

# STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MOORLANDS PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

### Minutes

**TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 2023**

PRESENT: Councillor B Emery (Chair)

Councillors E Fallows, K Flunder, M Gledhill, L A Malyon, T Riley, S Wales and S Walley

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr P Roberts                      Leader of the Council  
J Brooks    Regeneration Officer  
E Bennetts    Principal Finance Officer  
S Hampton    Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES: Councillors R Barker, A Hart, Sillitoe and M Worthington

12 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

Agenda No.	Member Declaring Interest	Nature of Interest
Agenda Item 4 – Summary of Projects & 5 – Financial Summary & Proposed Grant Awards. (Bank House, Leek)	Cllr Wales	Other – Resident at St Edward’s Estate and a member of the management company. Also a member of Leek Town Council.
Agenda Item 5 – Financial Summary & Proposed Grant Awards. (Brown Edge Road Playing Fields)	Cllr Flunder	Other – County Councillor for the area.
Agenda Item 4 – Summary of Projects (Former garage/barn, Ipstones)	Cllr Malyon	Other – Ward & Parish Councillor for the area.
Agenda Item 5 – Financial Summary & Proposed Grant Awards (35 St Edward’s Street, Leek)	Cllr Emery	Other – Suggested the business applies for MPB funding and partner is a customer at the business.
Agenda Item 4 – Summary of Projects (Heritage Trail, Upper Tean)	Cllr Flunder	Other – Discussed the application at a Parish Council meeting.

13 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

14 **SUMMARY OF PROJECTS**

The Board received a report which provided an update and reviewed progress on the grants already approved (in previous years) under the Moorlands Partnership Board.

This report dealt with progress to date on these projects, awaiting commencement, on site or, completed since the last meeting of the Moorlands Partnership Board.

This report was for information only but offered Members an opportunity to comment on progress. The report was presented with an accompanying power point presentation which displayed images of each project.

**Project updates and progress**

**2016/17 OFFERS:**

Biddulph Town Council Projects

- The Trough – The protective bollards were now in place and a stone sample had been approved for the restoration of the trough.
- Halls Road Community Notice Board – Grant paid and noticeboard in place.
- Gillow Heath Station – Platform edging works due to commence on 3 April and would be completed the same week.

The above grant offers had been live for some significant time and it was agreed at the last meeting that the projects should be complete and paid within this financial year. Halls Road community board had now been paid. There had now been some progress made on the Trough repairs and Gillow Heath Station. As such, the Board considered giving the Council a further 3 months to complete the repair of the Trough and Gillow Heath Station.

**2019/2020 OFFERS:**

42 Compton, Leek – sash window reinstatement

Members agreed at the last meeting to extend the grant offer until 31 March 23. This had been relayed to the applicant and despite a desire to complete the works they had not completed the works or indeed applied for planning permission for replacement windows. As such, the grant will be withdrawn.

**2020/2021 OFFERS:**

St Edwards Summerhouses – Repair of 5 grade II listed summer houses within site

The managing agents were now involved with this project and wanted to ensure confirmation from the local Building Control/Conservation Officer that

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the updated repair specification provided by Lyell Partners was satisfactory. This confirmation had now been obtained. A second estimate for the work was due to be submitted with work starting as soon as a contractor was appointed.

### **2021/2022 OFFERS:**

#### Heaton House, Rushton Spencer – Reinstatement of stone boundary wall to match original

Planning Permission for the wall was approved in August and the stone sample and pointing mix had also been approved. There had been a delay to the start of works due to an ongoing insurance claim against a delivery vehicle being reversed into one of the new gate posts.

#### St Giles Church, Cheadle - Funerary Monument repairs

Diocese permissions being sought prior to commencement of works but progress was slow.

#### Guild Hall, Alton Castle – Roof repairs

Fund raising and grant awards have secured 90% of the funding required for the repair to the roof of the building. There had been a slight delay to start the works as a Bat survey is required which can only be carried out between May – August. This would be completed in May with a view to starting the works in June and completing by the end of July.

#### 19 Hugo Street, Leek – Sash window reinstatement

All but one of the windows had been installed. The grant had been part paid.

#### Ipstones Boundary Post – New boundary post carved and erected

The new boundary post has been cut to size and was ready for carving and should be installed spring/early summer.

#### Den Engel, Leek – Roof repairs

Works were completed in February and waiting for invoice to be submitted.

#### Christ Church, Biddulph Moor – Roof repairs

No update to report.

#### 2 – 4 Tape Street

Window repairs completed and awaiting better weather prior to external decoration.

#### Upper Tean Heritage trail and map

A draft heritage trail map had been prepared with the final maps agreed by the end of March. These would then be erected on panels within 2 places within the village. The heritage trail and additional historical information would also be available through a QR code. Wall plaques identifying key sites and buildings would be erected. Ownership approval was currently being obtained by the Parish Council.

#### 71 Derby Street, Leek

Planning permission was due to be submitted soon with a view to windows being inserted within 6 months.

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### TE Hulme plaque Endon Bank

Plaque would be erected within 5 weeks.

### Endon Station platform repairs

An acceptable plan for the station repairs had been submitted. Written approval from Network Rail was being obtained to comply with grant conditions and prior to starting works.

The report also detailed anticipated applications.

#### RESOLVED:

1. That the report be NOTED;
2. The Board agreed a further 3 months to complete the repair of the Trough and Gillow Heath Station;
3. That the grant previously awarded for the sash windows reinstatement at 42 Compton, Leek be WITHDRAWN

## 15 **FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND PROPOSED GRANT AWARDS**

The Board considered a report which sought Members' approval to allocate grant funding from the Moorlands Partnership Board in 2022/23. The budget for this year was £60,000.

The Council had received more grant applications than available budget. As a result, there were insufficient funds to offer grants to all projects within this financial year. However, in agreement with the Council's Finance section, the Board could offer grants to all projects, with any overspend being met from next year's budget of £60,000.

#### RESOLVED: The Board: -

1. NOTED the financial summary in 3.1 of the report.
2. APPROVED a maximum grant £8,000 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £13,830 (exc VAT) at Bank House, Leek The work is subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:
  - All new joinery or repaired joinery details must match the existing exactly.
  - Decoration scheme/paint colour to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer.
3. REFUSED a grant of £5962 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £7949 (inc VAT) at 6 Sheep Market, Leek.
4. APPROVED a grant of £5250 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £7000 (VAT na) at 35 St Edward's Street, Leek. The work is subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:
  - The windows must be constructed in accordance with planning approval SMD/2022/0594 and any conditions attached.
  - The new frames and opening mechanism must match exactly the traditional ground floor frame.
  - Windows shall be glazed internally.

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5. APPROVED a maximum grant of £8,000 towards the reinstatement of a GRP decking at Consall Station. The work is subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and technical conditions requested by the Conservation Officer.
6. APPROVED a maximum grant of £8,000 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £19,680 (VAT na) at Foxlowe Arts Centre, Leek. The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions.
7. REFUSED a maximum grant of £8,000 towards the roof repairs and new timber dormer window at Rock House, Rudyard.
8. APPROVED a 75% grant of £1,500 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £2,000 (exc VAT) at Brown Edge Playing Fields. This will be subject to the standard grant schemes conditions and the following technical conditions:
  - Decoration scheme to match existing
  - A high standard exterior paint to be used with a warranty.

The meeting closed at 3.40 pm

\_\_\_\_\_Chairman \_\_\_\_\_Date