



**REPORT FROM:** Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager

**TO:** West Craven Committee

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## West Craven Town Centres Re-opening – WBF Update

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To update the committee on the Welcome Back Fund (WBF) grant spending for Re-opening of Barnoldswick and Earby Town Centres.

### Recommendations

1. To update the committee on the spending for re-opening of Barnoldswick and Earby high streets

### Reasons for recommendations

1. In order that the Committee remains apprised of developments concerning the WBF spending on the Re-opening of Barnoldswick and Earby Town Centres

## Update on spending

### 1. WBF Grant Funding for West Craven

The table below indicates the funding available to West Craven and a Spending Plan which was agreed at the Area Committee meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> August with an update on spending.

Town	RHSSF	WBF	Total
Barnoldswick	£228.67	£10,285	£10,513.67
Earby	£114.33	£5,142	£5,256.33
			<b>£15,770.00</b>
Possible spend (Estimates)	Estimated	Actual Spend	
<b>Website (Joint or separate)</b>		<b>Barlick</b>	<b>Earby</b>
Basic website (no help)	£2,000		
<b>Basic website with staff help</b>	<b>£4,000</b>	£5,296	£0
Content managed website (no help)	£10,000		
Content managed website with help	£13,000		
Apps - like Experience Blackburn App	£3,500		
<b>Public Realm</b>			
Planters for Barlick (Amberol)	£5,000	£501	
poles and base plates (T&F Steel Designs)		£2,230	
Install in Barlick (LCC or other - estimate)		£2,400	
Repaint Planters for Earby	£4,500		£3,995
Earby Light columns painting			£825
	<b>£9,500</b>		
<b>Existing safety measures</b>			
Sanitiser fluid	£1,000		£130
	<b>£1,000</b>		
<b>Publicity to promote both towns</b>			
Print (Flyers etc)/ Soc Media	£1,000		£300
	<b>£1,000</b>		
<b>Total</b>		£10,427	£5,250
<b>Remainder</b>		£86.47	£6.33

At the time of this report the following progress on these projects is as follows:

**Overall** – the Government Grant Body has now approved Pendle’s WBF Spending Plan, which include West Craven’s spending plan, and so all spending can now take place without the spend being “at risk” to the Council

- George Boococks have now re-painted the planters in Earby. Cost £3,995. No response has been received from LCC asking them to re-paint the base of the lighting columns. Boococks also quoted to repaint the lighting columns at £825. **So we would suggest that these are repainted using the grant money and ask the Committee to approve this.**

Pictures of the re-painted Earby planters are below



- A similar site visit was made to Barnoldswick to identify the planters requested by Barnoldswick Town Council and the cost of these was found to be under £501 with further install costs.
- The development of a website for Barnoldswick has now begun. We have contacted all the businesses in Barlick town centre (APPENDIX 1) to ask them to provide information on their businesses so that we can promote them for free on the site. We will continue to update the Committee on progress.

Please note: all purchases need to meet the procurement rules provided by the grant body, ie any procurement has to be co-ordinated across Pendle so that the appropriate number of quotes are obtained beyond the £2500 threshold for the whole of Pendle. This is especially important as other towns may want to purchase similar things. Failure to comply means we will not receive the grant.

### **Non-grant Area Committee funding**

After the Committee confirmed that it wished the budget for this be carried over the remaining monies are £3,251. It was agreed that this money would be used for a small stage, to benefit both Barnoldswick and Earby, and indeed events throughout West Craven.

**Progress** – the stage has now been purchased and it will be reverted to Barnoldswick Town Council to use for events

## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:** None arising directly from this report

**Financial:** As detailed in this report

**Legal:** None arising directly from this report

**Risk Management:** None arising directly from this report

**Health and Safety:** None arising directly from this report

**Sustainability:** Beyond their initial use, items such as the website (1 year) need consideration given to their longer term sustainability

**Community Safety:** None arising directly from this report

**Equality and Diversity:** None arising directly from this report

**APPENDICES** APPENDIX 1 – Letter to businesses for the website

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS** None