

REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER
TO: BARROWFORD & WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
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Steven Burke Sports Hub Phase 2 Update

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide an update to Members on progress made in relation to the proposed plans for Phase 2 of the Steven Burke Sports Hub. The update is mainly in response to the resolutions made at the August 2015 meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Members approve the revised plans and support the working group in their future work.
- (2) That Members provisionally assign a small contribution (£2000) from Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee's 2016/17 Capital Programme towards the project costs.
- (3) That Members note the future management issues outlined in 5.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) To gain Members approval and move forward in terms of progressing the project.
- (2) To add to the Council's match funding pot which will enable external funding bids to be made.
- (3) To make Members aware of the potential management models for the future.

ISSUE

1. At the 7th August 2015 Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee meeting, it was resolved:

That the Committee support the scheme in principle but that Barrowford Parish Council be asked for their views on the proposals; more information be provided on the long-term use and maintenance of the proposed facility; and no funding be provided at this time.

2. The report that was brought to the 7th August meeting was forwarded to Barrowford Parish Council for them to discuss at their next meeting. Subsequently, the Parish Council sent a letter to us in early September 2015 detailing issues they wanted clarification on and asking a number of questions relating to the proposals. The letter is attached in Appendix 1.
3. A reply was sent to the Parish Council in early November 2015 along with a revised drawing/plan taking in to consideration the comments made about car parking and access. The reply and revised plan is attached in Appendix 2.
4. The response and revised plan was discussed at the December 2015 Parish Council meeting. They were happy with the responses made and in principle support the proposals. They still have a few concerns/issues around the following:
 - That the new Pump Track will be adult orientated and they want to ensure that the facility can be used by young people especially teenagers.
 - Exacerbating access problems to and from the facility via Wilton Street in Barrowford - weekends in particular.
 - Safety of pedestrians under the motorway bridge.
5. A report was taken to Management Team on the 2nd February 2016 informing them of progress and asking them to approve and support the plans/way forward. They were supportive in principle but stated that in view of the transfer of services to Town/Parish Councils work and the fact that the Council is trying to reduce costs, that the future governance of this facility (and indeed the existing cycle track) by an 'independent group' should be considered. The Management Team resolutions are provided below:
 - That the creation of the second phase of the Steven Burke Sports Hub be agreed in principle.
 - That consideration be given to the future management of the facility.
 - That a report be submitted to Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee in March 2016.
6. In view of the above and the Parish Council being happy in the main with the response and alterations we have made to the original proposals, we are asking Committee Members for their approval of the revised plan. In addition, although it was stated that no funding would be provided from the Committee towards the scheme from the 2015/16 Capital Programme, we would like to ask Members if they would be willing to commit, in principle, to assigning £2000 towards the scheme from 2016/17's programme.
7. We were aware that although some consultation has been undertaken with local people this has been mainly with the local cycling fraternity (who are obviously keen on this proposed facility). As such, we have just undertaken some further public consultation in the form of hard copy surveys and online questionnaires. This was for anyone to comment on and put forward their views but in order to ensure that local people who would be directly affected by this development were consulted, we also produced, printed and delivered approx. 350 paper based questionnaires to residents in Barrowford and Bradley Ward in Nelson (who live within close proximity to the proposed facility).
8. Approximately 1,500 A5 leaflets were also delivered to a significant number of properties in Barrowford and Nelson. Copies of the leaflet and the paper surveys are provided in Appendix 3. The consultation process lasted a month and finished on the 15th February 2016. We have obtained a very good response with 192 people completing surveys. From initial feedback, it is apparent that the majority of people (178) who responded are in favour of the proposals with only a small number (13) against it. We are currently in the process of collecting all the responses together to create a short report that can be shared with

members, officers, etc. We will look to utilise the feedback provided to hone the current plan and as evidence for funding bids that appropriate consultation has taken place.

9. Once the above has been done and the plans finalised (taking in to consideration the additional Parish Council issues), we will look to:
 - Submit a funding bid to Lancashire Environmental Fund for £30,000. We are hopeful that this bid will be successful and will provide us with a sound basis to make further funding bids to other potential funders such as:
 - BIFFA
 - Sport England
 - Big Local (Bradley)
 - British Cycling

We hope to make funding bids to a number of these organisations over the next 6-9 months.

10. Simultaneously, we will endeavour to start looking at potential options, e.g. Social Enterprise, Cycle Development Pendle Partnership (CDPP) taking on the whole facility, etc. that could be pursued in terms of the future management of Phase 2 and the existing cycle track at Swinden.

Additionally, the transfer of Parks and Playing Fields to Town/Parish Councils is scheduled to be looked at during 2016/17 and 2017/18 and as such these facilities may be included within these discussions.

11. BMX is now an Olympic sport which has gained momentum since 2012. There is no BMX facility in Pendle and yet there is significant demand. The proposed scheme has received nearly 900 'likes' on Facebook already and there seems to be a real ground swell of support for a facility of this type. We feel that the Pump Track would entice youths looking for a safe skills area away from the streets and town centre and would contribute to public health aims of getting people active. It would also promote social interaction and bring people of all ages, backgrounds and cultures together. The proposed facility would complement the existing facilities on offer at Swinden and would in essence create a true cycling hub set to inspire future generations of potential Olympians.
12. The proposed project also ties in with Lancashire Cycle Network's aim of linking cycle routes across the Lancashire authorities with cycle hubs in each local authority area. The Steven Burke Sports Hub would be Pendle's hub. Phase 2 of the hub's development is going to be an action within Pendle's new Cycling Strategy that is currently being developed under the larger 'broadening cycling skills/choices in Pendle' section.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: The proposed Phase 2 development would help to achieve a number of the targets outlined in both Pendle and LCC's Cycling Strategies, e.g. to increase the number of cycle users in Pendle. In addition, with more people cycling they will gain health benefits which will help to achieve objectives from the Health and Well Being Strategy and Pendle's Leisure Strategy.

Financial: The estimated cost of the Scheme is circa £130,000.

Legal: None

Risk Management: None

Health and Safety: None

Sustainability: None

Community Safety: None

Equality and Diversity: None

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Barrowford Parish Council Letter

Appendix 2: Reply to the Parish Council & Revised Plan

Appendix 3: Consultation Leaflet & Survey

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee 6th August 2015

'Pendle BMX Pump Track – Steven Burke Sports Hub Phase 2'

