete and awaiting payment.

### **Endon and Stanley Interpretation Panels**

Repairs almost complete and panels due to be installed within the next couple of weeks.

### **The Trough – Biddulph**

Awaiting commencement.

## **2017/2018 OFFERS**

### **Leekbrook to Leek (Cornhill) heritage rail link**

Verbal update to be given at the meeting.

### **Leekbrook Station**

The applicant is waiting for a decision on a Peak LEADER application that is expected anytime now. Assuming a positive response work will start January/February 2018.

### **Cheddleton Station**

North Staffs Railway Co is now owner of the station and platform. The appointed architect is completing a refurbishment specification for tender and appointment of contractor. This should be complete in November. The applicant aims to raise £75,000 including the purchase price of £50,000. They have raised £60,000 so far so they have £10,000 to spend on refurbishment to date. They will also be approaching other organisations for top up grants.

### **St Edwards Summer Houses**

Officers have been advised that, whilst public access to the summer houses cannot be legally restricted, access for the general public is not encouraged. The trail leaflet (circulated at the previous meeting) is no longer publicly available or promoted. Whilst the applicant has accepted the grant offer, they are mindful that the public access is not as generous as first considered. The applicant is aware that Board Members will be updated on this fact and will consider the existing grant offer.

### **Biddulph Town Council Projects**

Biddulph Town Council has been awarded a grant allocation of £12,700 towards various projects within the area. The Town Council has put forward the following projects to be funded from the MPB:-

- £10,000 towards heritage projects with Biddulph Grange Country Park. This includes restoration of Bateman/Heath footpaths and on site interpretation.
- The remaining £2,700 will be allocated towards 4 small projects including – Tower Head Well, the platform at Gillow Heath Station, restoration of Trent Head Well and the continuation of railings along the A527.

## **4 Implications**

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:**