

West Craven Area Committee

Pride in Place Impact Fund. Projects Update

To update attendees on current progress, issues and next steps across funded projects.

1. Executive Summary

This report provides an update on current projects across the Barnoldswick and Earby allocated areas.

Projects delivered by Town and Parish Councils

All projects being delivered by external town and parish councils have all now received Grant Offer Letters.

These are:

- Stocks Beck Tree Nursery
- Earby Town Council projects
- Kelbrook park project

Due to the Town Square in Barnoldswick now having transferred from PBC to BTC, and proposed changes with this project, a Grant Funding Agreement to Barnoldswick Town Council is now likely a more suitable arrangement for taking this project forwards.

Projects being delivered by PBC Officers

Remaining projects are being planned for and delivered by PBC officers. Some because they are delivered to benefit PBC assets in the community. Others are Parish or Town Council projects where they have elected for PBC to deliver on their behalf due to resourcing or due to our expertise.

Timescales

It is worth remembering that, whilst it is the intention to have projects underway or completed by March 2027, funds do not have to be spent by this date. The programme allows projects to continue beyond this, with no fixed deadline given by government, as long as the funds are “committed”.

2. Key Points for Attendees

- Projects are now progressing to the mutual satisfaction of PBC and Earby Town Council and engagement has improved.
- Several Barnoldswick Town Council projects are subject to proposed variations to better reflect current delivery requirements.
- Some projects do not have an update to share due to officers involved being on annual leave when contacted.

3. Project Updates by Area

3.1 Barnoldswick Area

Project	Current Position	Next Step
Stocks Beck Tree Nursery Development of tree nursery	Work has started on the clearance of the site and this will be finished ahead of the project plan estimated date of 14th Oct. Once the site is fully cleared, work will then commence on re landscaping for the tree nursery. The project is on track to complete the work by the end of October Barlick Bioscapes (the working group managing the project) are next meeting towards the end of September and will be starting to plan community engagement etc in readiness for the seed collecting season.	Continue to monitor delivery progress.
Permanent Performance Space, Town Square, Barnoldswick	Project did not commence immediately due to changes in roles, staffing and reprioritisation of activities within Barnoldswick Town Council (BTC), including a reevaluation of town centre events delivered by the TC. At the July meeting of the West Craven Area Committee members expressed by vote that they would like to see this project remain in the programme rather than disburse its funds into other projects by BTC. BTC have since confirmed they are committed to the delivery of the project, with an appropriate design. In August an asset transfer of the town square from PBC to BTC was completed making it their asset. The TC then undertook a formal assessment of the square before taking any decisions on placement and design.	The project remains unchanged in its general outcomes to the community; to provide a performance space on the town square. No final design was agreed upon at the outset of the project and was to be determined by BTC representatives. This process is happening. The main change is from a permanent space to a non-permanent one. With the location changing from the back of the square as originally proposed.

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	The TC are now considering placement and design and wish to approve final designs shortly (if not already agreed by the time of this area committee meeting). Whilst some time has been lost there is still enough time to deliver. Following their formal review of the square, consideration has been given by BTC to changing factors in the delivery of events, potential for a permanent structure to be the focus for anti-social behaviour, and consideration of appropriateness of any structure within the town square, the town council now considers that a 'permanent' performance space on the town square, of a fabricated stage type design, and in the original location proposed, is not necessary. The approved project was for a performance space. The TC still wish to deliver this as a temporary or semi-permanent feature, which would provide a space for performances on the square. Final designs are soon to be decided by the Town Council. Chairs are still envisaged to be part of this plan. Planters are also being considered which form part of the overall design. Proposed designs are of a simpler nature which do not require PBC engineering expertise to deliver and so procurement and installation could be undertaken by the TC. It would be more appropriate that BTC now takes on responsibility for the delivery of this project, through a grant funding Agreement between it and PBC. Final costs are not yet determined for the investments being made.	A variation is being sought from the PBC Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader. Subject to agreement with them, Barnoldswick Town Council to progress a delivery plan. Final plans and costs to be confirmed. The project budget includes a contribution from Area Committee, should they still be in agreement to provide one, if necessary.
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Heritage Trail town centre/ stream and trail refresh Sculptures at Letcliffe Park	Project plans are in development. Town Council representatives have met with PBC officers. A variation has been proposed to merge the Heritage Trail and Sculptures projects due to their interlinked nature; the trails being planned for go very much hand in hand. Combining these projects will allow for more flexible spend planning between them.	A variation is to be put to the PBC Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader to confirm this variation for a combined delivery approach. There is a contribution allocated from Area Committee should committee still be in agreement to provide this.
Replacement of existing wheel park and replacement of new; at Victory Park	Project is progressing. Head of Greenspaces has commissioned removal of the old wheel park. New provision will be commissioned once removal is complete.	Continue to monitor delivery progress.
Pump Track Originally proposed at Victory Park	A pump track was originally proposed for Victory Park, though the location for this was not clear to the TC members who have since taken the project forwards. Along with the PBC Head of Greenspaces, locations at Victory Park have been considered but found not to be suitable by the Town Council. Land behind Greenfield Allotments was also considered. The location is not ideal and could come with additional engineering cost. The preferred option is now Clough Park.	Project variation to be put to the PBC Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader to approve a change in location, from Victory Park. Next steps are dependant on agreement for the asset to be transferred. Continue to monitor delivery progress Alternative options will be required should this project not be feasible.

