



Congleton Town Council

Historic Market Town

Chief Officer: David McGifford CILCA

7th November 2019

Dear Councillor,

Town Hall & Assets Committee – Thursday 14th November 2019

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Town Hall & Assets Committee, to be held in the Town Hall, High Street, Congleton on **Thursday 14th November** commencing at **7.00pm**

Members of this committee who are unable to attend are reminded of the need to give apologies in advance with the reason for non-attendance.

Yours sincerely,

David McGifford
Chief Officer

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence (Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non-attendance).

2. **Minutes** (enclosed)

To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 25th July 2019 as a correct record.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

4. **Outstanding Actions**

Grand Hall stage back drop and sound damping options – still to be reviewed.

5. **Questions from Members of the Public**

To receive any questions from Members of the Public including those received in writing 7 days prior to the meeting.

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6. **Town Hall Trading Account** (enclosed)

To accept the Town Hall Trading account to September 2019 and to note the content of the summary report.

7. **Grand Hall Toilet Refurbishment** (enclosed)

To receive an updated report on the refurbishment of the Grand Hall toilets.

8. **Streetscape Reporting** (to follow)

To receive a proposal from the Chief Officer for Streetscape to report to the Town Hall and Assets Committee

9. **Committee Name and Terms of Reference** (to follow)

To receive proposed changes to the name and terms of reference to the Committee

10. **General update on other Operational Assets** (enclosed)

To receive an the update from the Town Hall Manager

11. **Elizabeth Group** (enclosed)

Request to include Town Hall in Heritage Trail

12. **Resolution to exclude the Public and Press**

To consider passing a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that public and press be excluded from the meeting for the matters Set out below on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of private and Confidential information or staff matters

13. **Toilet Cleaning** (enclosed)

To receive a proposal for the award of a 12 month contract for the cleaning of the Town Hall and Public Toilets

To: Members of the Town Hall & Assets Committee

Cllrs:

George Hayes (Chair), Suzy Firkin (Vice Chair)

Suzie Akers Smith, Dawn Allen, Duncan Amies, David Brown, Robert Douglas, Robert Hemsley, Rob Moreton, Denis Murphy.

Ccs: Appointed Member - Mr D A Parker (Honorary Burgess).

Other members of the Council and Honorary Burgesses (2) for Information; Press (2), Congleton Library, Congleton Tourist Information Centre.

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE HELD ON
THURSDAY 25th July 2019

Please note - These are draft minutes and will not be ratified until the next meeting of the
Town Hall & Assets Committee on 14th November 2019

In attendance

Committee members

Suzie Akers Smith
David Brown
Suzy Firkin
George Hayes (Chairman)
Robert Hemsley
Rob Moreton
Denis Murphy

Non Committee members

Paul Duffy
Amanda Martin
Jean Parry
Mark Rogan
James Smith

Minutes

1. **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence (Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non-attendance).

Apologies were received from Committee members Councillors Duncan Amies and Robert.

Apologies were also received from non-Committee members Councillors Martin Amies, Russell Chadwick and Sally Ann Holland (Town Mayor).

2. **Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 4th April 2019 as a correct record.

TH/01/1920 resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2019.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Declarations of interest were received from Councillors Hayes, Akers Smith, Brown and Murphy all Cheshire East Council

4. **Outstanding actions**

Grand Hall stage back drop and sound damping options – still to be reviewed.

5. **Questions from Members of the Public**

To receive any questions from Members of the Public including those received in writing 7 days prior to the meeting.

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. **Town Hall Trading Account**

To accept the Town Hall Trading account to 30th June 2019 and to note the content of the summary report.

TH/02/1920 resolved to accept the Town Hall Trading account to 30th June 2019 and the summary report.

7. **Cenotaph Project**

To receive a verbal update from the Cenotaph meeting on 25th July 2019.

TH/03/1920 resolved to receive the update from the Chief Officer who advised that the Cenotaph working group were currently developing an alternative location for the Remembrance Day Service, should the planned development of the Cenotaph not be completed on time. The alternative would need to be agreed by the British Legion. An emergency meeting of the Council will take place on 1st August 2019 to discuss the situation.

8. **Grand Hall Toilet Refurbishment**

To receive an updated report on the refurbishment of the Grand Hall toilets.

TH/04/1920 resolved to go to tender for the refurbishment of the toilets

9. **Spencer Suite Refurbishment**

To receive an updated report on the refurbishment of the Spencer Suite.

