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1 November 2021

To Members of the Environment and Highways Committee

Cllr G Archibald (Vice chair)	Cllr S Evans
Cllr J Cornthwaite	Cllr S Long
Cllr J Dunlop	Cllr C Rowley
Cllr A Edwards	Cllr K Simpson
Cllr E Hennessy (Chair)	

You are invited to a non-statutory Working Group meeting of Kendal Town Council Environment & Highways Committee on Monday 8 November 2021 at **7.30 pm** via Zoom.

Zoom Meeting

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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CB' followed by a flourish.

Chris Bagshaw
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive and accept any apologies. If accepted, apologies will be considered to be for reasons approved by the council under the terms of Local Government Act 1972, s85.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

3. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

To consider whether there are any agenda items during consideration of which the press and public should be excluded.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting

To receive the minutes of the meeting on 13 September, and affirm them as a true record.

5. E&H Budget

To receive a report on the E&H budget for the current year (*see report*)

6. Project Updates (*see attached*)

To receive a report from the Project Manager on the current E&H projects being delivered.

7. Gooseholme Anti-Social Behaviour *(see attached)*

To receive a report from the Project Manager on the issue of anti-social behaviour on Gooseholme.

8. Fellside Play Provision *(see attached)*

To receive a report from the Project Manager on the scope for improvements to play provision in Fellside ward.

9. Natural Kendal *(see attached)*

To receive a report from the Working Group on Natural Kendal (note: this group was originally titled 'Wild Kendal').

10. Lancaster Canal Regeneration Project *(see attached)*

To receive a report from the LCRP Project Officer on the current issues for the project.

11. Civic Composting

To receive a report from the Project Manager on the development of a Civic Composting scheme in Kendal.

12. Biodiversity Budget

To consider the current biodiversity budget allocation and make any appropriate decisions or recommendations.

13. Cycle Racks at Longpool

To consider whether to fund new cycle racks for passing cyclists by the new ivy screening on Longpool.

Background

The Council has been asked if it would instal and adopt new cycle parking by the ivy screening outside the corner shop at Longpool. The Council has a power to do this under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984, but must seek the permission of the Highway Authority (Cumbria County Council), if this is proposed on the highway (which includes the pavement. There is no budget provision in the current year for such a scheme, but the Committee may feel that an allocation should be made for the coming financial year, or that an appropriate amount could be vired from another budget line. Cycle parking stands of a suitable quality are around £100 each (depending on the finish – galvanised finishes are slightly cheaper). Installation methods vary, but the cheapest is to bolt the stand to the existing surface. This will be subject to a method statement approved by the County Council.

14. Budget 2022-23

To consider the Committee's budget requirements and recommendations for the next financial year.

Background

The Committee should review its estimated budget outturn for the current year and give consideration to its budget for the next financial year. Its recommendations will be reviewed by the management Committee before being presented to Full Council in the new year, for setting the Precept.

Kendal Town Council Environment & Highways Committee Budget 2022-23

Main Budget

	Budget 2021-22	Bf from previous year	Estimated Outturn	Proposed 2022-23	% of previous	Notes
New infrastructure	3,500	10,000 grant 3,266 carried over from 2020-21)	13,000	4,000	114%	Also carry over 3,766
Defib	800		0	0	n/a	Carry over current year budget to fund future defib installation
Infrastructure Maintenance	1,000	4499	750	1,000	100%	Added to £4,500 maintenance fund carried over from 20-21
CCTV Maintenance	1,500		0	0	n/a	Carry over from current year
Defib Maintenance	800		0	0	n/a	Carry over from current year
SLDC Service Charges Footway lighting	4,917		4,917	2,633	54%	Latest figure from SLDC reflects their failure to collect in 2020-21.
Somervell Garden	500		500	500	100%	
Bins	2,500		2500	2,650	106%	
Total	15,517		21,667	13,350	86%	Also proposed carry over of £15,132

