



**Note of the meeting of the Neighbourhood CIL for Bath and CEF Working Group
held on Monday, 12th March, 2018
in Dome Room - Guildhall, Bath**

In Attendance
Councillor Rob Appleyard
Councillor Colin Blackburn
David Dixon
Roger Driver
Mark Hayward
Robin Kerr
Councillor Lin Patterson
Councillor June Player

Community Empowerment Funding Applications

1. Sustrans Benches Springfield Park

Application: To fund two new benches for Springfield Park, Foxhill

Applicant: Vicky Stone - Sustrans

Summary: The Local people Foxhill project has been running in Foxhill since May 2016 with the aim of supporting residents to make small changes to their outdoor spaces to benefit the whole community. It is funded by The People's Health Trust who aim to empower local people. Residents have highlighted the need for more seating in Springfield Park the money will be used to install and maintain two benches for ten years. One bench will be located in the play area and the other on an area of higher ground in the centre of the Park next to the basketball court.

Project Cost: £5,631

Funding Requested: **£3,754**

Matched Funding: £1,877

Volunteering Hours meet the additional match funding requirements.

Outcome:

The working group recommends funding of £3,754.

This will enable the continuation of the work that Sustrans has been carrying out with the community

2. Student Community Partnership

Application: To fund the partnerships funding shortfall for two years.

Applicant: Kalyn Mallard - Co-ordinator (Student Community Partnership)

Summary: The Student Community Partnership is an organisation that was set up by Bath & North East Somerset Council, The University of Bath and Bath Spa University. Its aims are to promote excellent two-way relationships between students and other members of the local communities in the Bath & North East Somerset. Funding is used to employ a full-time Co-ordinator to run the scheme across the city. Activities include managing student related enquiries, promotion of student volunteering in the community, the promotion of recycling amongst students, good neighbour campaigns and the use of a small grants budget to promote community relations.

Project Cost: £80,314

Funding Requested: **£10,000**

Matched Funding: £70,314

In 2017 in excess of 2,400 students have been involved in volunteering activities. Exact number of hours is difficult to quantify but they are in the thousands.

Outcome:

The working group recommends funding of £10,000.

The work of the partnership brings strong links and benefits to communities and delivered a high level on volunteering.

3. Combe Down Firs Field Shaft Wall Project

Application: Val Lyon – Creation of a seated area on the Fir Fields Shaft Wall

Applicant: Val Lyon – Combe Down Stone Legacy Trust

Summary: This project involves the excavation and restoration of a section of the historic shaft head wall on Firs Field. This is the only remaining evidence freely available to the public of the Ralph Allen Stone Mines from whence came the stone that built Georgian Bath. The mine workings themselves have all been closed and stabilised by in-filling with foamed concrete. The project is to uncover approx. 2.5 metres of the curved wall and raise it marginally with locally sourced coarse stone topped with Bath stone copings. These copings will be carved along the outer vertical edge with text cut by level 3 student masons from Bath College to indicate the significance of the structure.

Project Cost: £10,000

Funding Requested: **£2,000**

Matched Funding: £8,000

Outcome:

The working group recommends funding of £2,000 on the basis that the matched pledges for funding are successful.

The community will receive a long lasting legacy that has important historical links.

4. Bath Festivals

Application: Community Engagement through the Bath Festival

Applicant: Ian Stockley – Bath Festivals

Funding Requested: £15,190

Outcome:

The working group agreed that this project would not receive funding.

It was felt that the project overall was too broad and the success would be difficult to show how local residents have benefited. The festival has revenue from high priced ticket income from core events

5. Curo Community Researcher Foxhill

Application: Community Researcher Project Foxhill

Applicant: Vanessa Collier – Curo

Funding Requested: £2,000

Outcome:

The working group agreed that this project would not receive funding.

It was felt that recent announcement by Curo shows significant changes to the development for Foxhill.

6. Bath City Football Club School Engagement

Application: Schools Engagement Programme at Bath City Football Club

Applicant: John Bickley, Director, Bath City Football Club

Summary: The Schools Engagement Programme involves visiting all the city's primary schools, offering free entry to school children and less than half-price entry to accompanying adults, for a specific match for that school (we can offer free entry for adults if circumstances prevent them being able to pay the £6 discounted entry).

