

**STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Moorlands Partnership Board  
27 June 2018**

<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.

**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**

Works are now complete and the grant paid. The fountain has been cleaned, the surrounding setts and paving repointed and the cast iron bollards redecorated.

**2015/16 OFFERS**

**Gazebo, Whitehough, Ipstones**

The applicant has the builders lined up to start the works but is waiting to discharge his conditions as part of his listed building consent.

## **2016/17 OFFERS**

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

Works delayed and will not commence until Oct 2019. At the last meeting the board agreed to honour an extension to the grant offer to meet this date.

### **9 – 11 High Street Dilhorne**

Officers previously expressed some concerns over the quality of the repointing and the colour choice for the doors. Much of this has been rectified and a partial grant payment of £3,000 has now been made. £1,000 is being retained until all works are complete (brickwork cleaning) and scaffolding removed.

### **Endon and Stanley Interpretation panels**

Repairs complete but awaiting payment.

### **The Trough – Biddulph**

Awaiting commencement.

## **2017/2018 OFFERS**

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

Planning permission has now been granted for the reinstatement of the rail link. Draft Heads of Terms are being discussed between the Council and the Churnet Valley Railway (CVR). The full cost for construction of the line is circa £810,000. There is an 18-month construction period that would only commence once funding is confirmed. CVR will be responsible for raising the funding to cover the construction costs. Officers have supported CVR to submit an expression of interest application for £494,750 under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD). If successful, a full application will need to be made by September 2018.

### **Leekbrook Station**

Works have started on site to restore Leekbrook Station waiting room. The building will be an exact replica of the original and will be finished in the same colour scheme as the adjacent listed signal box. The shell of the building is now erect and the doors and windows are in the process of being fitted. After this, scaffolding will be erected to fit the slated roof and rainwater goods. The building is due for completion in August with an official opening in October.

### **Cheddleton Station**

The architect has now completed a set of plans and proposals for the repair and refurbishment of the building. Once the scope of works is agreed the architect will produce a form of tender to issue to potential building contractors.

## **Funerary Monuments**

The condition survey of all the listed funerary monuments identified as being at risk has been completed and a list of the 4 in the worst condition has been agreed. These are:-

- Chest Tombs at Church of All Saints, Dilhorne;
- Chest Tombs at Church of All Saints, Dilhorne;
- Prince Memorial Church of St Leonard, Ipstones; and
- Yates Memorial, Endon.

A contractor has been appointed to undertake the repair of the above 4 monuments at a cost of £7,456. The total budget for this project is £10,000. To date, the cost of the accredited architect is £3,965. This leaves a remaining budget of £6,035 for funerary repairs. At the last meeting the Boards asked Officers to pursue further funding to enable the repair of all the 'at risk' monuments. Officers have secured a further £1,500 from the SMDC monuments and cemeteries budget. This will enable the above 4 to be repaired as one contract. In addition, Officers have lodged an initial grant enquiry with the Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust to see if there is any additional funding available to continue the programme of repair.

The architects need to obtain faculty approval for the repair works. It is hoped that the repairs works will commence shortly.

## **Biddulph Town Council Projects**

Grant offer accepted but no further update to report.

### **Biddulph Grange**

The Friends of Group have accepted the grant of £10,000 for the restoration of the leat and installation of the interpretation panels. The works to the leat are currently on site and may well be completed at the time of the MPB meeting.

### **Cattle Market Cottage, Leek**

Grant offer accepted but no further update to report.

## **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:**