

To: Coatbridge Local Area Partnership		Subject: Drumpellier Parks Works Update	
From: Head of Environment and Estates			
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### 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 September 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 where appropriate.

3.1.2 Items of note include;

- Most major road and car park works complete. Lochside path Autumn 2015.
- Potential to tie-in with 7 Lochs project to deliver a new Crannog themed play area on the south-east side of the loch with potential underspend.
- Seasonal staff have been integrated into the Horticultural unit to address routine maintenance items within the park.

3.1.3 All costs associated with these works will be contained within existing resource or CEEF funding approval

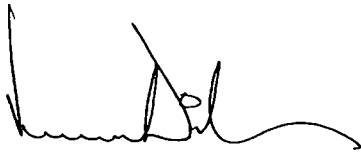
#### 3.2 Major Infrastructure Improvements

- 3.3 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 visitor centre
  - Footpath improvements adjacent to play areas (flat top edging to be installed)
- 3.4 The hedge has been planted on NLL ground alongside Townhead Road.
- 3.5 Infrastructure works have been implemented with indicative timescales contained within the works programme and detailed in Appendix 2.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

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) Note the allocation of one off funding of £685,000 approved by the Council, subject to implementation plan approval
- d) Note the maintenance works will be carried out using existing resources, with the energy efficiency measure subject to CEEF funding approval.



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## Appendix 1

<b>Maintenance Works</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Area/Issue</b>	<b>Solution</b>	<b>Action/Comment</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
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.	Ongoing
2	Whale Modern Art	Whale at visitors centre has been removed – reinstate this piece of modern art.		Complete
3	Finger Posts	Finger posts throughout the park; two missing and the remaining require to be painted		Complete
4	Play area out with Interplay	Paint all the metal frames Paint the two enclosed play area fences with multi coloured paint	The play equipment has been removed for safety reasons. It is proposed to remove the galvanised fence and open the areas up for public use. Knee rails throughout park to be painted instead.	Summer 2015
5	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 greenhouse is badly ponding	Improve drainage	Drainage survey to be arranged.	Survey complete. Works scheduled for 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.	Complete

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<b>8</b>	Lack of maintenance is evident throughout the park.	There is no dedicated maintenance team working in the park. However, the park is maintained by Land Management Services Can we involve modern apprentices/working hands to undertake some of these improvements?	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 Drumpellier Nursery. The nursery at Drumpellier Park is currently used as a development/training location for modern apprentices employed by Land Management.	Seasonal staff will be integrated into the Horticultural unit to address routine maintenance items within the park.
<b>9</b>	Visitor Centre	No maintenance of the timber fascia surrounding the building.		Complete
<b>10</b>	Visitor Centre	Remove the moss off the roof of the visitors centre.		Complete
<b>11</b>	Visitor Centre	Slab area at side of visitor centre requires to be regularly cleaned of duck dirt.	New surface to aid cleaning and wheelchair use and DDA benches installed	Complete As Required
<b>12</b>	Visitor Centre	Explore the installation of solar panels on the south facing roof of the visitor centre.	It would not be timely to install solar panels at this stage due to the 7 Lochs Heritage Lottery fund bid which would incorporate an extension to the front of the Visitor Centre including roof works.	See appendix 3

## Appendix 2

<b>Major Infrastructure Works</b>					
<b>Item</b>	<b>Area/Issue</b>	<b>Solution</b>	<b>Area/Mtr</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Notes</b>
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	Complete
2	1 <sup>st</sup> Car park – Fishermans car park flooding.	Break out to depth of 80mm fill with base course and wearing course.	108sqm	Spring 2014	Complete
3	Footpaths along the loch side are very badly pot holed and impact on wheelchair users.	The footpath requires resurfacing.	9000sqm	Autumn 2015	Ongoing
4	Ash roads at old cricket ground – water ponding	Redress pathways and provide natural run off.	120sqm	Summer 2014	Complete Ongoing top dressing
5	Road from old cricket ground down to bridge is badly pot holed.	Roadway requires resurfacing. Install missing kerb.	3000sqm	Spring 2014	Complete
6	Bridge in Daisy Park/New School – serious flooding issues at this location.	The French rubble drains require to be replaced.		Spring 2014	Complete
7	Blair Road entrance to Drumpellier pot holed.	The road way requires resurfacing plane off and overlay and resurface.	2880sqm	Complete	Complete
8	Fencing from Golf Centre to Drumpellier Park.	Changed to beech hedging.	700m	Summer 2014	Complete
9	Car park closest to play areas.	Lift mono block regrade area and reinstate.	142sqm	Autumn 2015	Ongoing
10	General resurfacing of all pathways.	Estimated resurfacing area.	1000sqm	Spring 2014	Complete
11	Glasshouse car park.	Resurface patches with 40mm base and 40mm wearing course	1215sqm	Autumn 2015	Ongoing
12	General resurfacing of roads.	Estimated resurfacing area.	1000sqm	Spring 2014	Complete

### Appendix 3

<b>Additional/Potential Works</b>					
<b>Item</b>	<b>Area/Issue</b>	<b>Solution</b>	<b>Area/Mtr</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	New car park adjacent to Fisherman's CP	To give additional capacity and reduce dangerous parking on Townhead Road.		Spring 2014	Complete
2	Bins	Further 16 bins throughout park including Blair Rd to Bridge and New CP.		Autumn 2015	Ongoing
3	Marker Posts/Stones	Distance markers around loch.		Summer 2015	Ordered
4	Reception Desk	Upgrade to DDA compliant		Autumn 2014	Complete
5	Wooden Fencing	Replace and upgrade fence at junction of Townhead Rd and Bargeddie Rd		Spring 2015	Complete
6	Drainage on Event Site	Install drains and soakaways at ES		Autumn 2014	Complete
7	Interpretation	Replace signs, Maps, VC name, plaque at Blair Rd end.		Spring 2015	Complete Plaque ordered.
8	Play Equipment	New bumper boats and enclosure, telescope, sit-on kiddies ride.		Spring 2015	Complete Ride ordered
9	VC toilets	Upgrade outside toilets		Spring 2014	Complete
10	Crannog Play Area	£50K to be set aside from budget matched with money from Regeneration Services to help funding bid for iconic crannog walkway and play area (circa £350K) from 7 Lochs HLF bid.		Autumn 2016	Ongoing
11	Visitor Centre extension and upgrade	Consideration to match fund 7 Lochs HLF bid to extend the VC towards the loch and provide general improvements to interpretation.		Autumn 2016-18	Ongoing