



Ferryhill Town Council

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Dear Councillor,

I Hereby Summon You to attend a **Meeting** of the **Resources Committee, 7.00PM** on **Wednesday, 29th May 2024** the meeting will be held at **Dean Bank & Ferryhill Literary Institute**.

Dated 20th May 2024

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leeanne Owens".

Leeanne Owens
Town Clerk

Membership: Councillors C, Atkinson, P Atkinson, C Bihari, S Bowron, K Conroy, J Donald, D Farry, L Fellows, S Jones, J Makepeace,

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Election of Chairman

3. Election of Vice-Chairman

4. Declarations of Interest

To invite members to declare any interest they may have.

5. Members Dispensation

To consider written requests for dispensations from members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.

6. Public Participation (Subject to Public Participation Policy)

Members of the public are permitted to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Questions will not be received by the Council which are in furtherance of a person's individual circumstances, or which are about a matter where there is a right of appeal to the courts, a tribunal or government minister. A question will not be received by the Council where the issue it concerns has been the subject of a decision of the Council in the last six months.

7. Terms of Reference

To consider and review the terms of reference of the Resources Committee

8. Agree a List of Priority Projects

Consider a Report by the Events & Projects Officer

Subject: Priority List of Projects Report
Report of: Events & Projects Officer
Committee: Resources Committee
Date: 29th May 2024

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 For Members to agree a Priority List of Projects.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 External Grant Funding is consistently applied for by Ferryhill Town Council to enable the delivery of a range of both revenue and capital projects across the Town. Depending on the size, type and value of projects being delivered, relevant permissions need to be sought before funding can be sourced to bring projects to fruition. Where large scale capital projects are being undertaken, Durham County Council Procurement Services are enlisted to manage tender processes when required. Although over the years several projects have been discussed at Council Meetings, a priority list of projects does not currently exist. For Officers to be able to move forward and submit funding applications, Members should in the first instance develop a priority list of projects so that as funding becomes available, it can be applied for without any delays.

3.0 Developing a Priority List

- 3.1 Attached as Appendix 1 is a list of projects that have previously been discussed by Town Council. The list acts as a good starting point for Members to use. In the first instance it is suggested that Members go through the list and agree which of the following categories each project should be classified into i.e. Essential (E) / Desirable (D) / Longer term (LT) / Abandon (A) / Already Achieved (AA)
Any additional projects should then be added to the list and also categorised.

4.0 Proposed External Funding

- 4.1 Once the Priority List has been developed it is recommended that Members consider a Priority Project that would stand a reasonable chance of success, for submission to the Area Budget Fund (Maximum of £20k per application) by the upcoming deadline of 14th June 2024. Strong Projects most likely to receive funding through the scheme are those which already have permissions and match funding in place, and which would have a focus on at least one of the following:
- **Employment & Training**, for example but not exhaustive including new skills, upgrading, re-training – advice, guidance & support, Information & Guidance, budgeting, Training, & Education Programmes, employment, job readiness and support for career changes and the new skills required, CV enhancement to support with the competitive market, employability initiatives.
 - **Support for community groups & facilities**, both capital and revenue projects that will assist with organisational sustainability, safety, building works, salaries, core costs.

- **Activities/resources** for all children, young people, and families and/or older people in relation to health & wellbeing, mental & physical health, including issues currently emerging from the effects of the pandemic, diet, obesity, building self-esteem, domestic violence, transport, surviving on a budget.
- **Making our areas more attractive** Supporting & Raising Community Aspirations play area projects, environmental aesthetics, combating environmental issues, the need to improve our environments, equipment & resources, raise community aspirations and pride.
- **Poverty Action** in line with the Poverty Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2026
- Projects that alleviate the impacts of poverty on a community
- Tackling issues caused by the cost-of-living crisis.

Members should be mindful that although groups are permitted to apply for Area Budget Monies for more than one project (up to a maximum of 3 which are not reliant on one another), Officers need time to be able to work up an application and obtain any permissions and source quotations. With just over two weeks until the deadline, it is therefore recommended that only one application be submitted on this occasion.

4.2 In addition to the Area Budget Fund, there are also a wide range of external funding streams currently available to Ferryhill Town Council including the following more well-known funders, which Officers will endeavour to pursue in the first instance once the Priority Project List has been agreed.