Proposed Action Plan Budget 2022-23

	Budget 2021-22	Bf from 20-21	Est outturn	Proposed 2022-23	% variance	Notes
Climate Change	10,000	9,019	2,500	2,000		Current earmarked reserve plus small addition sufficient
Biodiversity	11,000	10,400	6,000	6,000	54%	Current earmarked reserve plus small addition sufficient
20mph	10,000	9,400	0	0	n/a	Current earmarked reserve is sufficient
Cycling and Walking LCWIP	5,000	5,000	0	5,000		Building fund to co-fund LCWIP additionality as required
Pump Track	2,000	2,000	2,000	0		Current earmarked reserve is sufficient. Project is intended to be grant funded
Lancaster Canal	5,500	5,500	11,000	10,000		
River Corridor Connectivity	15,000		0	15,000		Building fund for path connectivity contribution
Total	58,500	41,319	16,500	38,000	65%	

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Notes from the meeting of the Non-Statutory Working Group of the Environment and Highways Committee held on Monday, 13 September 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

Cllr G Archibald (Vice Chair)	Present	Cllr S Evans	Present
Cllr J Cornthwaite	Present	Cllr S Long	Present
Cllr J Dunlop	Present	Cllr K Simpson	Present
Cllr E Hennessey (Chair)	Present	Cllr C Rowley (Until 9.15)	Present

In attendance: Town Clerk (Chris Bagshaw), Project Manager (Helen Moriarty), Democratic Services Assistant (Ian Gordon)

Also present: Kate Houlden (member of public), Graham Harrison (member of public)

E21/21/22 Apologies

None

E22/21/22 Declarations of Interest

None.

E23/21/22 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

The Chair expressed thanks on behalf of the Committee for the hard work of the previous Chair, Councillor Owen.

E24/21/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Council received the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 12 July 2021. Councillor Evans pointed out that she was absent from this meeting and was incorrectly listed as attending.

Resolved: To commend them as a true record

As member of public has asked to make a three minute address regarding agenda item 6(a) v (Public Toilets), the Chair ruled that this item would be taken immediately.

E25/21/22 E & H Budget

The Committee considered the budget for the current year. A query was raised about the allocation for painting railings and similar activities There was also some confusion over the allocation of funding to the Somervell Garden, which in the past had been £500, but was now £1500

Resolved: To note the report The Clerk will investigate the queries and clarify matters for the next meeting.

E26/21/22 Highways and Infrastructure Proposals

A) Green Spaces Proposals

i. **Town View Fields.**

The committee considered the report noting the lack of play equipment in this area and agreed that an alternative provision should be made.

Resolved: To compensate for the loss of play provision at Town View Fields through exploring other sites for the installation of informal play equipment at either Bowling Fell or Maudes Meadow. In addition to explore an alternative type of play provision in Serpentine Woods e.g., renewal of the sculpture trail and interpretative trails.

ii. **The Adventure and Kirkbarrow Path Network.**

The committee considered the report and were dismayed at the poor state of these paths. Councillors wanted to ensure that any planned restoration around the Kirkbarrow Scheme didn't limit exploration to other areas in Kendal that may be equally in need. Councillors were informed of ownership challenges.

Resolved: To invite senior representatives from SLDC and CCC to meet as a matter of urgency to agree a course of action to improve the paths in this area and for the Town Council to explore possible use of the Community Infrastructure Levy as a potential source of funding.

iii. **Signage Audit.**

The committee considered the report on signage at Nobles Rest, Castle directional signs, finger posts and the Clarks Shoes heritage sign. The committee were concerned that SLDC had reported they could only process damaged signs if they were reported via the Customer Connect system indicating a large audit would not be viable. The committee welcomed the promotion of customer connect to encourage residents to report faulty signs to SLDC.

Resolved: To delegate the delivery of these proposals to the Chair in consultation with the Town Council's Project Manager after consultation with the Civic Society. To engage relevant portfolio holders for further discussions on establishing a partnership approach to a street sign audit.

iv. **Seating.**

The committee welcomed the proposal to purchase new seats for Abbot Hall. Councillors also wanted to see the previously removed seat from Dockray moved back into position possibly with a new position so that the path is not restricted.