TH/05/1920 resolved to progress with the refurbishment of the Spencer Suite as proposed within the report.

10. **Streetscape Reporting**

To consider receiving reports relating to Streetscape Development.

TH/06/1920 resolved to agree to receive the future reporting of the Streetscape Service subject to the proposal being approved by Council.

11. **General Update on other Operational Assets**

To receive a report on other Operational Assets.

TH/07/1920 resolved to receive the report from the Town Hall and Assets Manager.

**George Hayes
(Chairman)**

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Town Hall		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	14/11/19 7pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Jackie Potts – Support Manager		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	6 Town Hall Trading account April – September 2019		
Background	Variance analysis of the Trading Account to September 2019 to accompany the spreadsheet.		
Updates	<p>This trading account is for the first 6 months of 2019/20 – so 50% of the budget would be used if expenditure was regular monthly. 40% of the annual budget has been used to date so slightly under budget.</p> <p><u>Income</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slightly down on room hire and F&F (lights etc) hire. <p><u>Expenditure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Underspend on staffing costs is offset by the cost of external cleaners.• Underspend on gas through the summer months• Marketing/Promotions will be used later in the year.• Catering supplies shows the amount that has been paid to our catering partners and recharged to customers for refreshments• Licenses includes PPS and PRS for live and recorded music. It is a very complicated calculation but has increased this year.• Central overheads reallocated is an accounting mechanism to apportion the administrative costs over all the other cost centres containing staff, in line with the audit and accountancy regulation guidelines		
Decision Requested	To receive the Town Hall Trading Account for M6 April – September 2019		

Congleton Town Council

	2019/20				2018/19
	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	% of Budget Used	
	£	£	£		£
Town Hall					
4000 Staff Costs (re-allocated)	28,149	72,705	44,556	39%	34,367
4008 Training	320	1,000	680	32%	0
4009 Protective Clothing/H & Safety	0	500	500	0%	200
4010 Cleaners	1,519	0	1,519	#DIV/0!	
4011 Rates	13,482	27,431	13,949	49%	13,188
4012 Water	2,587	7,000	4,413	37%	1,956
4014 Electricity	8,531	20,125	11,594	42%	7,935
4015 Gas	4,018	13,750	9,732	29%	2,993
4016 Cleaning materials	898	2,000	1,102	45%	827
4017 Refuse Disposal	1,485	3,000	1,515	50%	1,436
4020 Miscellaneous Office Costs	545	1,100	555	50%	453
4025 Insurance	3,771	8,000	4,229	47%	3,895
4033 Marketing/Promotions	536	3,500	2,964	15%	339
4040 Maintenance Contracts	3,173	6,700	3,527	47%	3,134
4041 Property Maintenance	8,515	15,000	6,485	57%	3,678
4064 Legal & Professional fees	0	100	100	0%	0
4068 Licences (Incl PRS)	1,380	2,000	621	69%	942
3020 Catering Supplies (rechargeable)	3,727	10,000	6,273	37%	5,933
6000 Central Overheads Reallocated	2,793	6,655	3,862	42%	3,097
Congleton Town Hall:-Expenditure	85,429	200,566	115,137	43%	84,373
1009 Rent Rec'd - Museum Notional	2,250	4,500	2,250	50%	2,250
1010 Rent Received - 3rd Party (TIC, Partnership & rear office)	5,517	11,033	5,517	50%	5,517
1011 Rent Received - Internal CTC	8,508	17,017	8,509	50%	8,508
1013 Letting Income - Grand Hall	13,078	30,400	17,322	43%	12,026
1014 Letting Income - Bridestones	4,256	13,200	8,944	32%	3,866
1015 Letting Income - Spencer Suite	2,137	4,950	2,813	43%	801
1018 Letting Income - Campbell Suite	160	0	160	#DIV/0!	75
1016 Letting Income - Brasserie, Kitchen and Bar	7,500	15,000	7,500	50%	7,500
1021 Letting Income - Internal	4,568	8,000	3,432	57%	4,339
1022 Letting Income - F&F	1,000	5,000	4,000	20%	873
1030 Service Charges - TIC	783	1,700	917	46%	765
1035 Service Charges - CTHEP	2,029	5,000	2,971	41%	2,295
1051 Catering Sales (recharges)	3,737	10,000	6,263	37%	5,979
1199 Misc Income		0	0		140
Congleton Town Hall :- Income	55,523	125,800	70,278	44%	54,934
Net Expenditure over Income	£29,907	£74,766	£44,860	40%	£29,440

