

Friends of the Flich Way

Notes from Langford Halt budget meeting of Tuesday 8th November 2016

Venue High Cross Lane picnic area

Present Chairman, Alan Trigg. Secretary, Sandra Reynolds
Committee members, Val Blamire, Stan Davies, John Moss,
Wendy Moss, Bob Lucas
Rangers, Tom Hamilton

Apologies Margaret James

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting to discuss the building quotations and budget for the Langford Halt Tesco project as the building quotations have come in much higher than expected.

The forecast budget prior to the meeting based on the platform enhancement quotations are as follows.

No.	Tasks	Budget	Forecast
1.	Footpath enhancement	£2,200	£2,200
2.	Interpretation Boards (2)	£3,600	£3,200
3.	Benches (5)	£1,400	£888
4	Platform Enhancement	£4,000	£7,250
5	Expenses	£800	£800
	Total	£12,000	£14,338

which would result in a discrepancy of £2,338.

We have received two quotations for the platform enhancement. The first from Maldon Building Services for £4740 was partial and only covered the brickwork. The second quotation from Bernard Sullivan for £7250 covered both the wall and the platform surface.

Final costings for the interpretation boards have come in even further under budget at £2924.

After discussion, we agreed the following:

- To proceed with Bernard Sullivan quotation and also try to get the costs reduced.
- To review other project items to look for cost savings e.g. reducing the number of benches
- To pay for expenses from the Friends of the Flich Way budget
- To make up any budget shortfall from the Friends of the Flich Way funds up to the sum of £2000.

AP1 Stan to ask the builder if he will reduce quotation to £7000 and confirm the timescales.

The revised budget based on the assumptions now looks as follows:

No.	Tasks	Budget	Forecast
1.	Footpath enhancement	£2,200	£2,200
2.	Interpretation Boards (2)	£3,600	£2,924
3.	Benches (5)	£1,400	£888
4.	Platform Enhancement	£4,000	£7,000
5.	Expenses	£800	£0
	Total	£12,000	£13,012

With an overrun of £1,012 which can be covered out of the Friends budget.

Any other business

The Chairman confirmed that Margaret had confirmation of the successful set up of the new bank account.

AP2 Sandra will set up and manage the My Donate account so people or organisations could donate online if they wanted to.

Next meeting

January 17th at Sandra's home, 31 Bridge End Lane, Great Notley.

There being nothing further to discuss, Alan thanked brought the meeting to a close.

Summary of Action Points

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AP2 Sandra will set up and manage the My Donate account.