

Mountain Bike Track at Bullholme

Progress Report:

A meeting at Marsden Park was held on Thursday 13th December attended by Alan Binns & Kevin Singleton, (appointed Parks officers to oversee the project) Rosemary Pritchard, (LCC Environmental Directorate) Amelia Dew (Groundwork) and myself. The object of this meeting was to bring Alan Binns & Kevin Singleton who had just be asked by Colin Patten to oversee the project up to speed. After a brief discussion on progress to this point the following items were highlighted:

- Amelia Dew had drawn up the plans and basic specifications and costing the estimated cost for the whole project being £53,626.50. Unless she was commissioned to do further work her part in the project was finished. She also informed the meeting that planning permission would be needed.
- Rosemary Pritchard informed the meeting that subject to certain matters and the completion of phase 1 by the end of March that the Environmental Directorate would be in a position to offer Barrowford Parish council a grant of £10,000 towards the total cost.
- Iain Lord stated that most of the grants awarded were dependent on the money being spent before the end of March.

Alan Binns suggested that the only way to get this project was to submit a planning application immediately and continue with the offering the work for tender or quote be done whilst the planning application was being processed. It was decided that:

- Barrowford Parish Council submit a planning application as soon as possible with the hope that it would be dealt with by the February Area committee meeting.
- Amelia Dew and Liberata be asked to quote for overseeing the work.

The meeting was then closed, the Clerk drew up the planning application with the help of the Parks department and submitted the application on Monday 17th December. On Thursday 20th December Alan Binns contacted the Clerk and suggested that as most of the specification work had been done and due to the high cost quoted by both Groundwork and Liberata. That it would probably be better for Barrowford Parish Council to oversee the project with the help of Kevin Singleton and himself.

- The Clerk is at present drawing up a pack to be sent to prospective companies. The scheme will be split into two distinct sections for the quotation the first is the main mountain bike track and all fencing works at an estimated cost of £34,494.00. Which the Council already has funding in grant awards.
- The second section the trials bike obstacle course, with an estimated cost of £19,132.50, which will need to be raised. Rosemary Pritchard is quite

confident that there may be some funding from the Environmental side and that the Council could submit a bid to the Awards for all sections of the National Lottery as well as possibly some funding from the youth bank.