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Town Hall and Assets Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	14 th November 2019	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Town Hall Manager – Mark Worthington		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	Grand Hall Toilet and Corridor Refurbishment		
Background	<p>The main toilets servicing the Grand Hall were re-decorated in 2009 and since then have received ongoing cosmetic repairs as and when necessary. It was highlighted by members of the previous Council that the toilets were in need of complete refurbishment including sanitary ware, cubicles, flooring, ceiling, lighting, tiling and doors.</p> <p>Quotes were sought from five companies who specialise in this type of refurbishment. These quotes ranged from £27,000 to £40,000 but due to the variety of options available it was difficult to gain exact like for like quotes without first establishing an exact specification.</p> <p>Quotes received have all included an Integrated Plumbing System (IPS) to replace the existing urinals and WC. The IPS is a fully adjustable steel frame fitted with decorative removable panels and available with a standard range of factory installed sanitaryware, pre-plumbed and tested, and is supplied as a complete module that requires only to be installed and connected to site water supply. The IPS also conceals pipework, creating a new wall with access for servicing and maintenance. This creates a seamless and more attractive washroom solution giving the option of matching the colour and style of the decorative IPS panels with toilet cubicles, partitions and vanity units. Integrated Plumbing Systems are commonly found in schools, colleges, hotels, cinemas, restaurants and stadia.</p> <p>As part of the refurbishment quotes also included new cubicles, partitions, vanity units, associated sanitary ware and accessories, safety/slip resistant floor coverings, suspended ceilings and lighting, tiling, doors and decoration. The quote being used for specification purposes also includes decoration, flooring, doors, radiator and lighting in the corridor adjacent to the toilets.</p> <p>We have also received advice regarding toilet size regulations and the minimum provision of sanitary appliances. Generally speaking, working on the basis that we are classed as an 'assembly building where toilet use is not concentrated during intervals' e.g. exhibition centres, libraries, museums, we do meet regulations for the number of toilets we should have.</p> <p>Ladies have mentioned in the past that the cubicles appear on the small side and it turns out that this is actually the case</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• toilet cubicles should have a manoeuvring circle of 450mm diameter. Current manoeuvring circle in the Ladies cubicles is 390mm diameter. <p>It was suggested by previous Council to explore the options to reduce the existing four cubicles in the Ladies toilets to three, thus increasing the</p>		

	<p>manoeuvring circle and size of each cubicle. If this option was agreed, one of the three cubicles would still be required to adhere to ambulant toilet size regulations e.g. Make the toilet too wide and users will not be able to lift themselves using the provided hand rails. One option for the Ladies toilets would be to have one ambulant cubicle and two larger cubicles with baby changing facilities.</p> <p>The specification below was agreed by previous Council and features the option to reduce the number of cubicles in the ladies toilets from four cubicles to three cubicles.</p>
<p>Specification (Agreed by previous Council)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To strip out and remove existing ware in both washrooms. • To remove all debris and materials from both the strip out process and installation process from site via skip (Skip to have doors as well as being fenced off using Heras fence panels). <p><u>Ladies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To supply and install 2 No. doors to entrance of washroom as per existing door spec. • To supply and install 3 No. semi recessed basins. • To supply and install 3 No. Vado base Monolock taps. • To supply and install 1 No. Volante vanity unit 1.93m in length for 4 No. basins and Monolock taps to be set in. • To supply and install 3 No. BTW pans inc seats. • To supply and install 3 No. concealed cisterns. • To supply and install 1 No. 1000mm x 600mm radiator. • To supply and install all associated plumbing pipework and fittings. • To supply and install to the area of the walls composite brick effect white panels. • To supply and install bottom track, joining strips, internal corners and end caps as required to wall panels. • To supply and install 16m² ceiling grid and vinyl ceiling tiles • To supply and install a total of 6 No. LED lights to ceiling area. • To supply and install 16m² of grey wood effect flooring with coving and capping. • To supply and install 3 No. Volante WC cubicles B/w 2595 x 1580. • To supply and install 3 No. Volante IPS Panel and Framework. • To disconnect and remove from walls 2 No. hand dryers and radiator

