

Jack Charlton Memorial Statue / Charlton Brothers Commemoration Project.

Working Group – Cllr. Liam Lavery (Chair), Mark Purvis and Jim Lang.

Jack Charlton Memorial Statue.

Public Art Commission Contract made on 12 October 2021 between:

Ashington Town Council (“The Commissioner”) and Douglas Jennings (“The Artist”)

£72,800 + VAT (excluding structural engineer work and foundations/groundworks).

Statue Work well underway with unveiling in Hirst Park provisionally scheduled for June 2022.

1.Funding

Full Statement Provided as at 31 January 2022. Current committed funding of £80,233.34

Ashington Town Council committed £34,000 to the project (FGS20/042 & C21/963)

Received £68,233.34 to date and awaiting further receipt of committed funding from:

- Cllr. Caroline Ball £2,000 from Local Members Improvement Schemes (LMIS) – Reuben Morgan at NCC can advise on progress.

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Further funding opportunities:

- CISWO – Liam made contact with CISWO and board are evidently keen to make a contribution. There is an application process and Liam has contact details and an earlier email exchange. CISWO officers stated that funding applications could only be accepted from Charities or Constituted Bodies.

It was agreed that the approach to CISWO should be more along the lines of an “opportunity to make a donation to the public arts project” recognising Jack’s mining connections. Again, Liam can advise and help with contacts.

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2. Work to be done:

Groundworks.

- Location agreed within Hirst Park (current site of Wansbeck Flower Tubs). Working Group can advise. Tubs will need to be removed/relocated by NCC Parks.
- Groundwork agreed by Working Group to be in keeping with the style and materials of the adjacent performance area undertaken as part of the HLF Project for the Park.
- It is believed that the HLF scheme contractor was Brambledown Landscape Services Ltd (BLS). Preliminary contact was made with BLS and this was due to be followed up with a site visit in February 2022, on receipt of the groundwork spec and sizing requirements from the sculptor inc. diameter, concrete depth, location of retaining hole for sculpture securing (similar to War Memorial statue).

That information is expected in next week or so from Douglas.

Subject to discussion and agreement – contract specification and quotations/tenders.

Permissions/Approvals.

- To be established whether formal planning permission is required and application to submit thereafter.

Approval for siting of both statue and Charlton Brothers Panel agreed by NCC (Neil Dawson – Parks Manager is NCC contact).

As statue on completion will become an asset of and under the ownership of ATC then for insurance purposes it is likely that a formal agreement will be reached with NCC regarding future maintenance and upkeep. A similar agreement to works of improvement was made in relation to the (Highways) land required for the Mining Wheel – Stephen can advise and has a copy of the agreement.

Miscellaneous:

Visit to Sculptor studio. An invitation has been extended by the sculptor to the Working Group to view the statue progress and discuss arrangements for siting/security prior to unveiling/opening event/handling of press enquiries etc. Late February/early March – Working Group would like to visit and arrangements will need to be made.

Funders – courtesy contacts have been made with funders to advise of project progress at key stages.

Arrangements/Invites for installation & unveiling

- Installation – arrangements as to who/how/when
- Security and Cover prior to unveiling within Hirst Park
- Unveiling – Who – speeches etc
- Press & TV coverage - local/regional/national.
- Refreshments/buffet – Hirst Park Growing Zone.

Ongoing security/CCTV

Working Group have expressed their desire for CCTV provision adjacent to the statue and area further to the erection of the statue.

This matter has not been pursued by the Working Group as yet – they were informed however that such ongoing revenue work and cost sat outside the scope of the project and would need to be discussed by the Council as a separate issue.

Members enquired as to whether CCTV provision (Asset Watch monitored) could possibly be looked at as part of the Hirst Park SLA provision in future – wider ASB & Community Safety.

Charlton Brothers Commemoration Project.

- Finance & General Services Cttee 4 August 2020,) Min FGS 20/031 resolved to “*work with Northumberland County Council to discuss and develop a separate commemoration project of the 1966 World Cup and footballing achievements of the Charlton Brothers*”.
- Cllr. Glenn Sanderson (NCC Leader) formally agreed to a contribution to be made by NCC towards a recognition of the achievements of the Charlton Brothers.
- The detail of such a commemoration was to be resolved but it was expected that it would take the form of a large display panel that would sit adjacent to the Jack Charlton statue and would tell the story of the Charlton Brothers football exploits from childhood to 1966 – culminating in the World Cup achievements.
- The NCC contribution to the project would need to be discussed and an application made to the Parks Projects Fund (managed and overseen by Greg Gavin).
- Greg made contact in early August 2020 stating that Cllr. Sanderson had advised him of the agreed contribution. An initial figure of £6,000 had been identified as an NCC contribution but would be subject to the application process where a third-party contribution would be required (hence the ATC resolution).
- Initially It had been envisaged and expected that NCC Parks would deliver the project, but it became apparent that there was an expectation that ATC would lead and deliver the project alongside the statue timeline – ideally both to be unveiled alongside each other.

Work (All to do):

- Permissions already granted via Neil Dawson (NCC Parks Manager). No suggestion that the work involves any third parties or partnerships. Separate entirely from the HLF work on interpretation panels within the park.
- Discuss and confirm with Greg Gavin the level of NCC funding and process for application submission.
- Research and preparation of the Interpretation Panel – a relatively straightforward piece of work for anyone with the football knowledge and background to the Charlton Brothers and Ashington. Official images, school photos, early Leeds and Manchester United images and club/career details –

Update from Mike Slaughter

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England call-ups etc. Some great photos out there of the two brothers in competition with each other Leeds v Man Utd etc.

- Local contacts for artwork production and interpretation panels:
- Complete Business Supplies Alnwick (Darren Turner)
- Spotty Dog Signs and Print Ltd – Morpeth

Completion date and full installation to be in line with the Statue unveiling – June 2022.

Appointed:				
Full Council 29 June 2021				
Revised Agreed Contract: £72,800				
Life-Size - Full Council - 21 September 2021				
				IN ATC FUNDS
SECURED FUNDERS:		£	Received	£
Go Fund Me	30/09/2020	3,026.59	Yes	3,026.59
Go Fund Me	01/06/2021	56.75	Yes	56.75
Public Donation (Mr & Mrs Harding)	04/02/2021	100.00	Yes	100.00
The Wellington - Riding Mill Club	20/04/2021	200.00	Yes	200.00
Wansbeck CLP	07/12/2020	750.00	Yes	750.00
Unite	07/12/2020	100.00	Yes	100.00
DJB Projects	09/12/2020	5,000.00	Yes	5,000.00
Bernicia Tenants Panel	16/07/2021	5,000.00	Yes	5,000.00
Bruce Shepherd (Shepherd Offshore)		10,000.00	No	0.00
		24,233.34		14,233.34
NCC Elected Members - MLIS Money				
Ken Parry		10,000.00	Yes	10,000.00
Brian Gallacher		2,000.00	Yes	2,000.00
Mark Purvis		4,000.00	Yes	4,000.00
Lynne Grimshaw		2,000.00	Yes	2,000.00
Jim Lang		2,000.00	Yes	2,000.00
Caroline Ball (NCC Forms to complete 25/1/22)		2,000.00	No	0.00
		22,000.00		20,000.00
Ashington Town Council	FGS 20/042	10,000.00	Yes	10,000.00
Ashington Town Council	C21 21/963	24,000.00	Yes	24,000.00
TOTAL		80,233.34		68,233.34
Less: Statue Cost - Revised Budget		-72,800.00		
Available for Groundworks/Incidentals		7,433.34		
		80,233.34		