

REPORT

To: Coatbridge Local Area partnership		Subject: Drumpellier Park Works Update
From: Head of Environment and Estates		
Date: 18/03/13	Ref: MT/PD	

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the outstanding works and major infrastructure improvements following the previous Coatbridge Local Area Partnership (LAP) meeting of 14 January 2014.

2. Background

Following the LAP tour of Drumpellier Country Park on 16 Sept 2013 an action plan was developed from the queries highlighted by the LAP members. The LAP requested a further report be developed from the action plan detailing costs and associated work programmes, time scales on the outstanding works was submitted to the LAP meeting in Jan 2014. North Lanarkshire council announced on February 2014 that one off funding of £685k would be made available for the major infrastructure works within Drumpellier Country Park.

3. Outstanding Works

The outstanding works remaining within the action plan were split into 2 sections, namely Maintenance Works and Major Infrastructure Improvements. The Maintenance works will be developed and carried out through existing resources, with the energy efficiency measures subject to CEEF funding approval. The major infrastructure implementations identified following a site visit have been costed with some of the works started in February 2014.

3.1 Maintenance Works

3.1.1 Works highlighted within the action plan, including land management issues, visitor centre issues, and some minor development works, updates to these areas have been detailed within Appendix 1, with timescales were appropriate.

3.1.2 Items of note include;

- both poly tunnels are now erected within the nursery complex
- repair and maintenance of the finger posts complete, 2 replacements ordered and
- seasonal staff will be integrated into the Horticultural unit to address routine maintenance items within the park.

3.1.2 All costs associated with these works will be contained within existing resources or CEEF funding approval.

3.2 Major Infrastructure Improvements.

3.2.1 Survey work has been undertaken during November and December 2013 to ascertain the associated works and estimated costs to carry out the major infrastructure improvements are highlighted within the action plan. The survey included footpath, road and car park improvements along with new fencing from the Golf Centre, as detailed in Appendix 2. Works

started through the Roads and Transportation roads works contract in February 2014 with the following areas complete;

- Blair Road roads resurfacing works complete to bridge
- Road resurfacing at main entrance to visitors centre
- Footpath improvements adjacent to play areas (flat top edging to be installed)

3.2.2 It was noted during the survey that the new fencing sits predominately within North Lanarkshire Leisure (NLL) boundaries, and discussions with NLL will take place prior to fence erection works, additionally the fence, Triton 1.2m as detailed in Appendix 3 requires approval from the LAP.

3.2.3 Infrastructure works will be implemented with indicative timescales contained within the works programme and detailed in Appendix 2.

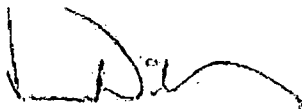
4. Financial Implications

The costs for the associated major infrastructure works are estimated at £685,642. With the full costs being contained within the one off allocation announced in February 2014 and subject to implementation plan approval. The Maintenance works will be developed and carried out through existing resources, with the energy efficiency measures subject to CEEF funding approval.

5. Recommendations

That the LAP;

- (a) note the progress and scheduling of the maintenance works within paragraph 3.1 and Appendix 1.
- (b) note the progress and scheduling of the major infrastructure works within paragraph 3.2 and Appendix 2.
- (c) approve the 1.2m Triton fence, and discussions with NLL,
- (d) note the allocation of one off funding of £685,000 approved by the Council, subject to implementation plan approval, and
- (e) note the maintenance works will be carried out using existing resources, with the energy efficiency measures subject to CEEF funding approval.



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Appendix 1

Maintenance Works.