Gents

- To supply and install 2 No. doors to entrance of washroom as per existing door spec.
- To supply and install 4 No. semi recessed basins.
- To supply and install 4 No. Vado base Monolock taps.
- To supply and install 1 No. Volante vanity unit 1.66m in length for 4 No. basins and Monolock taps to be set in.
- To supply and install 2 No. BTW pans inc seats.
- To supply and install 2 No. concealed cisterns.
- To supply and install 4 No. urinals concealed.
- To supply and install 1 No. infra-red cisterniser
- To supply and install 1 No. 1000mm x 600mm radiator.
- To supply and install all associated plumbing pipework and fittings.
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- To supply and install bottom track, joining strips, internal corners and end caps as required to wall panels.
- To supply and install 16m² ceiling grid and vinyl ceiling tiles.
- To supply and install a total of 6 No. LED lights to ceiling area.
- To supply and install 15m² of grey wood effect flooring with coving and capping.
- To supply and install 2 No. Volante WC cubicles C/L 1730 x 1500 Corner Layout
- To supply and install 2 No. IPS Panel and Framework for the 2 No. Toilets/Cubicles
- To supply and install 4 No. IPS Panel and Framework for the 4 No. Urinals.
- To disconnect and remove from walls 2 No. hand dryers, reposition upon completion of works to walls and reconnect

Adjoining Corridor

- Replace the polyfloor for a wood effect with a skirting and cove including 5 stair nosing's
- Patch repair walls and redecorate including the ceiling as well as handrails
- Replace 4 no light fittings with a modern design with LED that are bigger than 300m x 300m lights that are their now
- Box in the lintel above bulkhead
- Replace the radiator in the hallway
- Replace 3 no doors along corridor as per existing door spec

Additional joinery to increase cubicle size

- Box out existing cubicle wall area in both Ladies and Gents toilets to increase the internal size of each cubicle

Updates	Further discussions have taken place with Councillors regarding the insufficient size of the cubicles in both the Ladies and Gents toilet cubicles. While it is agreed that the individual cubicle size is too small, it has been suggested that reducing the total number of cubicles in the Ladies toilets from four cubicles to three cubicles would be detrimental to users and events within the Town Hall. The existing structural layout of the wall recess in which the toilet cubicles are housed would allow for this recess to be extended outwards in both the Ladies and Gents toilets. This would create a larger internal cubicle size and negate the need to reduce the total number of cubicles. The company who provided the specification for Tender purposes have been contacted and asked to requote and include this additional work to extend the wall recess in both the Ladies and Gents toilets to create larger individual toilet cubicles.
Proposal	It was previously agreed to go out to tender for these works, however, with the proposed development of new working groups the Chief Officer advised that this should be placed on hold until a Town Hall Developments Working Group has been established to determine the future specification of any refurbishments to suit the future use of the Town Hall.

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Town Hall and Assets Committee												
MEETING DATE AND TIME	September 2019	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall										
REPORT FROM	Town Hall Manager – Mark Worthington												
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	Paddling Pool Operation Report for 2019												
Paddling Pool (General)	<p>The Paddling Pool opened to the public for the 2019 season on the Bank Holiday weekend of 24th May, the pool then remained open every day (weather permitting) until Sunday 8th September. During this fifteen-week period the paddling pool was closed on three separate occasions due to maintenance issues including a damaged valve, burst pipework and a damaged chemical pump. All of these issues were resolved quickly by PoolTech Services who provide maintenance cover during the paddling pool season. The pool was temporarily closed on a further three occasions due to glass being found inside the pool area and two occasions for faecal incidents. A brief breakdown of costs throughout the season are below:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Staff Daily management of site, pool attendants</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£13,760 Streetscape staff remove all general waste from the site on a daily basis and cut the grass, hedges etc on a fortnightly basis. Streetscape hours are not reflected in the above staffing costs</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Chemicals & Cleaning materials Chemicals to control bacteria and water cleanliness in the pool. Cleaning and restocking of toilet facilities on site</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£2800</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Utility Supplies Water and electricity charges</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£4280</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Repairs Plant and pump room equipment, toilet facilities</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£3540</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Total Cost</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£29,620</td> </tr> </table>			Staff Daily management of site, pool attendants	£13,760 Streetscape staff remove all general waste from the site on a daily basis and cut the grass, hedges etc on a fortnightly basis. Streetscape hours are not reflected in the above staffing costs	Chemicals & Cleaning materials Chemicals to control bacteria and water cleanliness in the pool. Cleaning and restocking of toilet facilities on site	£2800	Utility Supplies Water and electricity charges	£4280	Repairs Plant and pump room equipment, toilet facilities	£3540	Total Cost	£29,620
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Background

As highlighted in the report dated 15th November 2018 for the Town Hall & Assets Committee and the subsequent report at the beginning of 2019 there is still the ongoing issue of the paddling pool surface being in need of repair. From the outset of the 2018 season it was noticed that water levels in the paddling pool were continuously low and for this reason needed to be topped up on a daily basis via the mains water supply. This isn't unusual during a period of prolonged good weather and heavy use as was summer 2018, although the rate at which water was disappearing from the pool was noticeable.