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	Clough Park and its car park is a PBC owned asset but subject to an asset transfer to the TC, the TC would be satisfied to undertake delivery at this location. These assets have already been offered as part of the asset transfer programme and so discussions are to be initiated by the TC on continuing to make this happen . It would require the removal of a playground which is in poor condition and is in need of full replacement. It is well separated from nearby housing, reducing the likelihood of noise complaints. There is substantial on-site parking available. It is a flat site, reducing construction complexity and cost. It is also located alongside other recreational facilities, including the MUGA, creating a wider leisure offer. The pump track would link an underused grass area with the existing play provision. .	
Public Realm — Newtown	Scheme has been approved by this committee and LCC. Road safety audit (RSA) completed, with a couple of issues referred to LCC for advice. Section 278 process will progress once LCC is satisfied with the RSA.	Tender works, potentially in October, with works planned to commence in the new year to avoid impacting the Christmas shopping period.

3.2 Salterforth

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Salterforth War Memorial Paving works and flagpole installation	Awaiting contractor confirmation of availability. Works may be possible in mid-October to complete before Remembrance Day, but current unavailability of chain bollards may affect timescales.	Confirm contractor date and materials position. If timescales slip, works may take place after Remembrance Day.
Salterforth Toilets Toilet upgrades	The PBC Facilities Manager is undertaking these works on behalf of the Parish Council. He is due to complete a survey of the facilities. He should have a proposal for the works to put back to the Parish clerk in another couple of weeks.	Continue to monitor delivery progress.

3.3 Earby Area

Project	Current Position	Next Step
Earby Town Council Building Upstairs refurbishment for community space	The main room has been painted, the insulation is in, the kitchen arrived and ready to install, the plumber is due to commence and the flooring has been ordered.	Continue to monitor delivery progress.
Wentcliffe Beck Footbridge Birley Playing Fields	The TC have met on site with a contractor to determine a quote. They will then be in a position to appoint a contractor with work to start ASAP.	Continue to monitor delivery progress.

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Station Hotel Toilets Toilet upgrade	Contractor appointed. Deposit paid and waiting for a start date.	Continue to monitor delivery progress.
Hill Top Recreation Ground Pavilion Pavilion refurbishment	Potential contractors have been met to quote for works.	Continue to monitor delivery progress.
Former Railway Banking Landscaping project	Several site meetings have taken place with PBC and LCC to determine details and this will be taken to Earby Town Council at the end of September for their approval. The main differences for Council to consider are the actual surfacing and the use of mulch on the banking. Once Full Council have approved the latest scheme they will be in a position to get groundworkers out to quote.	Continue to monitor delivery progress.

3.4 Earby Memorial Park

Project	Current Position	Next Step
Path Project	Head of Greenspaces is ready to send out for quotes. Work due to start pre-Christmas.	Continue to monitor delivery progress.

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Changing Rooms	Complete. Contractors recently finished.	PIPIF Programme Manager to review details and any administration requests with the Lead Officer
Toilets	Complete. Contractors recently finished.	PIPIF Programme Manager to review details and any administration requests with the Lead Officer

3.5 Kelbrook and Sough

Project	Current Position	Next Step
Kelbrook and Sough Parish Playground Refurbishment	Playground inspection was completed in August. Results are being reviewed to determine required works. Parish Council expects to undertake boundary wall and overhanging tree works itself. Park works will contribute to general refurbishment, including items such as replacement benches where within scope.	Parish Council are due to confirm required works.

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Barnoldswick programme	PIPIF Programme New
Victory Park, Barnoldswick	
Pump Track at Victory Park	54,375
Wheel Park at Victory Park - replacement of existing	36,250
Victory Park SUBTOTAL	90,625
Letcliffe Park sculptures, Barnoldswick	
More sculptures at Letcliffe Park	25,750
Town and Park trail	
Heritage Trail in town centre / Stream and Trail refresh	17,594
Town Centre Performance Space	
A permanent performance space on the Town Square	46,250
Town Centre Public Realm paving, Barnoldswick	
Public Realm Newtown	95,000
Salterforth	
Toilets at Salterforth. Upgrade	45,000
Paving around the War memorial at Salterforth and installing a flag pole	14,200
Salterforth SUBTOTAL	59,200
Others	
Stocks Beck Tree Nursery creation	4,800
Others SUBTOTAL	4,800
Projects Total	339,219
Barnoldswick Grant Allocation	339,327
Unallocated (Contingency in budget)	108

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EARBY programme		PIPIF Programme New
Earby Town Council		
Former railway embankment landscape project		45,000
Station Hotel toilets upgrade		6,000
Earby Town Council community room		9,000
Footbridge and path across Wentcliffe Beck, Birley Playing Fields		25,000
Pavillion refurbishment at. Hill Top Recreation Ground £11,000 PIPIF		11,000
Rushton Avenue Playground £8,685 PIPIF		0
Earby Town Council SUBTOTAL		96,000
Earby Memorial Park		
Changing rooms refurbishment		13,460
Toilet block refurbishment		6,730
Facilities: Sub-total		20,190
Path in the park		16,825
Earby Memorial Park SUBTOTAL		37,015
Kelbrook and Others		
Play area Capital improvements		4,000
Seats installed in Bus Shelters (Earby Bus Station)		
Kelbrook SUBTOTAL		4,000
Projects Total		137,015
EARBY Grant Allocation		137,101
Unallocated (Contingency in budget)		86