



Callander Community Council

Meeting Date: 11th October 2021

Subject: Camp Place

Report from: Marilyn Moore

Camp Place Play Park

Last month CCC were awarded a Landfill grant from Viridor Credits which Stirling Council applied for and this month, CCC have heard from the National Park that we have been successful in our application for a grant for £25,000 as part of the Green Recovery Fund. This fund is likely to be a little more flexible than some of our awards, which means we can manage increases in play park prices.

A meeting was held with the National Park grants officer and there is now a long list of questions and clarifications to be answered prior to a contact being signed. Some of the queries CCC can respond to, but other answers will come from Stirling Council

In the meantime, Stirling Council is going ahead with purchasing the equipment that is already covered by signed contracts, all equipment being purchased from Wicksteed, which was the supplier with the most preferred play options in our surveys. Buying from a single supplier has the advantage of gaining bulk purchase savings. Current delivery times for equipment are now up to 20 weeks so Stirling Council are working fast to ensure we don't lose money through the delivery delays.

Quotes are being separately sought for the installation and whilst installation is currently planned for Q1 2022, given the delivery delays, it may run into Q2 and a new financial year.

No word yet from Stirling Council on any publicity plans. These will become clearer once equipment is on its way and installation dates are known.

Final cleaning and painting of the existing play equipment is delayed, awaiting some play equipment repairs from Stirling Council, mainly in The Meadows, including a safety repair required of a very soft plank of wood, which was raised by Empardio whilst they were cleaning the equipment. Both Empardio and Hugh Devlin have indicated that they will keep the play park equipment cleaned and painted annually as required – a generous gesture by both companies.

BMX/Bike Track

No further response from Stirling Council on the BMX/Bike track. A reminder has been sent.