At the end of the 2018 paddling pool season a close down service was carried out by PoolTech on all plant room equipment, however, the pool is not drained of water as it will re-fill with rain water over the winter months. Following the 2018 closure of the pool the remaining water had completely drained from the paddling pool suggesting there was a leak, either in the pipe which connects plant room equipment to the pool or from the expansion joints of the pool surface. The water bill increased by 42% from £2694 for 2017/18 to £3822 for 2018/19. On inspection the joints between the concrete on the pool surface are clearly crumbling and have disappeared in some areas.

Work was last carried out to repair the surface of the pool in 2011 and no checks had been carried out to the supply pipes as far as I am aware. The repairs in 2011 involved shot blasting the paint from the surface of the pool and removing any loose sealant from between the concrete joints.

Damaged areas to the joints were then repaired and the pool surface repainted. The pool surface has been repainted on a number of occasions since 2011 but no further work has been carried out to the joints.

Two companies were contacted before the start of the 2018 season to carry out an inspection of the paddling pool surface and to quote for work that may be required. These companies both advised a pressure test on the supply pipework which runs beneath the pool to rule out any leaks.

A pressure test was carried by Portrait Pools of Bollington at a cost of £350 to ascertain if there was any damage to the pipes beneath the pool. The pipes were subjected to 0.5bar of pressure for 30 minutes with no loss of pressure. The pressure test results demonstrated there was no loss of pressure from the pipes and no leakage. These test results suggested the only other area which could cause a loss of water from the pool was the pool surface itself, especially the joints between the concrete sections.

Quotes and a brief description of recommended works are below:

Quote A

- Sheet out all areas
- Wet blast to remove coating
- Cut out and repair all joints and fill in the lower areas with resin fillers
- Apply a three-coat epoxy system 18-E-51 Blue

Price

£18,700.00

+ VAT

Quote B

Option 1

To temporarily remove existing supply pipework ring to pool perimeter, shot blast pool surface area to remove existing painted finish, inspect all construction joints + make good failed joints as necessary with the Sika Monotop 612 product, prime surface area of paddling pool & apply 2 coats of chlorinated rubber paint finish, re-fix supply pipework and clear site of all operations.

Price

£14,450.00

+ VAT

Option 2

To temporarily remove existing supply pipework ring to pool perimeter, shot blast pool surface area to remove existing painted finish, cut out/remove all joints in concrete + refill/replace with Sika resin mortar, prime surface area of paddling pool & apply 2 coats of chlorinated rubber paint finish, re-fix supply pipework and clear site of all operations.

Price

£22,250.00

+ VAT

	<p>It was decided in March 2019 not to move forward with the above works due to cost and the rapidly approaching opening date of the paddling pool for the 2019 season. As a temporary measure the Streetscape team carried out repairs to the areas of the pool surface which were in obvious need of attention. This involved removing any damaged sealant from between the concrete joints of the pool surface and refilling them with a water proof sealant. Initially these repairs appeared to offer a temporary solution but within a few weeks the sealant had come away from the pool surface and the only way to keep the water at operational levels was to leave the mains water supply to the pool turned on during opening hours. This obviously has an impact on the total water usage for the season which incurs extra cost, not to mention the environmental issue of wasting a considerable amount of water. The paddling pool surface will be in need of further repair for the start of the 2020 season, whether this is a professional repair to the entire surface or a more localised repair to the obviously damaged areas carried out by the Streetscape team.</p>
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Updates

A number of Councils have been contacted to research the benefits of their decision to replace their aging paddling pools with modern Splashpads. A splash pad or spray pool is a recreation area, often in a public park, for water play that has little or no standing water. This is said to eliminate the need for lifeguards or other supervision, as there is little risk of drowning. Typically, these sites feature ground nozzles that spray water upwards out of the splash pad's rain deck. There may also be other water features such as a rainbow (semi-circular pipe shower), or mushroom- or tree-shaped showers. Some splash pads feature movable nozzles similar to those found on fire engines to allow users to spray others. The showers and ground nozzles are often controlled by a hand activated-motion sensor, to run for limited time. The water used is either freshwater, or recycled and treated water, that is typically treated to at least the same level of quality as swimming pool water standards. These splash pads are often surfaced in textured non-slip concrete or non-slip rubber.