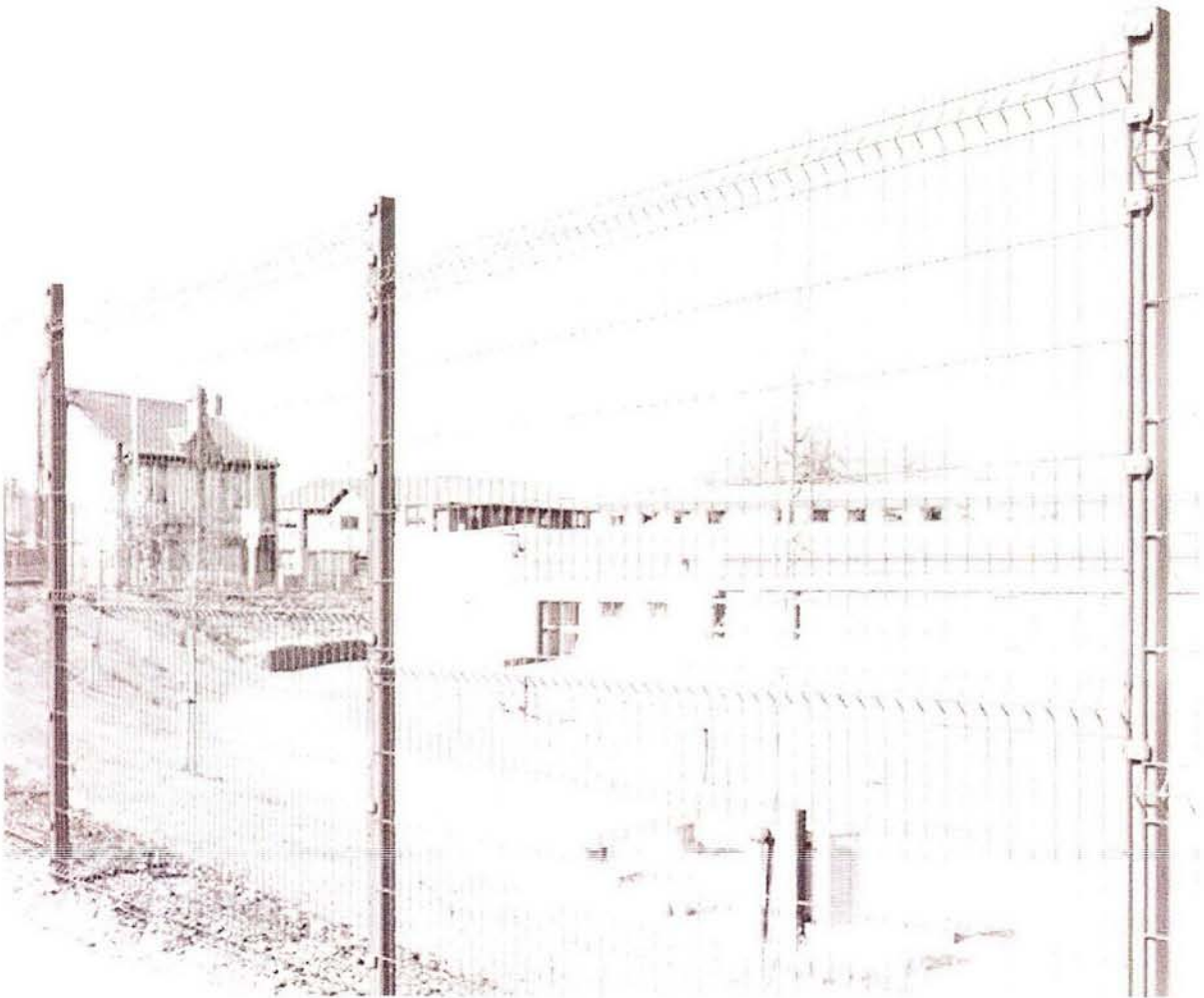
Item	Area/Issue	Solution	Action/Comment	Timescale
1	Excessive Flooding /Water Ponding throughout the park	Water level is controlled by the operation of a sluice gate. If the gate is left in a closed position flooding may occur	The ranger service operates the control of the sluice gate monitoring of flooding is being carried out.	On going
2	Whale Modern art	Whale at Visitors centre has been removed.– reinstated this piece of modern art.		Complete
3	Finger Posts	Finger posts throughout the park; two missing and the remaining require to be painted.		Complete, 2 replacements required
4	Play area out with Interplay.	Paint all the metal frames Paint the two enclosed play area fences with multi coloured paint	Arrangements will be put in place to have painting carried out at the play area – fences will also be included.	Mar/April 2014
5 67	Burgensholm Burn	Remove the silt Remove Himalayan Balsam (invasive plant)	Apply herbicide to Himalayan Balsam, arrangements will be made to de-silt Burgensholm Burn.	De-silting started ongoing. Herbicide applied.
6	Corner of pathway leading to Green house is badly ponding	Improve drainage	Drainage survey to be arranged.	Survey complete. works scheduled March 2014
7	Expansion of Poly Tunnel areas and establishment of new permanent building. These new additions can be kept warm by the bio mass boiler.	New Poly Tunnels	Poly tunnel will be installed to accommodate tiered planters during winter period. They will also be used as standing out areas for shrub/herbaceous material.	Erected

