

Agenda Item 10

Metro Garage Site

During September the Clerk was discussing Barrowford retail problems with Mrs. D. Morris Economic Development Officer at Pendle Borough Council the conversation included what solutions could be found to the long term grot spots within the main retail centre of Barrowford. The Clerk discussed the Parish Council's wish to see the Metro Site fenced with a substantial solid fence obscuring the site from the main shopping area. Mrs. Morris said she would look into this matter but felt that funding was unlikely. The Clerk suggested that if the cost wasn't prohibitive the Council could possibly help fund the project.

The Clerk received this email last week:

Iain

Sorry it has taken so long. I have been given a rough price of £700-800 based on 2 days labour and materials to erect a 6' x 6' panel fence and concrete mix for posts. Is this something the Parish Council can afford? Are you happy to approach the garage owner as we discussed? Then we need to sort out the planning approval side. I also need to get the job into the EAG work schedule, so if you could let me know whether it is likely to be this year or next we can give it a slot. Give me a ring if you want to discuss any of this further.

Dorothy

Dorothy Morris

Economic Development and Tourism

The cost is not exorbitant and could be budgeted for next year, the main problems are:

- Can the land owner be persuaded to allow the fence?
- Is Barrowford Parish council willing to pay for the fence?
- The fence will need planning permission who will apply and who will pay for the application?
- Planning permission on the site has probably now run out what is the long term goal for this site?

These problems that will need resolving before any fence can be erected.