Resolved: Subject to appropriate permissions, and in keeping with EA improvements and town design strategies, purchase a new bench with Kendal Town Council crest for Abbot Hall Park and for Abbot Hall Riverside. To confirm costs with the Chair and utilise underspend from the Ivy Screening Budget.

v. **Public Toilets.**

A member of the public spoke about anti-social behaviour at Gooseholme and its use in the evening when generally young people are there, two to three times per week and often drinking alcohol. She explained that people urinating and defecating is now common place using hedges, squatting behind cars, and the putting green. She did not believe that extending the Courtesy Toilet Scheme to Gooseholme would offer a solution, as she felt it

unlikely that young people, possibly underage, entering licensed premises was a realistic expectation. It was noted that there was CCTV overlooking the site, and councillors wondered if this was picking up the anti-social behaviour. It was observed that there was potential space for a public toilet in the vicinity of the bowling green. Councillors asked if there was evidence that this behaviour was a year round phenomenon. The member of the public explained that this was mostly an issue in the summer months. Councillors observed that a number of public toilet solutions were available, but their cost and ongoing maintenance would have to be considered. It was noted that both New Road and Gooseholme were promoted as places for families to visit, but that without adequate toilet provision, they were less practical or attractive. It was suggested better signage of the CCTV might act to deter anti-social behaviour.

Resolved: To explore the extent of anti-social behaviour on Gooseholme and explore the costs, implications and risks of proactive solutions.

B) Birdcage.

Councillors welcomed a report identifying potential improvements at the Birdcage, and wished to see improvements to this important town centre location.

Resolved: To authorise an officer of the Town Council to speak to Kendal Futures and Kendal BID requesting they take potential leadership of a program of improvements to the Birdcage with the full support of the Town Council. To write to SLDC taxi licensing about ongoing illegal parking of taxis in this area.

C) Citizens Jury Recommendations Hub.

The committee welcomed the progress on this project. Councillors wanted to be satisfied that staffing arrangements at a central hub would not be the responsibility of the Town Council. The Town Council Project Manager said this would be covered via the partnership approach.

Resolved: To continue to support progression on this project and to reinstate the Zero Carbon Kendal sub group to oversee developments.

D) 20MPH.

Councillors considered their implementation preferences for the introduction of a 20mph zone in Kendal. Councillors highlighted adjoining areas that have successfully introduced 20mph. Councillors feel that they should continue to support a full introduction for the whole town. Councillors felt the Town Council would be opposed to phased options due to concerns of public confusion, costs and implementation timescales. The Clerk reported that a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) could cost about £3,000 and believes cost to the Town Council could be £100k.

Resolved: In line with earlier decisions, the committee supports a Kendal wide introduction of a 20mph zone and will present this preference to the working group meeting on 29 September.

E27/21/22 Project Updates and Recommendations

a) Biodiversity Policy.

The Clerk presented the draft biodiversity policy. The Chair is keen to have specific targets embedded within this policy. Members welcomed the idea of a simple policy

but would like to see the policy extended to ensure the five areas of bio-diversity loss differentiated from climate change. The five primary drivers of biodiversity loss are habitat loss, invasive species, overexploitation, pollution and climate change.

Resolved: The committee asked the Clerk to redraft the biodiversity policy with up to four targets that are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timely and to circulate an update to this committee and the Management Committee and/or Full Council.

b) Citizens Jury Recommendations

The committee received reports on:

- I. Solar Audit
- II. Dark Skies
- III. Wild Kendal
- IV. Kendal Municipal Compositing
- V. Recommendations Festival Stand
- VI. Online Inspiration Hub

Resolved: The committee welcomed the update reports and noted the contents.

c) Green Spaces Updates

The Committee received updates on the following

- I. Pumptrack.
- II. Valley Drive Lighting Scheme.

Resolved: The committee welcomed the reports and noted the contents. The Clerk and the Chair will walk round potential Pumptrack sites.

d) Infrastructure Updates

The Committee received progress reports on the following:

- I. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). Progressing
- II. Ivy Screening SLDC grant confirmation received, project completion predicted within six weeks of receiving the grant.
- III. Woolpack Yard.

