

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

### **RESTORATION OF BAILEY PARK AND GATES**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide an update on the Heritage Fund application for funding for the restoration of Bailey Park & Gates

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 MCC chairs a project group that is overseeing the development of an application for funding for improvements in Bailey Park. The three Priory ward Town Councillors and Town Clerk are invited to these meetings.
- 2.2 The MCC led project is, following discussions with Lottery, focussing on a replacement Pavilion and improvements to the sports facilities. It will not encompass the restoration of the gates & railings.
- 2.3 As a result, the Town Clerk with the backing of the Priory Town Councillors agreed to lead an application to Heritage Fund for the restoration of the gates and railings.

#### **3. UPDATE**

- 3.1 A Project Enquiry form has been submitted to Heritage Lottery and feedback received. It has been strongly suggested that the application needs to be able to evidence how as a result of National Lottery funding, a wider range of people will be involved in heritage. This is a mandatory outcome and there are other discretionary outcomes of which at least one should be met.
- 3.2 A working group has been set up and one meeting has taken place. Representatives from Rotary, Civic Society, MCC Heritage Manager, MCC Museums Manager, Friends of Bailey Park, Local History Society were present.
- 3.3 A number of partners have offered support which will strengthen the application. The Local History Society will prepare an exhibition on the Gates and Bailey Park and will lead guided walks and there may be funding available from other organisations.
- 3.4 On the suggestion of MCC Heritage Manager, contact has been made with Hereford College of Arts Blacksmithing Course who would like to be involved.
- 3.5 A specialist in the restoration of ironwork has agreed to carry out a condition survey (free of charge). This is a requirement of the grant application.
- 3.6 Three quotations are required.
- 3.7 A further meeting of the working group will take place once a draft of the application has been completed.

3.8 As part of the budget setting for 2020/21, a request will be made for a contribution from the Town Council towards this project.