

MCDONALD PUBLIC PARK ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES

REPORT TO MCDONALD PUBLIC PARK ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES – 29 MARCH 2021

REQUEST FOR FUNDING – REPAIR WORKS TO FLOOD DAMAGE AT MODLEY BURN

1 Reason for Report / Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines a request for funding from Aberdeenshire Council's Landscape Services.

2 Recommendation

It is recommended that Trustees consider the request for funding.

3 Introduction

- 3.1 On 22 October 2020 the banks of the Modley Burn in Ellon were damaged by flood waters.
- 3.2 The McDonald Public Park Endowment Trustees requested that Landscape Services inspect the banks of the burn for damage and report back the findings, to ascertain the level of spend required to remedy the situation.
- 3.3 The current estimated revenue balance on the McDonald Public Park Endowment Trust fund, which is available for spend, is £3,163.32 (current balances to be finalised in June 2021).
- 3.4 The current capital balance on the McDonald Public Park Endowment Trust fund is £9,350. Trustees are permitted to spend part of the capital balance if they so wish but should be mindful that this would mean there is less invested to generate future income.

4 Findings

- 4.1 Landscape Services have found there to be two sections of the burn which have been damaged by flood waters, which could be considered to be reportable.
- 4.2 The stone built canalised walls of the burn have been washed away. These two areas of erosion are highlighted at **Appendix 1** of the report.
- 4.3 The walls will need to be rebuilt in order to stem further erosion.
- 4.4 No permission from Scottish Water will be required as it is intended to repair the walls like for like.

- 4.5 The area which is near to Ellon Primary School is likely to be straight forward, with stones being re-laid into their original position using a lime sand and cement mortar mix.
- 4.6 The area which is near to the Gordon Park Pavilion will need to have a temporary concrete tube placed in the burn to direct water away from the working area whilst the rebuilding of the wall takes place.
- 4.7 The metal fence will have to be taken out and replaced when works are completed to enable the contractor to access the workspace.
- 4.8 The beech hedge situated on the Gordon Park side of the burn will have to be cut back to allow access to rebuild the wall this will be fenced off after construction of the wall is completed to allow the hedge to grow back to its original height. This will take 3 to 5 years.
- 4.9 The proposed wall will be constructed of natural stone, in-keeping with the existing construction. The wall will be rebuilt using a lime, sand and cement mortar mix.
- 4.10 Works would be estimated to take 4 to 6 working days.

5 Costings

- 5.1 The estimated cost of repair works is £3,700 and Landscape Services are seeking funding towards these costs, to allow the repair works to take place.

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Appendix 1 – Areas of Erosion

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Appendix 1

Areas of Erosion at Modley Burn, Ellon