Resolved: To note the reports

The meeting closed at 21.34

Kendal Town Council 2021-22 Environment & Highways Budget and /I&E

ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS		2021-22	Funding B/Fwd	Exp To Date	Remaining
		Budget	From 20/21	(Apr-Sep)	Budget (incl B/Fwd. Income)
New Infrastructure		£3,500			
Defib		£800			
Enviroground - Wattsfield, install bench				£567	
Enviroground - Burton Rd Bus Shelter - dig out, lay concrete				£674	
SID				£2,775	
Ivy Screening Project			£3,266	£8,802	
Ivy Screening Grant from SLDC			£10,000		
Sub Total					£4,748
Infrastructure Maintenance		£1,000			
Infrastructure Maint Fund			£4,499	£426	
SID Maint				£323	
Wool pack Yard			£3,242	£3,242	
CCTV Maint		£1,500			
Defib Maint		£800			
Sub Total					£7,050
SLDC Service Charges					
Footway Lighting		£4,917		£3,731	£1,186
Somervell Annual Maint		£500			£500
Bins		£2,500		£1,593	£907
Sub Total		£15,517	£21,007	£22,133	£14,391

Kendal Town Council 2021-22 Action Plans Budget and /I&E

ONGOING ACTION PLANS / PROJECTS		2021-22	Funding B/Fwd	Exp To Date	Remaining
		Budget	From 20/21	(Apr-Sep)	Budget (incl B/Fwd. Income)
1 Climate Change		£10,000	£2,019		
SLDC Community Climate Change Grant			£2,000		
Kendal Map Zero Carbon				£375	
Website				£600	
Kendal Composting			£5,000		
Sub Total					£18,044
2 Biodiversity Schemes & Grants		£11,000	£2,400		
Somervell Wildflower Grant Project			£1,500	£869	
Fletcher Park			£1,500		
Nobles Rest			£5,000		
Sub Total					£20,531
3 20mph		£10,000	£4,297		
4 Cycling & Walking		£12,500			
LCWIP			£5,000		
Pump Track			£2,000		
LCRP			£5,500		
Sub Total					£25,000
*** FRSWG Connectivity Scheme		£15,000			
Sub Total		£58,500	£36,216	£1,844	£92,872

Totals	£74,017	£57,223	£23,977	£107,263
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*** To Discuss moving to the Management Budget

Please Note. The B/Fwd. Figures in Red are Funds in the Development Reserves assigned to projects that have not yet completed

E&H Project Updates

E&H Commitment	Project	Does this project help Kendal's residents to thrive in a zero carbon town?	Purpose	Update	Next action & timescales
To deliver, encourage and facilitate the implementation of the Kendal Climate Change Citizens Jury Recommendations	Solar Audit	Yes. Access to renewable energy will be easier	To develop Kendal's capacity to generate energy	Audit has been commissioned	Audit results to be discussed by working group in November
	Dark Skies	Yes. Less light pollution will increase enjoyment of the night sky – a zero carbon activity	To support Kendal as a Dark Skies Pilot area.	No progress. Key Officer on leave	Agree approach to polluters via working group to present to next committee
	Municipal Composting	Yes. Easy access to composting options will enable residents to reduce waste impact.	To support the development of SLACC's research paper into a deliverable municipal composting site in Kendal	Information gathered from SLDC awaiting additional info from Suez regarding processing questions.	Create working group once understanding of current operation (for comparison against proposal) is complete. 8 th November Committee to consider Civic Composting proposal.
	Recommendations Festival Stand	Yes. Increased awareness will support residents to make positive changes.	To promote the work and recommendations of the Citizens Jury	Successful stand at Torchlight. Presence at LICAF arranged. KMF can't accommodate a stand and have offered a speakers slot at basecamp as an alternative. Presentations	Prepare presentation for KMF basecamp stage