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8	Lack of maintenance is evident throughout the park.	<p>There is no dedicated maintenance team working in the park. However, the park is maintained by Land management services.</p> <p>Can we involve modern apprentices/working hands to undertake some of these improvements?</p>	<p>Consideration will be given to consolidate the land management elements of the park into the workload of the horticultural unit who are currently based in at Drumpellier Nursery.</p> <p>The nursery at Drumpellier Park is currently used as a development/training location for modern apprentices employed by Land Management.</p>	Seasonal staff will be integrated into the Horticultural unit to address routine maintenance items within the park.
9 89	Visitors Centre	No maintenance of the timber fascia surrounding the building	Property Officer will be contacted re works and comment	April/May 2014
10	Visitors Centre	Remove the moss off the roof of the visitors centre.	Property Officer will be contacted re works and comment	March 2014
11	Visitors Centre	Slab area at side of visitors centre requires to be regularly cleaned of duck dirt.	Arrangements will be put in place to have this area regularly power washed by Street Cleaning staff	On going. As required.
12	Visitors Centre	Explore the installation of solar panels on the south facing roof of the visitors centre.	Energy Efficiency survey to include PV installation, other insulation and boiler/lighting efficiency.	Survey April 2014

Appendix 2

Major Infrastructure Works					
Item	Area/Issue	Solution	Area/Mtr	Time Scale	Notes
1	Pathways at waterfront adjacent to the play park Flooding	Plane off to a depth of 80mm/remove mono blocks and repair with 40mm base and 40mm wearing course.	1800sqm	Mar/April 2014	80% complete flat top edging to be installed.
2	1st car park-Fisherman's car park Flooding	Break out to depth of 80mm fill with base course and wearing course	108sqm	Spring 2014	
3	Footpaths along the loch side are very badly pot holed and impact on Wheelchair users	The footpaths require resurfacing	9000sqm	Spring 2014	
4	Ash Roads at old Cricket ground – water ponding	Redress pathways and provide natural run off	120sqm	Summer 2014	
5	Road from Old Cricket ground down to bridge is badly pot holed.	Roadway requires resurfacing. Install missing kerb.	3000sqm	Spring 2014	
6	Bridge in Daisy Park/New School – Serious flooding issues at this location	The French rubble drains require to be replaced		Spring 2014	Additional investigations to take place.
7	Blair Road Entrance to Drumpellier pot holed	The road way requires resurfacing plane off and overlay and resurface	2880sqm	Complete	Complete to bridge
8	Fencing from Golf Centre to Drumpellier Park	Post and wire fence in place. The fence sits predominately situated on North Lanarkshire Leisure land. Replace with 1.2m Triton fence.	700m	Summer 2014	Agreement with NL Leisure to be obtained and type of fence to be confirmed by LAP (See Appendix 3 for detail)
9	Car Park closest to play areas	Lift mono block regrade area and reinstate	142sqm	Spring 2014	
10	General Resurfacing of all pathways	Estimated resurfacing area	1000sqm	Spring 2014	Costs depending on final requirements
11	Glasshouse car park	Resurface with 40mm base and 40mm wearing course	1215sqm	Spring 2014	
12	General resurfacing of roads	Estimated resurfacing area	1000sqm	Spring 2014	Costs depending on final requirements

Appendix 3



Proposed 1.2m Triton fence

Technical Specifications

- Galvanized steel mesh panel for increased durability
- Welded wire design increases rigidity and security
- Anti-climb 2" x 8" mesh pattern
- Architectural "D" panel design adds aesthetic appeal and rigidity