
Corby 2012 Celebrations

SYNOPSIS

The report provides an update on the progress with the celebration events connected with the Queens Diamond Jubilee, Queens Visit, Olympic Torch Relay, pre Olympic Training Camp and Corby Olympic Live sites.

1. Relevant Background Details

The Council is actively supporting making 2012 a very special year in respect of the Queens Diamond Jubilee and London Olympic Games. In 2011 Corby hosted a very successful visit by the Israeli National Swimming Team as part of the Olympic Games pre Olympic Training Camp, and in November it was announced the Olympic Torch Relay will pass through Corby on the 2nd July 2012. The One Corby Policy Committee also agreed to set up a special 2012 Celebrations Forum that has assisted in the sharing of information on events taking place in Corby. The Committee also approved Oakley Vale and Abington Road Playing Fields to be put forward as part of the Queen Elizabeth II Fields In Trust Challenge and for a budget of £5,000 to support celebration events.

2. Report

Queens Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend 2nd – 5th June 2012

The Friends of Coronation Park are organising a special event on the 4th June and an application to light a Beacon in the evening has been successful, the Council has given a grant of £400 to support the funding of the Beacon. The Friends of Coronation Park have applied for funding to the Big Lottery Awards for all Scheme to cover the expenses of the event.

Both applications to the Fields in Trust for Oakley Vale and Abington Road Playing Fields to protect and be renamed Queen Elizabeth II Fields have been successful. The next stage is to complete the legal requirements, once finalised, funding applications can be made to Sport England to support improvements to the parks and changing facilities.

Grants of up to £250 are now being provided to 13 planned events being held to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee over the June bank holiday, a verbal update will be provided at committee as to how many further grants have been awarded.

Queens Visit 13th or 14th June

Arrangements are being made, in partnership with the Lord Lieutenants Office, the Queen's Private Secretary and the Police, for the visit of Her Majesty The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh to Corby. The Head of Culture and Leisure and the Democratic Services Manager are jointly managing the coordination of the special day. Due to security reasons restrictions so far apply at the time of writing this report as to the detail of the day, but is hoped that a verbal update will be given to committee on the planning of the event. Estimated costs for the visit will be approximately £25,000.

Olympic Torch Relay 2nd July 2012

The Olympic Torch Relay will pass through Corby for approximately one hour commencing at 2:22pm. The route will be as follows: Start at Weldon Road, High Street, Cottingham Road, Elizabeth Street, Alexandra Road, George Street, Westcott Way then Finish at Cottingham Road at Beanfield Avenue Junction. 15 Runners have been chosen by London 2012 Olympic Committee (LOCOG) following receipt of nominations to run through Corby with the Olympic Torch. The Council is responsible jointly with Northampton Police and County Council for

coordination of the relay whilst in Corby; this includes road closures, stewarding, parking and control of spectators along the route. The Council's total estimated costs are approximately £3,000 to cover road closures and equipment for stewarding.

Oakley Rangers are arranging a 'Chariots of Fire' production to line the route and have applied for a grant from the Lottery - Awards For All programme. The Corby Learning Partnership are providing £6,500 for artists to work with schools and young people to develop art works which will be used to animate the route as the Torch passes through the town. Corby Voluntary and Community Services has been successful in an Awards for All Application for £9895 to support the work in schools.

Pre Olympic Training Camp

The Israeli National Swimming Team have chosen the Corby East Midlands International Pool as their build up to competing in the London Olympic Games. They have proposed to be in Corby twice prior to the Games and arrangements are presently being agreed with the London 2012 Olympic Committee and the Israeli Swimming Association who meet all the costs.

Olympic Live Site 28th - 29th July 2012

Corby is one of 61 cities and towns to be given the status as one of its Olympic Live Sites. The 'Corby Live' will be a two-day event organised by the Council and Corby community groups. The event will be part of many events taking place around the country during the Olympic and Paralympic Games where members of the community can watch the Games for free on a 'Big Screen'. Corby screen will be outside the Corby Cube. One of our local sporting personalities Daniel Keatings will be competing in the first full day of the Olympic Men's gymnastics competition on Saturday 28th July. There will also be demonstrations from local sports clubs and organisations during the two days.

