

Minutes of Committee Meeting of Allotment Bid Committee (ABC)

Held on Tuesday 2nd January 2024 @ 7pm

Present: Cllr A Hall, Cllr C Hall (Chair), Cllr Kirk, Brian Pearce and Tamzin Little

The Chair welcomed attendees.

Agenda Item	Description
1	<p>Apologies for absence and declaration of interests:</p> <p>There were no absences and no declarations of interests.</p>
2	<p>Minutes from the meeting held 7th December 2023:</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Allotment Bid Committee meeting held Thursday 7th December 2023 as a true and accurate record. Minutes were signed by the Chair.</p>
3	<p>Update from the working party on status and progress (including the engagements log) (TL):</p> <p>TL provided an update on the activity and engagement with Great Ayton community, conducted to date and the log was reviewed. The working party were commended on the level of work undertaken since the first meeting held 7th December 2023.</p> <p>Specific groups that had been contacted about the potential opportunity for a Community Leisure area included the Scouts and Guides, two groups of teenagers (twelve to fourteen years and fifteen to seventeen years of age), and schools in Northallerton for children who were expelled from school – all had indicated positive feedback.</p> <p>GP surgeries in Great Ayton and Stokesley had been contacted regarding social prescribing, and again had indicated positive feedback.</p>
4	<p>Report and debate re COF funding level and strategy (CH):</p> <p>CH outlined the two COF funding levels with a breakpoint of £250k. The higher funding level of above £250k would mean that the rigour of assessment of any application would increase dramatically and that the level of competition requesting funding would also increase.</p> <p>The likelihood of success of the two funding levels was debated and it was agreed that the ABC should seek to apply for the £250k funding level if the land valuation facilitated this. Ideally additional funds required should be sourced via alternative grants and fund raising which were being progressed by the working party.</p>
5	<p>Report and proposition on the inclusion of provision for Social Prescribing within the COF application, which if approved will be put to GAPC:</p> <p>It was proposed by CH that subject to the conditions stated and subject to approval from GAPC, the ABC Committee will include provision to facilitate the social prescribing</p>

of gardening, within the scope of the COF application currently being prepared. The inclusion of this provision will strengthen the COF proposal and if successful ultimately benefit the wider community than currently directly served by the allotments.

This was seconded by RK and **RESOLVED** to be proposed to GAPC subject to stated conditions.

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Report and proposition on the inclusion of provision of a Community Leisure Space within the COF application, which if approved will be put to GAPC:

It was proposed by CH that subject to the conditions stated and subject to approval from GAPC, the ABC Committee will include within the COF application, the provision for the creation of a Community Leisure Facility to at least the completion of Phase 1. Phase 1 included at a minimum fencing the land, levelling it, and if necessary, laying to grass, such that the areas can be used as soon as possible (with ongoing fundraising for phase two if not included in the COF application due to time constraints).

The space being contemplated, although multi-use, will be available to the teenage community as an alternative venue for them and the COF application will clearly articulate this.

The inclusion of this provision will strengthen the COF proposal and if successful ultimately benefit the wider community than is currently directly served by the allotments.

The inclusion of a provision of a community leisure space within the COF application was seconded by RK and **RESOLVED** to be proposed to GAPC subject to stated conditions.

Meeting closed at 19.40

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