Amber Valley Borough Council

Amber Valley Borough Council in Derbyshire operate two Splashpads in Crossley Park and Heanor Memorial Park between May and September. The Crossley Park project was delivered in 2014 at a cost of £120k. Following the success of the Crossley Park project it was decided to replace the seven-year-old Heanor Memorial Park paddling pool with a water play facility similar to the Crossley Park site.

The Heanor Memorial Park Splash Park opened in May 2019 and is situated in the footprint of the paddling pool it replaced and takes up an area of 80m². The paddling pool had reached the end of its economic life, and had restricted use because of its design. The paddling pool had been very popular at Heanor Memorial Park for several generations. Amber Valley Borough Council embarked upon a procurement process to establish a new aquatic play facility for its community. Work started on site in October 2018 and the project was completed in February 2019, ready for opening in

May. The splashpad provides Heanor Memorial Park with an inclusive aquatic play facility for everyone to enjoy for decades to come. The paddling and splash concept provide Heanor with much more aquatic play value and an extended aquatic play season. The water management system is a flow through system that draws directly from the mains, with an additional tank to collect and recycle water for irrigation. Water from the mains supply flows through the water features only twice before being collected in a tank for recycling. The recycled water is then used for plant irrigation throughout the park and also to supply water for the Council operated road sweepers. Effectively one supply of water feeds Heanor's aquatic play facility and Heanor's plants. The system requires no chemicals to be added to the water which offers a considerable financial saving as well as the positive environmental impact of being able to recycle the water for irrigation. As the splashpad features no pool of water the risk is massively reduced which negates the need for a pool attendant to be on site throughout the day offering a further substantial saving. The site is checked every morning by Council staff who are based at Heanor Memorial Park, before automatically switching on using a timer system and then automatically turning off at night. Due to the simplicity of the system it is easy to open the facility earlier in the year, if weather permits, or remain open for an extended period at the end of the season.

The Heanor Memorial Park splashpad was installed by Ustigate Waterplay of Dartford at a cost of £150,000 and opened in May 2019. The site features fewer water apparatus than the Crossley Park site as it was felt this would create a more inclusive user experience based on feedback gathered from users of the Crossley Park splashpad. Pictures below are of the Heanor Memorial Park Splashpad.

I have been in contact with the Building and Open Spaces Manager for Amber Valley Borough Council who managed the procurement process for both the Crossley Park and Heanor Memorial Park splashpad projects. Both sites have been a huge success for Amber Valley Borough Council, not only making a financial saving on the operations of the previous paddling pools but also creating a safer, more environmentally friendly aqua facility.





Proposal

To agree an appropriate course of action from the options below:

- to approve the professional repair works to the surface of the paddling pool as quoted in the report above
- to approve a partial/temporary repair to the expansion joints by Streetscape as was carried out for the start of the 2019 season
- to approve a partial/temporary repair by Streetscape and look into options of replacing the existing pool facility with a 'Splash Pad' facility, either at the existing site or a new location which would be better suited to this type of facility e.g. Congleton Park

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Town Hall and Assets Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	14 th November 2019	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Town Marketing and Events Manager/Deputy Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	Request to Include the Town Hall on the Elizabeth Heritage Trail		
Background	 <p>The Elizabeth Group is working on a heritage trail to incorporate a number of sites that were significant in the life of Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy. This trail will be publicised through print and electronically and will form part of the heritage and tourism offer of Congleton.</p> <p>The Elizabeth Group has requested that the Town Hall be included as a site on the heritage trail as the current Town Hall was the venue for several major speeches made by Elizabeth.</p> <p>The group already has the funding to create a plaque. It is envisaged that this plaque would be placed just inside the gates near the plaque about Congleton Beartown on the outside wall of the Tourist Information Centre. (see picture below).</p> <p>Exact size and wording to be agreed.</p> 		
Proposal	To accept the request from the Elizabeth Group to include the Town Hall in the heritage trail of sites in Congleton		