



**Note of the meeting of the Bath City Forum Working Group for CIL and CEF
held on Wednesday, 23rd November, 2017
in the Dome Room, Guildhall Bath**

Meeting Attendance:

Dave Dixon (Chair) – Communities Manager, B&NES Council
Mark Hayward – Community Engagement Officer, B&NES Council
Robin Kerr – Chairman of FoBRA and BCF Co-opted member
Councillor Colin Blackburn – BCF Chair and Westmoreland Ward Councillor
Roger Driver – Rector of the Benefice of St Michael Without, Bath and BCF Co-opted member
Councillor Lin Patterson – BCF Member and Larkhall Ward Councillor
Councillor June Player – Former BCF Member and Westmoreland Ward Councillor

Apologies:

Caroline Kay – Bath Preservation Trust and BCF Co-opted member

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dave Dixon opened the meeting asked if there were any objections to him chairing this first meeting, all present were in agreement with this. Introductions were given.

The purpose of the group is to decide if submitted applications for the Community Empowerment Fund for Bath and The Neighbourhood element of CIL for Bath meet the criteria for recommendation to the Bath City Forum.

It was agreed that an officer from the council's Community Engagement Team will screen applications and will only bring to the group those that contain enough information to make a decision. This does not rule out the incomplete applications but they applicants will be asked to resubmit with the required information if they wish to continue.

The group will look at Community Empowerment Fund and decide if the project will be for the good of Bath and demonstrates improvements to the public realm. The funding available is £45,000 for 2017/2018 and needs to be committed to projects before 31 January 2018. This is the first year for this funding and there is the prospect that it may be available again for 2018/2019.

The neighbourhood element of CIL funding pot presently stands at £288,000 for Bath; the group agreed that the nominated projects will be looked at in two ways.

- (i) Any project that only provides benefit to a smaller local area will need to have a direct link to a development that has taken place within the ward.
- (ii) Any project the shows greater benefits to the City as a whole will be funded even

if funding has not come directly from the ward area.

The group agreed that members will alternate the task of reporting back to the Bath City Forum, as Councillor Colin Blackburn is Chair of the Bath City Forum he will not feedback.

The meetings of the Bath City Forum Working Group for CIL and CEF will take place in advance of each Bath City Forum meeting. The outcomes from each meeting will be brought to the following Bath City Forum meeting.

2. Community Empowerment Fund Applications

The first application looked at was:

Application: Proposed New Disabled Toilet Facility at Bath City Football Club
Applicant: Sally Harris, Community Director, Bath City Football Club

Summary: Bath City Football Club wish to provide a disabled access toilet in their clubhouse at Twerton Park. The club is now in a community ownership model and has plans for greater levels of development that will benefit the local community overall.

Project Cost: £7,687.64
Funding Requested: £6,000.00
Matched Funding: £1,687.84
Shortfall: £2,156.18

Outcome: The panel agreed unanimously to award funding of £3,843.82, this is on the condition that the full amount can be matched. The group felt that the project met the requirements of the criteria.

Note: Cllr Lin Patterson declared an interest as she is a shareholder in the club.

The second application looked at was:

Application : Supply and install a CCTV camera for Bath Spa Railway Station Tunnel
Applicant: Adam Reynolds, Cycle Bath

Summary: The bid is for £1,092 which is half of the cost for the purchase and installation of a new CCTV camera at Bath Spa Railway Station Tunnel. The CCTV will help to mitigate the numerous bicycle thefts that occur in this area. This funding is a one off cost, any ongoing maintenance and monitoring will be adopted by Southgate Centre.

Project Cost: £2,184.00
Funding Requested: £1,092.00
Matched Funding: £1,092.00 – Ward Councillor Initiative Funding has been allocated.

Outcome: The panel agreed unanimously to award funding of £1,092.00. Additionally if signage for the camera will be required a small contingency of £108.00 was agreed if needed. The group felt that the project met the requirements of the criteria.

Note: Cllr Lin Patterson declared an interest as she is a shareholder in the club.

3. Neighbourhood element of CIL for Bath Applications

The first application looked at was:

Application: Contribution to the Marlborough Buildings / Cavendish Road Highways Scheme

Applicant: Stephen Little / Thomas Hayward

Summary: Marlborough Buildings and Cavendish Road have been identified as a dangerous junction that needs to be improved for drivers and pedestrians. There has been extensive consultation and plans put forward over the last fifteen years.

Project Cost: £245,000

Funding Requested: £70,000 (£100,000)

Additional Funds: The Highways Maintenance Block and the Capital programme budget will fund the rest of the project.

Outcome: The scheme will see benefits city wide, there are local improvements that residents who live within the ward where the scheme is situated. Residents from across the City use this busy stretch of road so therefore a wider impact will be gained. The panel agreed unanimously to award funding of £70,000 be awarded to this project. The group felt that the project has wide community support and has met the requirements of the criteria.

The second application looked at was:

Application : Supply and install a shelter and outdoor gym at Brickfield Park in Bath

Applicant: Councillor June Player and Councillor Colin Blackburn

Summary: To provide a shelter and an outdoor gym in the Brickfields Park in the Ward of Westmoreland. This scheme would also benefit the adjoining wards of Twerton, Southdown and Oldfield Park.

Project Cost: £29,000

Funding Requested: £29,000 (£5,200 of this is for the shelter)

Outcome: The application outlines a need for additional facilities in this area. There was a concern raised that in areas that have put in outdoor gyms have seen them become 'white elephants'. The panel deferred the decision and asked for additional information to be submitted.

The panel asked for a better understanding of who in the local community will use the equipment and evidence that shows the success of outdoor gyms in other areas.

Note: Cllr Colin Blackburn and Cllr June Player are the Westmorland Councillors for the Ward where Brickfields Park is situated.

4. Future Meeting Date

Monday 8th January 4.30-6.30pm – Dome Room, The Guildhall Bath