Project Cost: £4650

Funding Requested: £2,325

Matched Funding: £1425

Volunteering hours complete the matched funding requirements

Outcome:

The working group agreed to award funding of £2,325

The offer to young people in the offer of a low cost activity is beneficial as it makes it more accessible to engage in activities in the community.

7. Bath City Football Club Meeting Facilities

Application: Community Meeting and Co-Working Facilities

Applicant: John Bickley, Director, Bath City Football Club

Summary: Bath City FC wishes to provide casual meeting and hot-desking facilities for local charities, not-for-profit organisations and start-up businesses in the walk-to-work Twerton area. We have also made an offer to local charities and not-for-profits to have up to four hours of free room rental in the main building per week. We're bidding for funding for the installation of new cabling and subscription to high-speed cable broadband that would make this a 21st Century offering that would be a real boost to the local community and one which would provide a vibrant local hub. Furthermore, access to high speed broadband will allow local residents without that provision at home, to complete applications for Universal Credit or apply for jobs.

Project Cost: £9,184

Funding Requested: £2,700

Volunteering and in kind contributions complete the matched funding requirements

Outcome:

The working group recommended funding of £2,700.

The improvements to the facilities will help local residents with life choices assists voluntary organisations in accessing working space.

8. Families for A Bright Future Last Straw Campaign

Application: Campaign for the reduction in the use of plastic straws

Applicant: Paula Malone – Founder, Families for a Bright Future

Summary: As part of a campaign against plastic straws we free sessions to local schools are being offered through school assemblies or class workshops. Encouragement to cafes, bars and restaurants in Bath to replace plastic straws with biodegradable or reusable alternatives, the production of window stickers to identify cafes, bars and restaurants that have committed to reducing their single use plastic waste by removing plastic straws.

Project Cost: £1,300.00

Funding Requested: £650.00

Volunteering will match the funding request

Outcome:

The working group recommends funding of £650.00 subject to agreement from the Councils Sustainability Officer.

The education being offered to schools will draw attention to the importance around the use of plastic in general. Working with local business to move away from using plastic straws will support positive change.

9. Change Makers - Refill Bath

Application: Increase the interest in Refill Bath

Applicant: Vipul Patel – Project Lead, Refill Bath

Funding Requested: £5,500

Outcome:

The working group agreed that this project would not receive funding.

It was felt that the project overall was too broad and explanation around the costs involved did not demonstrate a long term value for money project.

10. Playing Out - Alexandra Road

Application: Playing Out – Alexandra Road, Widcombe

Applicant: Jeremy Boss – Chair, Widcombe Association

Summary: Playing Out temporary road closures provide communities the opportunities to spend time together on activities in the street without traffic worries.

Total Cost of Project £200

Funding Requested: £100

Matched funding of up to £100 from the Widcombe Association

Outcome:

The working group recommended funding of £100.

This project allows young people the chance to play outside near home.

Local Neighbourhood CIL Applications for Bath

11. Updates from January 2018 Meeting

Application: Speed Calming Signs Oakley, Claverton Down Road

Applicant: Christopher John Beezley - Chairman of Beech Avenue Residents' Association

Summary:

The overall project seeks to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists at the junction of Claverton Down and Oakley roads and on the approaches to the junction. Extensive consultation has taken place in the local community following ten accidents on this stretch of road since August 2016.

This route has increased traffic usage due to developments at the nearby university and further on in Combe Down.

Project Cost: £10,000

Funding Requested: £5,000 (which includes an extended 10 year maintenance period)

Additional Funds: Ward Councillor Support has covered the cost of the other signs that were required to meet the overall level of improvements

Outcome: A recommendation of £5,000 has been made for the installation and maintenance for this additional sign which completes the overall projects ambitions.

12. Brickfields Park Access

Application: On-site access to Brickfields

Applicant: Helen Conner – Relish Running Races

Summary:

Brickfields Park is a great but underutilised space for the local community, access to this green space is required for supporting events in this space in the future. As the surrounding community is growing dramatically in size due to the new developments, green spaces like these are increasingly very important and should be looked after to provide the community with accessible green spaces and community events.

Project Cost: £5,400

Funding Requested: £4,200

Additional Funds: £1,200 from Relish Running Races

Outcome: The working group recommends that £4,200 be provided to for tarmacking the on-site access into the park from Shophouse Road.