				at national Involve workshop and CALC AGM.	
	Online zero carbon inspiration Hub	Yes. Easy access to useful information and a sense of community will support residents to make positive changes.	To promote the work and recommendations of the Citizens Jury and celebrate current low carbon activity within Kendal with the aim of encouraging more.	Design, research, copy and content upload complete.	Share draft with contributors and key stakeholders by 22 nd of October. Gather feedback and launch mid-November.
	Physical zero carbon inspiration hub	Yes. Easy access to useful information and a sense of community will support residents to make positive changes.	To promote the work and recommendations of the Citizens Jury in partnership with Waste into Wellbeing, Future Fixers and Repair Café Kendal who are also seeking town centre premises.	Meetings with Edwin Thompson have continued, commercial price is too high and alternative premises are being investigated.	Prepare options overview and outline potential contributions for next E&H meeting.
To improve Highways and Footpaths	SIDS	Yes. Slower traffic will increase cycling and walking ease	To install new SIDs on additional roads.	No progress. Awaiting the completion of CCC approval process.	Progress purchase following CCC location approval.
	20mph	Yes. Slower traffic will increase cycling and walking ease	To install 20mph speed limit across Kendal	Meeting with CCC outlined the need for additional data. KTC and Kendal Futures proposed using alternatives approaches for speed and cost reductions. Chasing information from	Progress via working group

				Markides regarding their data collection method.	
	Kirkbarrow Connections Project	Yes. Improvements will enable residents to access key amenities (school and paly park) with ease on foot or by bike.	To improve all connecting path in and around Kirkbarrow	<p>KTC Management Committee have endorsed researching the adoption of path between Vicarage Drive and The Adventure</p> <p>CCC have confirmed improvement support for Vicarage Drive to Vicars Garth</p>	<p>Approach Fleetwood re adoption of Vicarage Drive to The Adventure.</p> <p>Work with CCC PROW team re Vicarage Drive to Vicars Garth re surface water solutions</p> <p>Connect scheme concept to LCWIP consultation</p> <p>Create network plan detailing ownership, improvement costs and potential funding sources for next committee meeting.</p>
To develop new infrastructure projects that improve the Environment and Highways of Kendal	Ivy Screening	Yes. Urban hedges can support reduced speeds by creating a village green feel	To absorb pollution and improve the public realm.	Complete. Installed on the 19 th of October.	Consider additional urban hedges' in locations including Windermere Road.
	Woolpack Yard New Signage	Yes. Walking routes are promoted.	To improve the public realm and highlight businesses behind the High Street.	Complete and installed.	Organise the Mayor opening ceremony.
	Signage Improvements	Yes. Walking routes are promoted.	To improve signs including Abbott Hall	No progress	Prioritise following zero carbon website completion.

			Green Finger post, Nobles rest signage near M&S, Castle Signage near the recycling centre and the Clarks Heritage Sign.		
	Bench improvements	Yes. Providing resting points for those who need them can encourage more walking	To install two new benches in line with EA works and design guidance at Abbott Hall park.	No progress	Prioritise following zero carbon website completion.
	Pumptrack	Yes. Encouraging cycling and provides a facility within Kendal, reducing the trips to other destinations.	To develop a pumptrack for Kendal	Awaiting information from SLDC asset team re the suitability of potential Castle site.	Progress as appropriate based on SLDC feedback.
	Valley Drive Lighting Scheme	Yes. Enables residents to walk at night.	To improve the lighting provision of this dark area following resident complaints	CCC have confirmed support to cost a scheme.	Confirm location and number of lights required.



Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 8 th November 2021
From: Project Manager	Agenda No: 7
Description: Gooseholme Anti-Social Behaviour	

Summary: The committee are asked to consider installing a Public Spaces Protection Order and the recommendations of a Safer by Design Audit as positive measures to address anti-social behavior at Gooseholme.

Background

A concerned resident attended September's Environment and Highways Committee to alert Councillors to increasing anti-social behaviour on Gooseholme, including the misuse of trees and bushes as a toilet. Councillors considered installing a public toilet in the area to resolve the issue.

