

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP, CULTURE AND TOURISM** held on 23 September 2020.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor B Lewis

Also in attendance – Councillors R Flatley and P Smith

31/20 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

32/20 **AWARD OF GRANTS TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENTS – VITAL VALLEY** On behalf of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) Partnership, the County Council had accepted a grant offer from the Heritage Lottery Fund (now the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)) for a Great Place Scheme in the DVMWHS.

The Great Place Scheme included the Experiment Fund project which awarded grants to heritage, arts and cultural organisations within the DVMWHS. The Experiment Fund had a total grant pot of £85,000 made up of £75,000 NLHF monies and £10,000 contribution from applicants. A sum of £62,974 had already been awarded from the NLHF grant of £75,000.

The awards highlighted in the report would enable the DVMWHS to support the cultural sector through the impact from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and provide opportunities for people to engage with arts, culture and heritage in the DVMWHS. Specific details of the application for grants could be found in the Appendix to the report. The DVMWHS Coordination Team had assisted sites and visitor attractions to co-ordinate information to assist safe re-opening of venues. A total of £4,000 was proposed to be allocated for measures such as: as hand sanitiser; social distancing information and signage; and other communications.

RESOLVED to approve the award of grants from the National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £1,285,800 for the Great Place Scheme to:

- Maximum of £500 to Cromford Community Centre Association,
- Maximum of £500 to The Darley Abbey Community Association,
- Maximum of £500 to The Fleet Centre,
- Maximum of £500 to The Friends of the Cromford Canal,
- Maximum of £500 to Guardians of Strutts,
- Maximum of £500 to Heage Windmill Society,
- Maximum of £500 to Number Twenty Eight Belper,

- Maximum of £500 to Sawmills Village Hall,
- Maximum of £4,000 Covid-19 re-opening equipment requirements for hygiene, social distancing and communications.

totalling a maximum of £8,000 from the total grant of £85,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund approved for the Experiment Fund.

33/20 HERITAGE ACTION ZONE SCHEME, SPRING GARDENS,

BUXTON In May 2019, Historic England (HE) launched a new multi-million pound fund – the High Streets Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) scheme. This fund enabled HE to work with partners to find new ways to champion and revive historic high streets. The HAZ scheme will deliver a four-year programme of physical improvements, community engagement and cultural activities to revive England’s struggling historic high streets and town centres by investing in a high street’s heritage, ensuring it contributed to the streets vibrant and vital future.

Each HAZ scheme targeted a high street in a designated conservation area. This would help to ensure the conservation area’s continued appropriate management and protection through the repair, restoration and regeneration of its historic environment.

The Spring Gardens HAZ objectives were:

- To progress and support the already strong culture and heritage offer through investment, development, and promotion within the identified HAZ area.
- To enhance the area as a destination for a greater range of accommodation and distinct retail offer through the repair and restoration of historic buildings, focusing upon the restoration of traditional shopfronts and the repair of traditional joinery details on upper floors to encourage vacant buildings to be brought back into use and prolong the existing use of a building.
- Secure the long-term viable future of key buildings at risk located at pivotal points at each end of Spring Gardens.
- Widen experience, knowledge, understanding and awareness of Buxton’s heritage through the delivery and promotion the Community Engagement Plan and Cultural Programme, including engagement with those communities who have not been involved with heritage projects before.
- Create and deliver a strong cultural programme to contribute to the Visitor Economy Strategy priorities and support the development of a more coherent, year-round cultural programme.
- Improve visitor understanding and enjoyment of Derbyshire’s heritage through the delivery of heritage interpretation at key visitor entrance points.

- Increase knowledge and understanding of Buxton's heritage through the production of guidance and educational materials, to ensure long-term benefits are delivered beyond the HAZ programme.

Details of how the Buxton HAZ Scheme Programme would meet these objectives were provided.

When HPBC was assembling its bid to HE for Spring Gardens, it had approached the County Council's Conservation, Heritage and Design (CH&D) Service to see if the County Council could contribute towards the scheme from its Historic Environment Grants Budget. HPBC was informed that the Budget no longer existed. However, it was noted that the bid would be strengthened if the County Council could contribute towards it. To this end, HPBC enquired if the CH&D Service could formally provide Conservation Officer time to support the implementation of the Spring Gardens HAZ scheme.

It was proposed that in year 1 (2020-21), the County Council's Conservation Officer would give 12 days of support to the HAZ and 28 days each for years 2, 3 and 4 (2021-24). It was felt that this level of formal commitment could be accommodated within existing workloads with small adjustments and support from the wider CH&D Service.

RESOLVED to approve that the County Council formally offers High Peak Borough Council assistance with the implementation of the Spring Gardens Heritage Action Zone Scheme in Buxton via the allocation of officer time, as detailed in the report.

34/20 **APPOINTMENTS OF CHARITY TRUSTEES** The Council had been approached by the Coke's Educational Charity to appoint a trustee to the charity to replace Mr Jeremy Dunn who had recently resigned as a trustee. Mr Dunn had been the County Council's nominated trustee for more than 20 years.

The trustee body had considered who might be suitable to act as the County Council's nominative trustee and unanimously agreed to invite the County Council to nominate Mr James P Angus to the trustee body as its nominative trustee. The trustee body had explained that Mr Angus was a respected member of the local community who had lived in Longford, one of the 4 parishes served by the charity for over 23 years. Mr Angus's background was in the aerospace and air transport research industry and he had a strong interest in environmental issues.

The Council had also been approached by the Dr Bland's Alm Houses Charity in Sandiacre.

The charity scheme provided that the trustee body shall consist of 5 individuals, 4 ex-officio trustees and one nominative trustee. The ex-officio trustees included the County Council member for Sandiacre and Councillor Wayne Major currently fulfilled this role. The charity scheme provided that the nominative trustee shall be appointed by the County Council for a term of 4 years. The nominative trustee must be a person who through residence, occupation or employment or otherwise had special knowledge of the parish of Sandiacre and did not need to be a member of the County Council.

As the County Council was represented on the trustee body by the local member for Sandiacre the trustee body would like to propose to the Charity Commission that the County Council's rights to nominate a further trustee should be removed from the scheme and were seeking the Council's views on whether it would support such an approach to the Charity Commission. Alternatively, the County Council had the right to appoint a nominative trustee to serve on the trustee body of the charity for a period of 4 years.

RESOLVED (1) to approve the appointment of James P Angus as the Council's nominated trustee of the Coke's Educational Charity.

(2) that the County Council appoint a nominative trustee to the board of trustees of the charity for a term of 4 years.