

## **Ingol and Tanterton Neighbourhood Council.**

### **Supporting documentation for the agenda and meeting- 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**

#### **Tanterton Village Centre Limited (TVCLtd) Funding Proposal for a Youth Worker to Ingol and Tanterton Neighbourhood Council**

Introduction: Further to our recent funding proposal to the Neighbourhood Council we subsequently met with the representative of the National Lottery 'Reaching Communities' fund. This prompted us to review our staffing requirements. The increase in the number of young people attending the Centre is now back at pre pandemic levels and increasing. This requires that we need people to help our Youth and Community Outreach Officer, Ryan, run these youth activities. As a minimum he needs an extra pair of eyes. Ryan himself has requested this help of the Trustees. We have tried to encourage volunteers to help us through social media posts, leafletting, posters, direct contact etc. but to no avail. We have recently attended the 'Volunteer Fair' at UCLAN, again to no avail. Volunteering is apparently no longer in favour, as other organisations in a similar position will testify. We have approached other local stakeholders and now have a working partnership with Preston North End Community Education Trust (PNECET). This partnership covers the school holidays and is funded by the Holiday Action Fund. However, it is similarly dependent on PNECET sourcing sufficient and adequate help. Proposal: To satisfy our need we would be looking to recruit an additional Youth Worker to primarily help Ryan with youth group activities at the Centre. This would be for three hours a night for five nights a week; for fifty two weeks a year. As we are in a building owned by the City Council the pay would be at the Preston Living Wage, shortly to be increased to £10.90 an hour. This gives a estimated current annual salary of £8502. Assuming an uplift of 10% next year and 6% the year after gives annual salaries of £9352 and £9913. The proposal is that the Ingol and Tanterton Neighbourhood Council give 'approval in principle' to fully funding the position of a Youth Worker based at the Tanterton Village Centre over the next three years to a total estimated outlay of £27767.

#### **Ingol & Tanterton Infrastructure Projects**

The Queen Elizabeth Woodland: Our first proposal would be to tackle climate change, offset our carbon footprint, provide shelter from the sun, and provide amenity and aesthetics – while also honouring the life of Her Late Majesty. In Preston, currently more trees are being chopped down than planted. The Tanterton part of the ward is reasonably well endowed with street trees, but Ingol is not. Our proposal would be for I&TNC to work in cooperation/collaboration with LCC, PCC, CGA, P4P, schools, churches and private individuals to identify locations along roadsides, and on spare land (eg Whitby Avenue) where we could plant a total of 70 mature trees, one for each year of her Majesty's reign. Appropriate native species and approved Street Trees would be used. Costs are not known at this stage, but would be of the order of £500 per tree. Holy Family School has asked for a row of trees to be planted along the periphery of their land, alongside the access path to Dobcroft, as part of this proposed Queen Elizabeth Woodland. Improvements to the Grassed Area at Tanterton Village Centre: to form an accessible 'wellbeing' garden area by excavating the slope, and planting raised beds with shrubs and perennials. The cost would be of the order of £10k. Future management would be by the Centre. Resurrection of the Ingol Dip Playground: This former playground is in the remit of CGA. As a social housing provider the provision and maintenance of playgrounds is not part of their core business. The same is true for P4P. Typically, the land for a playground could be transferred to either PCC or the Neighbourhood Council with the provision of a new playground being met by CGA with match funding from the Neighbourhood Council. Project design and ongoing maintenance would be undertaken by PCC with costs met by the Neighbourhood Council: this is similar to the model used to upgrade the Tanterton playground some years ago. Remembrance Garden: Pool Ho

use School are proposing a Garden, in school grounds but open to the community: A place for remembrance, reflection, celebration of life. They are currently working on this project, and have some thoughts about specifications and costs (eg willow tree, paved area, bench). This might tie in nicely with the death of the Queen, and the Queen Elizabeth Woodland. Pool House would also like to create a 'willow walk' in the school grounds. Future management would be by the school. Other ideas put forward, for discussion: - Remedial work along 'our' stretch of the canal, in collaboration with the Canal & River Trust - identify, with Preston Bus, LCC, PCC and others, where there might be a demand for bus shelters, public benches and other facilities - consider improvement work on the Nog Tow Roundabout - identify, with CGA, P4P, PCC and others potential locations for other community gardens and/or allotments - work with P4P and other partners to see what remedial work can be carried out at Tanterton Shops, and look to reoccupying the empty shops, possibly for charity or community use - A community mini-bus, purchased by the Neighbourhood Council, and managed on a co-operative basis

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