

DEAN BANK PARK REGENERATION PROJECT WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th FEBRUARY 2020

Present:	Councillor J Makepeace	-	Ferryhill Town Council (Chair)
	Councillor C Atkinson	-	Ferryhill Town Council
	Councillor G Barker	-	Ferryhill Town Council
	Gary Emerson	-	Ferryhill History Society
	Steven King	-	Ferryhill Town Band
	Brian Chaplin	-	Ferryhill Town Band
	Derek Shingleton	-	Ferryhill Town Council
	Karen Younghusband	-	Ferryhill Town Council

Apologies:	Geoff Wall	-	Ferryhill History Society
	Councillor Z Roddam	-	Ferryhill Town Council
	Ray Seymour	-	Ferryhill Town Council

1. Welcome

The Chair, Councillor Makepeace welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approve Minutes of Meeting held 11th December 2019

The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of Meeting held 11th December 2019

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

4. Project Update

4.1 Bungalow Project

Karen reported that 7 Tenders had been received for the Dean Bank Bungalow Project. All Tenders had been opened in accordance with the Town Council's Standing Orders, in the presence of the Acting Town Clerk, The Town Mayor and the Events & Projects Officer. Tenders had been passed to the Project Manager, Readman Associates for analysis. The Project Manager would compile a report by the end of the week, which would be considered by Ferryhill Town Council at its Meeting on 19th February. It was expected that a Contractor would be recommended for appointment at the meeting, with a view to works commencing on site in March 2020, and completing by the end of July 2020.

Derek raised the issue of security and specifically Geoff's concerns regarding the Heritage Centre especially if a new footpath link was to be created around the bungalow to the dog walking area. It was understood that security was to be given maximum priority to ensure that the new Heritage Centre remained protected at all times.

4.2 Miners Wheel Feature

Karen reported that quotations to install the miners wheel as a feature at the Park had been sought. Steven once again offered to transport and site the wheel at the Park, with Gary's assistance. Steven confirmed that he had a £10m Insurance Policy in place

which would cover him to carry out the works. It was agreed that Officers should meet with Steven separately to discuss, and look to progress the project asap.

4.3 Dog Walking Path from the Main Entrance to the Park Around the Bungalow, to the Dog Walking Area

Prices had been sought to develop a footpath link from the main entrance to the Park leading around the bungalow to the existing dog walking area. Prices were currently being sought for associated fencing. Once prices had been sourced Officers would look to progress the project. Karen confirmed that the project would not impact on the security of the bungalow.

5.0 Any Other Business

Footpath from the Park to the A167

It has become apparent that the path leading from the Park to the A167 is in need of repair/resurfacing. The issue has been raised by several dog walkers, and accordingly prices have been sought to carry out the works. Councillor Avery has offered to contribute £10,000 towards this potential project, which will be discussed by Town Council at its February Meeting.

On-going work in Dean Bank by Bernicia

Councillor Makepeace confirmed that works had commenced in Faraday and Stephenson Street to demolish several houses owned by Bernicia. £100,000 had been allocated by Durham County Council to landscape and improve the aesthetic appearance of the area once the demolitions had been complete. A number of knocky-up boards had been donated during the process which would be used to commemorate the mining history of the area.

6.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Working Group should take place in March, once a Contractor had been appointed for the Dean Bank Bungalow Project, and a start date had been confirmed. Karen would be in touch to arrange the next meeting asap.