- Big Lottery Awards for All (£20k over two years),
- Landfill Tax Operator, Tarmac (Average Grant of £25k but have funded larger projects of up to £100k)
- Heritage Lottery
- Sport England
- Football Foundation
- Neighbourhood Budgets of County Councillors

5.0 **Recommendations**

5.1 It is **Recommended** that:

1. Members agree a priority list of projects, so that external grant funding can be applied for as it becomes available.
2. A single priority project be identified for submission to the Area Budget Fund by the deadline of 14th June 2024.

APPENDIX 1

PROPOSED PROJECTS IDENTIFIED SINCE 2019

Required: To agree a Priority List of Projects for development and specifically one that would enable an Area Budget Application to be submitted by the deadline of 14th June 2024 (Maximum Grant Amount - £20k)

Below is a list of project ideas previously presented to Council. Members need to agree how to designate each project on the list i.e. designate projects as either: Essential / Desirable / Longer term / Abandon or Already Achieved. New projects can also be added to the list as agreed. Projects that are agreed to be taken forward need to be achievable, within the Council's remit and be mindful of any future maintenance requirements/staffing resources required in the future.

REF	PROJECT	Essential (E) Desirable (D) Longer term (LT) Abandon (A) Already Achieved (AA)
1.	Miners Lamp Sculpture at Ferryhill Station (Surtees Corner)	
2.	Replace Play Equipment at Dean Bank Park (Equipment in now 15 years old)	
3.	Repairs to the clock face and light on the Beacon of Europe	
4.	Effective drainage of Football Pitches	
5.	Develop 3G football pitch in the Town	
6.	Re-lay the Cricket & Football Pitch at Mainsforth?	
7.	Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Points in the Town Centre	
8.	Install Skatepark, King George V Playing Field	
9.	Repairs to the perimeter fence at Dean Bank Park	
10.	Arrangements be investigated for providing better welfare facilities for outside staff	
11.	Future Proof all Council buildings with Renewable Technologies i.e Solar PV, Battery Storage Units, EWI and Air Source Heat Pumps etc.	
12.	Refurbishment of the upstairs/office area of the Town Hall. To include a lift, office / conference and or meeting place, Wi-Fi sound system.	

13.	Consider level access walkways around all our Parks and Allotment sites. To include tree and shrub planting with lighting and internet access electric charging points, seating and pick nick areas.	
14.	Convert / upgrade the old Bowls Pavilion in Dean Bank Park. The building to be used as a hub / cafe / meeting or activities place. Upgrade the car park and develop a tennis court. Provide internet access point and CCTV around the park.	
15.	Redevelop the old Park keepers Cottage in Dean Bank Park and create a recycling centre / plant storage compound and possibly a car park with electric charging points.	
16.	Provide a level access path within the dog walking area, internet access, dog themed exercise/ play equipment, lighting and more tree and shrub planting and look at extending area.	
17.	Consider how to attract new foot fall into Ferryhill. The possibility of buying new style market stalls/portable covered huts in marketplace. Install Wi-Fi and electric charging points and extra CCTV.	
18.	Develop new parking area in King George V and a dog walking area with Wi-Fi lighting. Extend the changing facilities to include a usable community space.	
19.	Mainsforth Sports Complex - Resurface/ develop car parking area, look at the possibility of extending the Bowles Pavilion or and the score box to include possible tennis courts, covered training / exercise area. Have a level access walking area around the perimeter of the complex and include Wi-Fi electric charging points, possible turbine and tree planting. Upgrade the poorly maintained fence and wall area. Provide CCTV and lighting.	
20.	Doorstep Green. Look to provide parking on the east side of the park introduce tennis courts at the top side of the park to replace the in used equipment. Proving CCTV and lighting.	
21.	Renew and develop new walkways around the Cemetery. Extend the garden of remembrance. Improvements to the chapel. Look at the possibility developing the path into the Carrs area. Tree Planting. Developing a Crematorium.	
22.	Look into providing a Ferryhill circular walkway to include Q reading for information and Cycling Walking routes to Chilton / Kirk Merrington / Bishop Middlestone and Spennymoor.	
23.	Events (Either Individual or Yearly Programme)	