Cumbria Police have strongly recommended that a public toilet is not installed for the following reasons:

- A public toilet will increase anti-social behaviour by making the space more comfortable, encouraging people to congregate
- To deter anti-social behaviour, investment needs to be about making places uncomfortable
- A public toilet creates a shelter for anti-social behaviour, homelessness and drug use which can exacerbate rather than resolve existing issues
- People who use trees and bushes as toilets will continue to do so even if a toilet is provided

Cumbria Police also commissioned a 'Safer by Design' audit of the Gooseholme area in 2017 and would prefer to progress the recommendations of that report to reduce anti-social behaviour.

Recommendations

Based on the feedback and knowledge of local Police Officers, this paper recommends the consideration of alternative anti-social behavior solutions including:

1. Issuing a **Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)**. A PSPO is issued by the local authority to tackle activities carried out in a public space which have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in its locality and which prohibits specified activities from taken place within the restricted area. Old byelaws used to enable the Police to tackle Anti-Social behaviour appropriately, however without their renewal via a PSPO its harder for the local Police to address. A PSPO can contain specific conditions suitable for the enforceable area, for example a PSPO can enforce anti-social groups to disperse and stop drinking when asked to do so by an officer, PCSO or relevant person.



2. Implementing the recommendations of the Safer by Design audit such as fencing options and increased visibility.
3. Funding a youth engagement team to target those who are committing the anti-social behaviour with the key aim of providing a positive role model, boundaries to acceptable behaviour and steer young people toward a transition into education, training or employment where appropriate.
4. Funding alternative youth provision where possible, to create and ensure youth engagement teams to have appropriate sign posting options.

The above solutions make the area 'uncomfortable' to those who are using it for serious anti-social behaviour and creates a positive interaction point for young people who could be engaged and sign posted to activities and or support where necessary.

5. Accommodate people who enjoy the Gooseholme area sensibly by expanding the Kendal Curtesy Toilet scheme into The Factory area.

Proposal

To consider the above recommendations, recognising that recommendations 3 and 4 are wider projects.



Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 8 th November 2021
From: Project Manager	Agenda No: 8
Description: Fellside Play Provision	

Summary: The committee are asked to consider creating a maintenance fund for the Sculpture Trail, new promotional actions for the Trail and the development of informal play provision within Serpentine Woods.

Background

At November's Committee meeting Councilors were alerted to the lack of play provision in Fellside due to the closure of the small play area at Nobles Rest.

Officers were asked to explore alternatives within Fellside such as other parts of Nobles Rest, Bowling Fell and Serpentine Woods.

SLDC have advised against the development of new play areas at both Nobles Rest and Bowling Fell.

Nobles Rest was redeveloped according to the consultation activities held in 2014/15. Play provision was not widely supported as the idea of the park is for it to be quiet and tranquil and a place for natural play.

Bowling Fell is not a suitable location, due to accessibility issues and the sensitive nature of the open space.

SLDC Officers are supportive of enhancing the Sculpture Trail at Serpentine Woods and the potential for creating an informal play area using felled logs.

Kendal Conservation Volunteers and Fellside Forum confirmed support for the Sculpture Trail and the development of informal natural play would be appreciated.

Currently, Sculpture Trail leaflets are sold at the Library and the small profits contribute to the upkeep of the sculptures. The leaflet was last redesigned in 2007. SLDC installed a QR code which is accessible at the entrance to the woods but only partially downloads the Sculpture Trail map. Whilst the Sculpture Trail isn't traditional 'play' it's a fantastic resource within the town and offers play opportunities to families.

Recommendation

Provide Informal Play Provision

- Research the possibility, costs and sustainability of installing informal play provision in partnership with Fellside Forum and Kendal Conservation Volunteers.

