



REPORT FROM: PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES MANAGER

TO: BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE

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BARROWFORD TOWN CENTRE RE-OPENING

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report to the Committee on the Welcome Back Fund (WBF) grant funding for the re-opening of Barrowford Town Centre safely.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To update the Committee on the spending for the re-opening of Barrowford High Street under the WBF.
2. To approve plans for WBF spending.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In order that the Committee remains apprised of developments concerning the spending on the re-opening of Barrowford Town Centre.
2. In order that spending can be carried out in a co-ordinated manner.

1. Current Position

Remaining grant funding from the Re-opening of the High Street Safely Fund (RHSSF) for Barrowford is £547.

Any unspent monies from RHSSF can be carried over into WBF as long as they are spent and evidenced by the end of March 2022.

In addition the new WBF Allocation for Barrowford is £8,119.

So the TOTAL Amount in grant funding for Barrowford to spend is £8,666.

2. Non-Grant Funding – The Website

In addition there is £3,700 of non-grant Area Committee monies, provided the Area Committee confirmed carry-over of these funds from the previous finance year.

As previously reported we have not been able to contact Voidwell to access the “Come to Barrowford” website.

December’s Barrowford and Western Parishes Area Committee asked that the Economic Development Officer speak to Barrowford Parish Council about the website.

After speaking to the Parish Council, it expressed its interest in building a new website and populating it with the existing business information from the now defunct website.

The Economic Development Officer confirmed with the Finance Department that there was still £3,700 in the Area Committee’s non-grant budget and asked that the Parish Council apply for monies from this funding at January’s Committee meeting toward the construction of a new website.

3. Spending for WBF

1. Additional Planters

The costs for these are:

Amberol £1,873.

Plants £1,401.

They have now been ordered.

2. Additional Christmas Decorations

The costs for these are £2,351.

These have now been ordered and installed.

4. Additional Spending - Bags

The remaining funding has been spent on “I Love Barrowford” jute Eco bags as approved by the Committee.

These arrived at Holmefield House the week beginning 6th December 2021 for distribution before Christmas.

5. Remaining Budget – the WBF budget for Barrowford has now been spent.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising directly from this report.

Financial: As included 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: None arising directly from this report.

Community Safety: None arising directly from this report.

Equality and Diversity: None arising directly from this report.

APPENDICES: None.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS: None.