13. Alice Park Improvements

Application: Alice Park Footpaths

Applicant: Cllr Rob Appleyard

Summary:

To join up two sections of pathway totalling 320 metres at Alice Park, to enable users to benefit from all areas of the park and to provide a safe circular walk for all, if delivered will proved huge improvement to the user experience of the park. The Park will be well used by the new residents of the McCarthy & Stone assisted living facility, and the many current users of the Park who come from a wider area than just Larkhall. In a recent survey of park users and wider participation the lack of suitable pathways around the park was strongly identified.

Project Cost: £43,200

Funding Requested: £43,200

Outcome: Deferred - The panel felt that further information was required on this application and decided that it would be reviewed again at the next meeting.

There were concerns that the scheme could be seen as dangerous if young people cycle around the paths.

14. Bath Area Community Workboat

Application: Community Workboat

Applicant: Mark Evans – Waterways Manager Canal & River Trust

Summary:

The purchase of a Community Workboat that will manage the Waterways in and around and create local volunteering opportunities:

- River safety equipment inspection and repair
- Tree felling and vegetation clearance
- Removing off-side soil and debris
- Painting and repairs to railings/locks
- Removing debris from the towpath
- River mapping
- Graffiti removal
- Repair and improvements to historic sites

Project Cost: £40,000

Funding Requested: £28,500

Additional Funds: £12,500 capital already secured. £9,000 per annum running costs is secured.

Outcome: The working group recommended funds of £28,500 be provided to fund the contribution to this project. A large number of developments in Bath have been located close to the river corridor; this project will see valuable improvements to the management of infrastructure on the waterways in Bath.

15. 21st Larkhall Scouts

Application: 21st Larkhall Scouts

Applicant: Cllr Rob Appleyard

Summary:

Development in Larkhall and the wider area (particularly at Ensleigh) have created a growing family catchment increasing demand for youth development activities alongside formal education. The 21st Bath Scout Group are one such activity with reported benefits to mental and physical wellbeing from the activities provided. The infrastructure improvements of the buildings will add to the viability to bring other users into the site, existing room hire is at capacity within the area. The current sub lease for the playschool will be protected with a warmer and safer building. There is much local support for this initiative following a successful recruitment drive for adult Leaders, ensuring those children on the waiting list can be bought into Scouting.

Project Cost: £31,100

Funding Requested: £19,600

Additional Funds: £11,500 in local donations, fundraising and volunteering has been secured.

Outcome: The working group recommended that funds of £19,600 be provided for the work that was outlined in the application.

16. Project 28 support to young people

Application: Computer Equipment for the support of vulnerable young people at Project 28

Applicant: Ricarda Todd – Developing Health and Independence

Summary:

In the past, youth services provided more facilities and activities for marginalised young people and the increase in more competition for education, training and employment opportunities has increased. This issue is city wide and the project is located in a drop in centre for all Bath young people whether they are referred or come with their friends.

Project Cost: £5,915

Funding Requested: £5,915

Outcome: The working group declined the application for funding. It was felt that despite the value shown in the proposal which builds on social infrastructure, it was difficult from the application to see the links to developments that have added to an increased need. It was agreed that feedback would be given to DHI.

17. Camden Crescent Railings

Application: Camden Crescent Railings

Applicant: Steve George – Conservation of Camden Crescent Railings

Funding Requested: £60,000

Outcome: The working group agreed that this project would not receive funding. The application did not provide enough detail which linked this project to development in the local area. This was an early expression of interest form, the applicant will receive feedback.

18. Volunteer Canal and River Trust

Application: Restoration of Abutments through Sydney Gardens

Applicant: Ian Herve - Volunteer Canal and River Trust

Funding Requested: £6,500

Outcome: The working group agreed that this project would not receive funding. The application did not provide enough detail which linked this project to development in the local area. This was an early expression of interest form, the applicant will receive feedback.

19. Curo Community Researcher Foxhill

Application: Community Researcher Project Foxhill

Applicant: Vanessa Collier – Curo

Funding Requested: £19,130

Outcome: The working group agreed that this project would not receive funding. It was felt that recent announcement by Curo shows significant changes to the development for Foxhill.