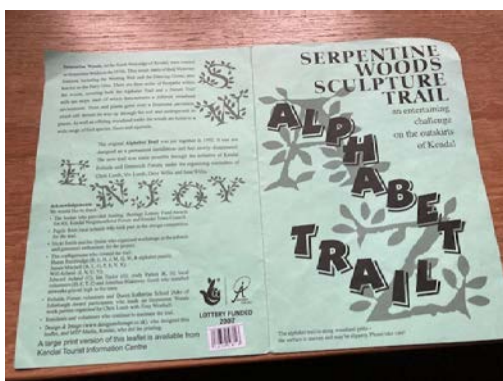


Maintenance Support

- Create a new maintenance budget in the 2022/23 budget to ensure Fellside Forum have access to funding to support the maintenance of sculptures.

Promotional Actions

- Redesign the Sculpture Trail leaflet to incorporate the Kendal Brand and match existing Visit Kendal Welcome and Walking leaflets
- Redirect the QR code to the Visit Kendal website
- Print newly designed map when current copies run out
- Promote new download via the KTC newsletter



Proposal

To discuss the above recommendations.



Agenda Report


Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 8 th November 2021
From: Cllr Eamonn Hennessy	Agenda No.: 9
Description: Natural Kendal – Funding for baseline research	

Summary: *The committee are asked to approve a proposal to fund 10 days research work at a cost of £3,000.*

1 Background

A presentation was made to E&H at the September meeting which discussed “Wild Kendal”, an ambitious nature recovery plan aiming to address biodiversity loss. It was agreed that a working group be set up to liaise with this initiative. The group met on September 20th to discuss ideas. Part of these discussions centred around establishing a baseline in terms of existing biodiversity and associated projects, from which we progress. Stacy Hurley has been appointed to carry out an initial piece of work with funding available for two days.

2 Proposal

Proposal		
Project name	Baseline research for Natural Kendal project	
Aims and objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The aim of the baseline research would be to map the following (as far as possible within the time available):<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Who's (a) doing and (b) planning to do what (nature recovery activity) and where in the Kendal area, including regional and national activity and policies that happens to be relevant to Kendal?○ What and where the gaps and opportunities (spaces) are for (a) enhancing biodiversity and (b) engaging with individuals,	



	<p>communities and organisations (public, private and third sector)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the opportunities for quick wins and high impact projects? • If additional funding from KTC is forthcoming, this would enable the baseline research to be both deepened and extended – for example, to cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Examples of best practice nature recovery projects in other urban areas
Products / outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report summarising the research findings
Scope and exclusions	<p><u>Geography</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The research will focus on Kendal and the countryside adjacent to the town (eg to Plumgarths roundabout to the north, Low Sizergh to the south, Scout Scar and Cunswick Scar to the west and the Helm to the east). <p><u>Focus</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The research will cover policies, activities, etc that will or could have a positive impact on biodiversity (eg tree planting, encouraging pollinators) and those with a negative impact (eg developments resulting in a loss of green space).
Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet research, telephone/Zoom meetings, etc
Project plan / timescales	<p><u>CSEP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 hours to be completed by end of November 2021 <p><u>KTC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be completed by March/April 2022 (depending on how many days are commissioned)
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members of the Natural Kendal steering group will share with Stacy any information they have that is relevant to the research (eg contacts, initiatives in Kendal and elsewhere). • Stacy will use her own resources (eg office space, IT) for carrying out the research.
Fee and invoicing	<p><u>CSEP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stacy to be paid a fixed fee of £720 on completion of the 12 hours' support and completion of all relevant CSEP forms • Invoice and forms to be sent to Sue Gilbertson at CSEP <p><u>KTC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be decided
Reporting back / communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stacy will liaise by email, phone and Zoom as and when required.



Exception process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The consultant will inform the client immediately if they believe it is likely that any of the products: (a) will not be delivered, (b) will be at least 7 days later than the project plan states, or (c) will not significantly meet agreed quality criteria.• Likewise, the client will inform the consultants immediately if they believe any of the above is likely, or if there are any other circumstances that are likely to have an impact upon the delivery of the project.• If the consultants and client agree that any of the above is likely, the project will go into 'exception'.• If the project goes into exception, the consultants will produce a new project plan, to be sent to the client within 7 days.• The client will review the plan and agree a final version with the consultants within 7 days of the new plan being produced.
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3 Recommendation

That additional funding of £3,000 is made available for an additional ten days of baseline research



Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 8 November 2021
From: Project Manager & LCRP	Agenda No 10
Description: Towpath Trail Entrance Improvement Project	

Summary:

The Committee are asked to consider contributing £10,000 to the Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership to create an improvement project from the existing Cycling and Walking budget and to utilise £10,000 allocated to LCRP from KTC in 2018.

