



**Note of the meeting of the Neighbourhood CIL for Bath Working Group
held on Monday, 2nd July, 2018
in Dome Room - Guildhall, Bath**

In Attendance
Councillor Colin Blackburn
Mark Hayward
Robin Kerr
Councillor Lin Patterson

Apologies Received from
Councillor Rob Appleyard
David Dixon
Roger Driver
Councillor June Player

1. Community Safety CIL - Pre Application Discussion

Councillor Peter Turner and business owner Lucy Simon were due to attend the meeting to ask the panel for advice pre application for funding for improvements to community safety around Miles Buildings and Bartlett Street. Unfortunately there was some confusion over the meeting timings which resulted in them missing the panel.

Mark Hayward explained that Dave Dixon and he had already met with Peter and Lucy in May 2018. The issues that were raised were around the use of additional CCTV and building relationships with Bath Crime Reduction Partnership to tackle an increase in criminal behaviour in an area of Bath that has little in place at present. Suggestions were made to look into additional City Marshalls, Membership to the Bath Crime Reduction Partnership Radio Scheme.

The panel felt that a detailed application would be needed to set out the need and what support there is for additional resources in the area. Funds could be used for this purpose if there is a link back to new developments being the cause of the increase in crime.

2. Freeview Road Parking Twerton

The two applications for improved parking at sites C and E in Freeview Road, Twerton are felt to be the correct use of neighbourhood CIL funding.

This was the second time the panel looked at the applications. Since last meeting Councillor Tim Ball had provided answers to the question that were asked.

1. Has consent for alterations been agreed by Curo a site C?
Tim Ball is waiting for a response from Curo forms have been submitted after a long wait for the firms to be sent to me. They seem positive and consent should be in place by your meeting (02.07.18).
2. Has the need for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) the legal document required to support the measures been investigated?
No traffic regulation orders are needed.
3. Does either of the site have any trees that will require removal?
No trees require removal.
4. Is there any support evidence that shows if the parking problems occur at a specific time of the day?
Yes it is at the end of the day when everyone comes home from work or students return home from university.
5. Have any other solutions been considered? Half on / Half off parking was adopted at Caledonia Road in Bath.
This will not work in this area as grass is involved.

Mark Hayward visited the site on Freeview Road and met with Tim Ball and a local resident on 15th May 2018 to discuss the application. It was clear at 10am on a weekday that the parking issues are a concern. A number of cars were parked on the grass areas at this time. Tim explained that the developments that have taken place nearby have created a problem with an overspill of cars parking along Freeview Road.

The B&NES Highways Team are aware of what needs to be provided for each individual area where the improvements could be made.

The panel felt that this is a scheme they would like to recommend but on condition that confirmation on the following points are all satisfactory from the Highways Team.

- By carrying out the work will there be any legality issues when a driver crosses the pavement to park?
- Are there any impacts on road safety concerns by carrying out this work?
- Are there any changes required to the pavements or any other works required when the grass Crete is put in place?
- Is the sum of £14,400 (area C) and £19,600 (area E) the correct amount to complete the works needed?

3. Combe Down Rugby Club

The panel felt that the application that was submitted should be looked at as three separate requests.

The request for funding for the tarmacking of the Rugby Club Car Park was declined. The panel felt that local users from the adjacent development would not need to travel to the club by car when they are so close by. The benefit for visitors from visitors further afield would be greater. This was not seen as to have strong benefits to the local community.

The infrastructure provided by having a two way flow between the school and the playing field clubhouse was seen as an idea that should be supported. This project linked up the facilities and would create safe access to integrated facilities that would allow the community to integrate. £15,348 plus VAT was quoted as the cost for this part of the project.

The request for funding for improvements to the changing rooms, trench and pipe installation and a new boiler were supported by the panel. The community need this infrastructure to be in place to maximise the use of the space for a range of activities. £11,035 plus VAT was quoted as the cost for this part of the project.

4. Two Tunnels Greenway Signage

The two tunnels signage project application fully identified the requirements for providing better directions for cyclists on a number of routes across Bath.

The panel felt that this project request for £6,000 was to be supported as getting residents out of their cars and more active is of great benefit to communities.

The panel asked if the project has considered the needs for future signs where developments in Bath have not get been completed. They would support a slightly higher bid if this needs to be built in to the project.

5. Brickfields Park Bench

The request for £1,455 to provide a bench in the brickfields park was agreed by the panel. The application costings showed the cost include ten years maintenance.

This green space is used by increased numbers of residents for exercising, dog walking and children's play.

6. Beat the Street Bath

The panel concluded that they did not support this application.

There were a number of concerns around how affective that the project would be in the longer term. It was felt that a lack of information around how the assumption was reached on uptake rates and how an idea such as this has succeeded elsewhere are missing from the application.

This idea was seen to be a similar idea to others that are available as apps on smartphones. Games such as Pokémon Go and activities such as the Owl Trail are freely available and have similar benefits of getting people physically active. Activities were seen to have a short lifespan with young people not sticking to them in the longer term.

The overall cost of this scheme was considered to be too high; at £20 per resident the panel felt this did not appear to provide good value for money.

7. Lighting on Linear Par leading up to Two Tunnels - Pre Application

The panel liked the idea of solar lighting but reserves judgement on making a final decision until a fully completed application form has been submitted.

The issue of duration of LED units and battery life needs to be clarified.
The purpose needs to be clarified as being for cycle safety reasons.

How maintenance issues be carried out needs to be included, in the autumn when leaves are covering the pathway, who will clear these?

How was the route selected for the project, why has a longer stretch of the route not been identified?