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Mr M. Cullinan, Chief Executive, Lancaster City Council, Town Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster. LA1 1PJ

8<sup>th</sup> November, 2012

Dear Mr Cullinan,

## Happy Mount Park, Morecambe – Provision of a Bandstand

Earlier this year the Town Council considered correspondence regarding the Ryelands Park Bandstand from members of the Community within Morecambe who were requesting support from the Town Council to fund Bandstand being relocated in Happy Mount Park where it had originally come from.

The impetus behind this was twofold. Firstly the bandstand was originally located in Happy Mount Park and secondly the number of band concerts promoted in the Park with no proper facilities e.g. a bandstand.

The Town Council resolved that I should work with the City Council with a view to making this happen and for the Town Council to actively seek external funding towards the project.

I have now received a petition signed by 1,700 residents and visitors to the town requesting:

"The Bandstand in Ryeland's Park, Lancaster to be returned to Morecambe and placed in Happy Mount Park for the use of band concerts in the summer months".

The purpose of this letter is therefore to find out the City Council's position with regard to the bandstand in Ryelands Park and I would respectfully ask the following questions on behalf of the Town Council and local residents/visitors to the town:

- (1) Would the City Council raise any objections to the apparently underused bandstand being relocated back to Happy Mount Park?
- (2) If the answer to this was yes, would the City Council be happy for the Town Council work to seek external funding to pay for the relocation costs?

- (3) If the City Council view is negative in terms of the bandstand not being relocated, is the City Council in agreement to the Town Council actively working with the public and community groups to pursue funding for a new bandstand for Happy Mount Park?
- (4) Finally, does the City Council have a view as owners of the Park on the most suitable location within Happy Mount Park for a bandstand?

I look forward to receiving the City Council's response to these questions as soon as possible and any other comments that you believe to be appropriate to this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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David Croxall Clerk to the Council