£15,000 has been externally funded by LOCOG to help dress the town with banners and bunting. The Council in return is obligated to being an Olympic Live Site providing a big screen; the cost for the big screen for two days is £2,810. Northamptonshire County Council has agreed to fund 50% of this cost. Further costs for running the two days will be approximately £500.

The Councils Sports Development Team and the Corby Sports Forum are working on two town centre events, the 'Get Involved' project includes Sports Clubs providing displays and "come and try sessions" of their sport and promoting past and present Olympic Heroes and how to 'get involved' in their club sessions. The project was submitted to Sport England's Lottery small grants scheme for £5,500. The second project is to run a workshop that representatives of the community can attend to design the artwork for banners that will be displayed throughout the town. These banners will have an Olympic Heroes theme and be on display for the 2012 events that are happening in Corby this year and has been awarded £7,276 from the Lottery - Awards For All programme.

Corby Voluntary Community Services has also secured just under £10,000 from the Lottery Awards for All Programme for workshops with families to produced and be displayed along the route

Through funding secured from Arts Council England, as part of the Cultural Olympiad and National Big Dance programme, schools will be invited to take part in Corby's contribution to a world record attempt outside The Cube on May 18th. There will also be a day of dancing in the streets on the 14th of July with a whole variety of dance showcased, and through the summer a new choreographic piece will be developed by professional artists working with local young people and community members which will be shown in the Corby East Midlands International Pool on the 22nd of September, young people will be performing throughout the town centre that day as part of the build up to the evenings show. The Core is also providing an international theme to the summer programme combining with some of Britain's best contemporary performance companies.

3. Options to be considered

The arrangements for the events are now well advanced in being organised and therefore options are not applicable at this time.

4. Risks

The Council is working in partnership with Northampton Police in respect of security and managing the events. Comprehensive risk assessments are being carried out for each event and any facility involved.

5. Issues to be taken into account:-

Policy Priorities

The Council has previously agreed to support the 2012 celebrations.

Financial

The estimated net cost for supporting the events is £30,000. The Queen's visit element of this is estimated to be 25,000 at the time of writing this report. Costings for the visit are still being worked through and a further update will be given at Committee including any possible financial contribution from other organisations including County Council. The Council has no budget set aside to cover the events and this will be needed to be covered from compensating savings across all Council services. Savings that have been identified at this stage of the year to cover this additional expenditure includes additional cube car parking income of £20,000, £5000 of additional income from within Committee Services and £5,000 bailiffs savings within Corporate Services. The Council is not required to cover any of the policing costs.

Legal

The only legal matters outstanding are in relation the to Fields in Trust applications for Oakley Vale and Abington Road

Performance Information

No relevant information at this time

Human Rights

No relevant information at this time

Equalities

The Council will ensure the events promote the multi cultural character of the Borough and accessible to all communities.

Community Safety

All events will need to take into account in respect of community safety.

5. Conclusion

2012 is a proving to be a very exceptional events year for the Borough; the Council is playing its part along side local communities in supporting Queens Diamond Jubilee events both large and small as detailed in the report. The £5,000 small grants pot providing community grants up to £250 will be fully subscribed. The Council has set up a web site to assist in the promotion of Corby 2012 Celebration events and monthly forums meetings have provided an opportunity to network and share details of planned events, including the Core, Oakley Rangers, Friends of Coronation Park, School events and Groundwork.

6. Recommendations

The Committee:-

- i) note progress with organising the Corby 2012 events and agree the budget provision of £30,000 as detailed in the report, to be vired from savings detailed above.

Background Papers

One Corby Policy Committee 6th December 2011 minutes.

External Consultations

London 2012 Organising Committee (LOCOG)

Northamptonshire County Council and Northamptonshire Borough and District Councils

Northamptonshire Police

Local Community Groups

List of Appendices

None

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Open Decision Item