

# **STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **MOORLANDS PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING**

### **Minutes**

**WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor H Sheldon MBE (Chair)

Councillors E Fallows, A Forrester, A Hart, H Jebb, I Lawson, C Pearce and T Riley.

IN ATTENDANCE: J Brooks                      Regeneration Officer  
S Hampton                      Member and Community Services Officer  
J Percival                      Finance Business Partner  
R Tuffrey                      Principal Regeneration Officer

APOLOGIES: Councillors J Davies and D Shaw.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

16 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

<b>Agenda No.</b>	<b>Member Declaring Interest</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
Agenda Item 6 - Projects in Biddulph.	Cllr A. Hart	Other – A member of the Peak District National Park Planning Committee, a member of Biddulph Town Council, Deputy Chair of Peak Leadership Programme, member of the Biddulph Grange Country Park Steering Group and Chair of Biddulph Burial Sub-Committee.
Agenda Item 5 - Endon & Stanley Interpretation Panels - Projects relating to railways	Cllr H. Jebb	Other – Member of Endon and Stanley Parish Council and is a Member of the North Staffordshire Railway Company.

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Agenda Item 6 - Projects in Biddulph	Cllr H. Sheldon	Other – A member of Biddulph Town Council, Biddulph Grange Country Park Steering Group and Biddulph in Bloom.
Agenda Item 5 - Relating to Cheddleton Station.	Cllr T. Riley	Other – Owns shares in the Cheddleton Railway.
Agenda Item 6 - Funerary Monuments	Cllr E. Fallows	Other – Member of Kingsley Parish Council.

### 17 FINANCIAL REVIEW AND SUMMARY OF PROJECT ALLOCATIONS 2017/18

The Board received a report introduced by Janice Percival, Finance Business Partner, which provided a financial summary of funding available to the Partnership to allocate during the financial year and included financial tables which provided a summary of grant funding.

**RESOLVED** - That the report be noted.

### 18 CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECTS

The Board received a report and presentation on the current status of projects at:-

Bourne Fountain and Butter Cross, Cheadle – *Grant £565 now allocated for cleaning*

14 Market Place, Leek – *Grant application withdrawn*

Gazebo, Whitehough, Ipstones - *Stone repairs complete, the door and leaded windows to be restored this year*

High Street House, Leek – *Works completed and grant paid*

67 Tape Street, Cheadle - *Works delayed and will not commence until 2019.*

9 – 11 High Street Dilhorn - *Works on going and approximately 50% completed*

Endon and Stanley Interpretation - *Panel boards complete, lecterns being repaired works to be completed shortly*

The Trough, Biddulph - *Awaiting commencement*

Leekbrook to Leek (Cornhill) heritage rail link - *All the survey work was now completed and the planning permission had been submitted. Discussions were being held to identify possible sources of funding to deliver the rail link.*

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Leekbrook Station – *Works had commenced and part of the grant payment had been made.*

Cheddleton Station - *A set of plans and proposals for the repair and refurbishment of the building had been completed.*

Funerary Monuments – *Works had commenced*

Members of the Board queried the architect's survey costs, how the Council had decided which funerary monuments should receive grant funding and if any other funding had been sourced. It was explained that the structures which were considered to be most at risk to the public had been selected for repair and the Council wasn't seeking additional funding from alternative sources. Five survey quotations from Conservation Accredited Architects had been received and some were more costly than the architect which had been appointed. Some members felt that the Council should contact the Diocese for funding towards the restoration of the funerary moments.

**RESOLVED:** 1) That the report be noted.

2) For the Diocese to be contacted in relation to funding towards funerary monuments.

### 19 **APPROVAL OF PROJECTS**

The Board received a report to seek member's approval to allocate grant funding from the Moorlands Partnership Board. At the last meeting £48,000 from the £50,000 budget was allocated to projects in Leek and Biddulph.

This report updated Member's on the detailed applications that had been submitted for the various Biddulph projects as listed below:-

- Continuation of railings along A527
- Well on Tower Hill Road
- Gillow Heath Station
- Biddulph Grange Country Park – Leat Repairs

For the remaining £2,000 officers proposed that these funds were allocated to the repair and restoration of the Cattle Market Cottage in Leek. Due to an underspend from the Leekbrook Railway Project, a total grant of £3287.50 was available to offer.

The property was situated behind the war memorial and adjacent to the Premier Inn. The applicant was keen to restore the slate hipped roof over the ground floor bay and reinstate the original window pattern to the bay window.

Two estimates had been received for the works the lowest of which totalled £6575. A possible 50% grant would total £3287.50 and would result in a full allocation of funds for this year of £50,000.

Discussion also took place in relation to the re-allocation of underspent funds from the Moorlands Partnership Board and the main capital programme.

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**RESOLVED:**

1. That Members **APPROVE** a grant of £3287.50 towards the cost of repairs and restoration to Cattle Market Cottage, Leek, subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical condition:
  - For the gas/electric box to be painted in colour agreed with the conservation officer.
  
2. That **CABINET** is requested to **APPROVE** the re-allocation of any underspend from the MPB budget for 2017/18 to the MPB budget for 2018/19.

20 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

For the next financial year, it was suggested that the Board may wish to focus on properties which were likely to be included on the Buildings at Risk register such as, Odeon Antiques in Leek and the Royal Oak pub in Cheadle.

The Chair requested that more information was gathered such as if the owners of these properties were prepared to work with the Council. It was anticipated that by the time of the next meeting more information would be available for the Board to consider.

A variety of logos for the MPB were displayed on screen. Members decided that the preferred option was the double wall tie design in green, white and grey.

Councillor Fallows asked if it would be possible for Kingsley Parish Council to apply for MPB grant funding towards the repair of the delegated cemetery gates. It was explained that the Board wouldn't fund maintenance but suggested they make an application to the Board.

The meeting closed at 3.15 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date