

## Jack Charlton Statue and Charlton Brothers et al Information Boards

A meeting was held at Hirst Park on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May to bring together those parties that will be working on the Jack Charlton Statue and the Charlton Brothers Project.

### Those in attendance were:

**Barry Mead** – Barry is working on the information and the photographs for the storyboards. It is expected that there will be four boards – one for Bobby, one for Jack, one with the world cup story and another that celebrates the four Ashington Players who have won the coveted ‘Footballer of the Year.’ That is Jimmy Adamson, Bobby Charlton, Jack Charlton and Jackie Milburn.

**Neil Blakelock and Frank Curry** – from Brambledown who will be carrying out the groundworks and hard landscaping for the Jack Charlton Statue and the linked structure for the storyboards project.

**Nick Wright** – the landscape designer and architect who will be working on the structure to house the storyboards.

Also in attendance were Jimmy Reith, Carla Thompson, Sarah Eden, Stephen Humphrey and Cllr Liam Lavery.

Apologies were received from Neil Dawson, Cllr Jim Lang and Cllr Mark Purvis.

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### The following actions were agreed:

- The statue groundworks/hard landscaping should match that on the mining heritage work within the park. The blockwork and resin will be replicated. Brambledown did the work so can **revisit the specification**.
- In keeping with the vision that the projects should be separate but linked, the links will be created by using these same materials in the area to the left of the statue, with the possibility of design links on the pavement that separate the areas. It is also expected that the hard landscaping shapes will be in keeping with each other, i.e., circular.
- From a maintenance and an aesthetic point of view, the hard landscaping for the statue and the storyboard structure will come to the pavement edge and will be ground level.
- Brambledown cannot professionally indemnify the foundations from a structural perspective; **Nick Wright will seek this information and advise the Council of the cost** (no add on fees) **Nick will also advise the Council of his own fee structure for the expected work**.
- **Nick Wright and Barry Mead will work up a draft plan** based on the above for the Storyboard structure, now that ideas are firmer. Although it is usual to have a budget prior to this work being undertaken, it will be done with the expectation of an agreed budget at the earliest opportunity.

### Further Updates

Jimmy confirmed that the tree that is in the vicinity of the statute location is diseased so will need to be removed. The planters on each corner will be relocated adjacent to the small car park.

Nick later confirmed that the structural engineer fees will be £2,550 in respect of the Jack Charlton Statue, and advised that a larger viewing area would be beneficial as the space provided for in current plans is limited. Nick confirmed that fees associated with the development, design, plans and liaison with construction, for the Charlton Brothers Project would be almost £3,000 (excluding groundworks and landscaping).

Stephen sourced cost for the photographs to be used on storyboards; 23 images will cost £1,840.

All parties expressed their honour to be involved in this project. The provisional date for unveiling is August, but it is understood that sourcing materials is exceedingly difficult now, so this does need to be flexible.

**Sarah will bring an update and immediate budget decisions to the Council meeting scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> June.**