Background

The Kendal to Lancaster Towpath Trail start and finish point at Canal Head in Kendal is currently underwhelming, unsightly and unknown by many.



LCRP, in partnership, plan to make improvements to this site to make it more attractive, raise the profile of the Towpath Trail to increase usage, and provide information about the location's history and industrial heritage.

This will be achieved through investment in public realm improvements, achieved in partnership. Additional improvements, could include new off-site signage directing people to the towpath and improved highway crossings linking the towpath to Gooseholme and the wider path network. We will work with partners to move this forward.



Proposal

At the entrance to the Towpath Trail at Canal Head we propose the following improvements:

- A bespoke design arched entranceway crafted from steel depicting the trail and its heritage.
- An ornate steel constructed interpretation panel on a traditional stone wall base that tells the story of Canal Head and the towpath trail.
- Removal and replacement of the existing slalom access barriers to a higher quality steel finish.
- Improvements, if possible removal and replacement, to the fencing on either side of the pathway.
- Installation of a newly hand carved milestone to replace the original lost during the site development.
- Improvement to the street lighting, standardising fittings and providing a safer, more attractive night time environment.

LCRP are currently installing one of our first towpath interpretation panels adjacent to Change Bridge behind Kirkbie Kendal School. These feature signs provide an example of the style we propose using for the archway and interpretation at Canal Head:



1 Lancaster (The Waterwitch, Chancellor's Wharf)



2 Millness Car Park



3 Stainton Aqueeduct



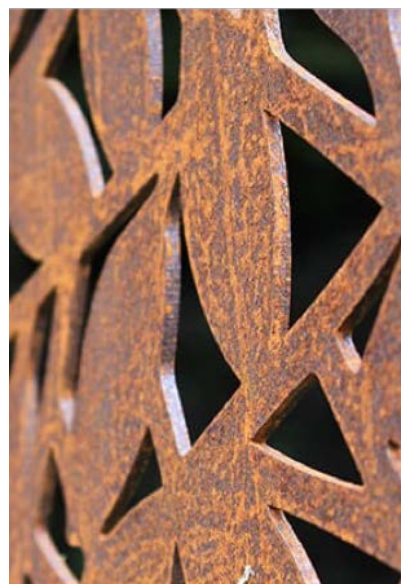
4 Hincaster Tunnel



5 Sedgwick Aqueeduct



6 Kendal (Change Bridge)



Visual representation of the interpretation panels on the canal towpath trail. Constructed on a traditional stone wall base and cut from 12mm corten steel sheet allowed to rust.

To achieve the above funding, landowner's (SLDC) and planning permission will be secured.

We propose to deliver in two phases, achieving the highest possible impact from the start.

Phase 1.

- Secure landowner and planning permission for installation from SLDC.
- Commission the design, build and installation of an architectural arch and interpretation panel to mark the start/finish of the towpath trail at Canal Head.
- Small scale community/stakeholder engagement – involving targeted local people, interest groups and businesses in the development of content for the interpretation panel.
- Purchase of new slalom access barriers and installation.
- Installation of new milestone by Lancaster Canal Trust / Canal & River Trust.

Phase 2.

- Removal/replacement of fencing on adjacent waste recycling site and council refuse depot subject to approval and funding from landowner (SLDC).
- Removal/replacement of street lighting subject to approval and funding from SLDC/CCC.

Recommendation

To utilise the existing Cycling and Walking Action Plan budget and work in partnership with LCRP to develop, design and deliver the proposed improvements, increasing the value and impact of the 2018 LCRP £10,000 contribution.