

Environmental Fund Management Board

Meeting – 25th July 2018

Minutes

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Present: Cllrs: M Wharton (MW) R Hignett (RH) B Woolfall (BW) Officers: A Plant (AP) D Halliburton (Minutes)

- 1 Apologies - Ian Leivesley
- 2 Minutes of Meeting 9/3/18 – as circulated
- 3 Update on actions from the previous meeting
- 4 Grant Fund Requests:

- **Halton War Memorials Conservation – Submitter: Martin McCoy**

Request £60,707.83. AP outlined scheme, discussed effect of request for outside funding relating to Widnes Memorial. BW – is funding available from British Legion? AP not as far as we are aware. MW Outlined position re Hale memorial. BW could we wait until outcome of outside bid is known. BW summarises, approve 3 Runcorn and 1 Hale and await outcome for outside bid for Widnes. AP offers to provide update. We are allocating £48958 MW – suggests liaison with Hale PC Clerk.

- **Sewer Gas Destructor Lamp Refurbishment and Interpretation – Submitter Cllr Pauline Sinnott**

Request £7636.67. Discussed, all members are supportive, agreed to allocate £7636.67

- **Environmental Improvement Contingency Fund – Submitter: Jimmy Unsworth**

Request £15,000.00 on an ongoing basis – AP outlines the intent of the scheme. Will provide flexibility to deal with small works up to £1000 per project. BW enquires if Community Payback still used? AP yes. MW discusses the intent of the scheme. AP will update members of how funds are used and maintain element of control over uses. Agreed to support.

- **Halton Lodge Play Area Improvements – Submitter: Christine Walker Halton Housing Trust**

Request £12500.00. AP outlines, park has been closed, Ward Cllrs keen to keep park open, scheme is jointly supported. BW – do we at times with play

areas throw “good money after bad” as they are often vandalised? Agreed to support

- **Runcorn Hill Bowling Green – Submitter: Martin McCoy**

Request £52507.10. AP outlines. MW – have we approached external funding? BW – is green needed if it is currently “redundant”? Agreed to defer. AP to arrange Paul Wright to attend next meeting to provide information.

- **Barrows Green Widnes – Submitter: Martin McCoy**

Request £156583.17. MW – suggests defer until next meeting to allow time to discuss with Cllr Polhill and for Paul Wright to be in attendance. Deferred

- **Runcorn Hill Footbridge – Submitter: Martin McCoy**

Request £21266.00. Discussed where this would normally be funded from. Is there capital budget. BW – discusses joint funding, can contribution be sought? Deferred to meeting with Paul Wright in attendance. Deferred

- **Sanders Hey Play Area – Submitter: Chris Featherstone on behalf of Councillor Martha Lloyd-Jones**

Request £8000 over 3 yrs (£2667 pa). RH outlines scheme. BW speaks re scheme and support from Area Forums. Is maintenance cost within remit of EfW scheme? AP advises members on scope of EfW scheme. RH – this is a community improvement and may have wider benefits. BW discusses similar in Upton Rocks. MW suggests request for play equipment might be more acceptable. AP suggests he asks them to re-draw the scheme and request.

- **Town Park, Southern Path & Street Furniture Improvements. Submitter: Martin McCoy**

Request £209,000 BW asks how much allocated to Town Park so far? (£130,000 for Ski/Railway, £350,000 Town Park Team). AP outlines aspirations. MW suggests defer to meeting with Paul Wright present to discuss “Masterplan”. Deferred

- **Widnes SUD North to South Route. Submitter: Highways and Open Spaces**

Request £205,652.54. AP Outlines – could be split over period and scheme brings in other funding. MW – clarifies that this may not happen if other funding not secured. Agreed to support on terms of split over period of years.

- **Runcorn Station Quarter. Submitter: Sara Munikwa**

Request £50,000. MW questions ongoing nature. BW details scheme and asks why EfW are being asked to assist? AP outlines – will not be available to spend without further detail, this is essentially banking money for future

requests, i.e to build a contingency for the Quarter. BW – for a scheme potentially costing millions what will the EfW contribution pay for? BW suggest not agreeing but “ringfencing” funds within the scheme but not specifically allocated. Agreed to proceed on this basis.

5 Any other Business

Discussed funding from Joint Authority. Discussed potential uplift in income from increased processing at site.

- 6 **Date of next meeting:** Discussed having Annual Meeting in June, then Oct, then Feb with only June meeting set (others could be held/cancelled as required)

Summary:

Schemes under consideration:

	£	Outcome
Halton War Memorials	60,707.83	
Sewer Gas Lamp	7,636.67	
Environmental Contingency Fund (£15,000 per annum ongoing)	15,000.00	
Halton Lodge Play Area	12,500.00	
Runcorn Hill Bowling Green	52,507.10	
Barrows Green	156,583.17	
Runcorn Hill Footbridge	21,266.00	
Sanders Hey Play Area (£8000 over 3 years)	2667.00	
Town Park Southern Path	209,000.00	
Widnes SUD	205,652.54	
Runcorn Station Quarter (£50,000 per annum ongoing)	50,000.00	
TOTAL for Consideration	793,520.31	

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Halton War Memorials	60,707.83	Partially Supported
Sewer Gas Lamp	7,636.67	Supported
Environmental Contingency Fund (£15,000 per annum ongoing)	15,000.00	Supported
Halton Lodge Play Area	12,500.00	Supported
Runcorn Hill Bowling Green	52,507.10	Deferred
Barrows Green	156,583.17	Deferred
Runcorn Hill Footbridge	21,266.00	Deferred
Sanders Hey Play Area (£8000 over 3 years)	2667.00	Redraw and Resubmit
Town Park Southern Path	209,000.00	Deferred
Widnes SUD	205,652.54	Supported

Runcorn Station Quarter (£50,000 per annum ongoing)	50,000.00	Other
TOTAL for Consideration	793,520.31	