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Culture, Health, Leisure & Young People Portfolio Holder's Report

Title:

– Councillor Anne Quilter

Sports Development

Since the last update to Council, work to increase opportunities and participation in sport across Carlisle has been progressed in line with the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy. Key updates include:

- The Sports Development Officer has worked with and supported the Green Spaces Team to gain £9073 to develop coaching activities on Hammonds pond MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) during the school holiday periods and to carry out maintenance work on and around the games area.
- Work with University of Cumbria 3rd year Sports Development Students to organise a programme of sporting events and activities delivered directly to local schools and community groups between January and May 2014.
- 452 young people have received tennis coaching as part of our tennis development plan.
- We are working with England Athletics to set up running routes in Bitts Park to encourage people to walk, run and be active.
- 1365 young people have taken part in activities through the Community Activation fund for young people through the Active8 Clubs. These are based at Trinity Leisure Centre, Belah Community Centre, Harraby Community Centre and William Howard School. The clubs take place on an evening to provide positive activities for young people. New sessions for adults are being set up, this includes a trampolining session at Yewdale Community Centre and a swimming session for ethnic women. We are working with Barnados to develop a dads activity session also.
- 64 disabled children have taken part in activities through the Community Sports Activation fund in partnership with Carlisle Mencap. This has been delivered by the Cumbria SPAA Foundation.
- 1300 individuals have taken part in the Parkrun at Chances Park. This is delivered by a team of volunteers and is based at Morton Community Centre.
- 113 adults have regularly participated in rounders activity as part of our rounders development plan with England rounders. This included mums specific sessions and student activity with the University of Cumbria.
- We have organised another British Cycling Ride Leader's course for March. This will train up a local workforce to deliver our free Sky Ride local programme that is due to start in Easter.

- As part of our disability tennis network plan we have delivered taster tennis activities to disability groups. Coaches have attended visual impairment and hearing impairment training courses as we look to roll out our disability tennis plan.
- 8 coaches have been supported with funding for coach education courses.
- 3 Sports Clubs have been supported with funding for Club Development projects.
- 7 Athletes have been supported with free facility use for training in partnership with Carlisle Leisure Limited. The athletes have also received funding from us to contribute towards equipment costs and travel.

Arts Development

Old Fire Station

The Pilot Programme for Jan 2014 – June 2014 is now almost at capacity. There are 9 different workshops on each week providing a range of artistic and performance based opportunities for all age groups. Six large scale art exhibitions are booked between now and the end of May. Two comedy nights featuring well-known circuit comedians have been announced on Saturday 26th April and Saturday 31st May. The line up for April's event includes three British comedians – Justin Moorhouse; Rob Rouse and compere for the evening, Alun Cochrane. Tickets are priced at £10 and are available direct from the Civic Centre, Carlisle and the Carlisle Tourist Information Centre or online via www.skiddle.com. Proposals continue to come in and be considered for events and activities during the pilot programme.

Discussions are ongoing with the architect to formalise the design of the centre ahead of capital investment and development with a planning application planned in the coming weeks.

Pageant Parade 2014

The 2014 parade has been confirmed for 2pm Saturday August 16th. As the fire station will be closed we will be using the Civic to start and finish the parade. The pageant will be followed by a programme of supporting events through to August 25th, including a local market, talks and historical tours.

A Tudor theme has been proposed for this year's event and potential themes are being explored right through to 2018, when it is anticipated that the parade will tie in with the end of World War One Commemorations. The Cathedral, Tullie House and Eden River Heritage Trust are all actively supporting the City Council in the development of the pageant.

Old Town Hall / Tourist Information Centre (TIC)

Following the appointment of Johnston & Wright as lead consultant, preliminary design work is now progressing to create a contemporary TIC and public facilities in the Assembly Room based upon the recommendations arising from the Members Workshop on 20th November 2013. This will be further informed by a working group derived from the main Steering Group with a target date for presentation of proposals and cost plan to the full Steering Group in late March 2014.

Subject to agreement, project information including drawings, schedules and specifications of materials and workmanship will then be prepared to facilitate listed building consent in July 2014 prior to the appointment of contractor(s) in October 2014 to carry out the works. The site works are forecast to take 6 months from the date of commencement.