

## Projects 2008 – 09

### Reusable Carrier Bags:

This project to supply and promote the use of reusable carrier bags by local residents could be achieved. There are a wide range of styles, sizes and materials that can be used with prices varying accordingly. The Council needs to decide what product or products to produce would these be supplied through the shops or directly to peoples houses and whether the bags will be free or supplied at cost. This project would need to be split into two parts to complete successfully.

- 1. Promotion:** This would include advertising, promotion and education of local residents to use the product and promote the green effect and sustainability on the environment. If the option is to supply at point of use this would need consultation with local retailers and businesses as to who would be prepared to stock promote and distribute the product possibly on a non profit basis.
- 2. Production:** The Council will need to select a suitable form of reusable bag possibly in conjunction with retailers. This may necessitate the use of possibly more than one type of bag if both the food shops and goods shops needs are to be best met. The Council will need to order, store and supply bags as required either to retailers or the public.

This project would both enhance and promote both the Parish Council and its green credentials and could apply for up to 75% funding of the project costs from the Lancashire Locals Climate Change Fund with grants ranging from £500 to £15000. The 25% matched funding needed can take into account officer time volunteers time as well as finance. There are several issues and outcomes to resolve with this project:

- Who is going to oversee the day to day running of this project?
- Are the public to be consulted on the possible use and distribution of the bags?
- If it is decided that the bags are to be distributed through retail outlets will the shops be consulted as to who is prepared to stock and distribute the bags?
- Will the retail outlets be consulted on the suitability of the proposed bag/bags to their food/goods type of retail?
- If it is decided to charge for bags will this be at cost price?
- Will the shops be expected to run this as a non-profit making item?
- Who will collect any monies account for all sums and re-supply shops?
- What form will promotion and advertisement take?
- Who will be responsible for promoting and advertising the scheme?
- What form will the education of the public take and will local schools be involved?
- How will public perception and use of the scheme be measured?

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- Will this scheme generate enough finance to continue year on year or will provision have to be made annually from the budget?

Applications for funding from the Climate Change Fund are processed three times a year with the closing dates for submissions for 2008 being 31<sup>st</sup> January, 30<sup>th</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> October. This is a worthwhile project and will promote the Parish Council both as green and dynamic. This project is achievable but needs the above questions answering and sensible costing, this may mean that an application is submitted before the 30<sup>th</sup> May to allow time for these questions to be answered. A working group could be set up to answer the questions and report the scope and format of this scheme to the Council at the May meeting.

### **Walking and Exercise Promotion Maps/Guides:**

The second project involves the publication of a series of maps/walking guides relating to Barrowford. Each walk will be either entirely or mainly within the boundaries of Barrowford. The aim is to promote fitness and health whilst not using the car. Each walk will be of varying length and difficulty and will promote either a place of interest or an aspect of Barrowford's history. The aim is to encourage villagers to adopt the habit of walking in and around the village and using local shops and resources.

#### **Funding:**

There may be funding from the Climate Change Fund mentioned in the first project or funding from Pendle Borough Councils Tourism budget. With match funding in officer and volunteer time making up the bulk of the Councils contribution.

#### **Cost:**

Costs have been received for the publication of each guide and these can be published individually as prepared to form a series of walks. The costs are dependant on the number of maps/guides envisaged and the amount of each print run.

<b>Number of Copies</b>	<b>Cost</b>
2,000	£355.00
5,000	£550.00
7,500	£730.00
10,000	£890.00

If artwork or proofs were required this would cost between £75-£100 each leaflet.

#### **Recommendation:**

- That subject to Cllr. Pope's availability a working group is set up to write and photograph these walks
- That an application be submitted to the January deadline for the Climate Change Fund.

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- That during the estimated 2 months turnaround time for grants applications work begins on drafting the maps.
- That the PBC Tourism budget is investigated as an alternative source of funding if the application at the Lancashire Local is unsuccessful.
- That £500.00 be set aside from the Councils project budget to cover any shortfall.

### **Land at the Former Holme Tennis Club:**

Recent correspondence has been received from the Lancashire Playing Fields Association with regards to this site.

#### **History:**

The former Holme Tennis Club ceased being a charity recently and all the land and assets were transferred to the LPFA all monies to be used to promote tennis within the Burnley & Pendle district. The land at present is being monitored by the LPFA but they have no plans or funding for the site. The practical uses of the site are limited, as there is no vehicular access to the site and no services connected. The site can be split into two distinct areas:

- The section, which was once, occupied by the tennis courts and changing rooms. This area has been derelict for several years and could be used for a wild meadow picnic area.
- A triangular section that was used in the early 1980's as a starter plantation for indigenous tree species by one of the Civic Trusts. The trees were planted but never transplanted and so a copse of 25-year-old trees exists.

There are few uses for the land and the development potential are very low. The plot could be incorporated into the walking strategy by being used as possibly a wildlife habitat low maintenance wild flower meadow and some picnic provision. Funding could be sourced from a variety of organisations if a suitable scheme was drawn up. This would be dependent on the terms and conditions agreed with LPFA over control and ownership of the land, as there would be annual maintenance obligations with any envisaged scheme.

#### **Recommendations:**

- That the Parish looks at alternative uses for this site that keep within the ethos of recreational use.
- That the Parish Council formally contact the LPFA with regards to either a peppercorn long term lease or transfer of ownership subject to mutual agreement over the use and long term future of this plot of land.