



**Note of the meeting of the Neighbourhood CIL for Bath Working Group  
held on Monday, 5th November, 2018  
in Dome Room - Guildhall, Bath**

**Meeting Attendance**

<b>In Attendance</b>
Councillor Rob Appleyard
Councillor Colin Blackburn
David Dixon
Malcolm Dodds
Roger Driver
Helen Fisher
Mark Hayward
Robin Kerr
Councillor Lin Patterson
Martin Pellow
Councillor June Player
Debbie Walters

**Apologies Received from**

**1. Beat the Street CIL Application BA043**

Following the presentation that was provided by Martin Pellow and Debbie Walters the panel discussed this application.

The panel felt that the amount of funding that was being requested was too big an investment for this project and concluded with a decision that they would not make a recommendation for funding from the Bath CIL Fund.

The panel felt the level of staffing costs that were included in the application were too high and they considered that these did not offer best value for money.

The panel explained that alternative projects that have expressed an interested for funding could get residents active and could be achieved at considerably lower costs.

The panel expressed that the project may be more successful if it was presented to either Virgincare or the B&NES strategic CIL programme.

## **2. Bath City Farm CIL Application BA051**

Following a presentation from Malcolm Dodds and Helen Fisher the panel held a discussion on the application.

The panel felt that the amount of funding that was being requested was high but offer an opportunity to inject much needed investment into this area of the City. The panel concluded that they will recommend an in principle decision that they would make a recommendation for funding of 25% of the total cost up to a maximum of £125,000 from the Bath CIL Fund.

The panel asked that the following points must be included in the future grant funding agreement:

- The other sources of funding that are set out in the application need to be achieved.
- The funds awarded by Bath CIL must be used within eighteen months of final single member decision being made.
- When available the real quotes from contractors are to be provided which show the costings for the build and the fittings.
- The specifics of the offer to the community in the future needs to be added so it is clear how the stronger 'café plus' offer will be delivered.
- The business plan needs to include a fuller range of ideas around additional income streams such as room hire and children's parties.
- The Bath City Forum will be credited for their contribution through a plaque at the site of the new café.
- Monitoring reports will be completed as set out in the funding agreement.

The delivery of improved social cohesion and strong links to the community were the key reasons for supporting this project. Delivery of a Café Plus that serves as a Hub for local people and organisations will strengthen the offering for the residents in the South of Bath.

## **3. SCP Administration CIL Application BA054**

The panel felt that this application would provide the Student Community Partnership (SCP) the opportunity to strengthen the Town and Gown offering to areas of the City that are now seeing increased levels of student accommodation.

The panel recommended that the funding for an administration support position over two years. The SCP will need to provide a progress report after the first year to report on the additional impact that the support has delivered.

The panel would like to see the SCP use these two years to explore ways to sustain this extra support once the two years has concluded.

## **4. Widcombe Subway CIL Application BA055**

The panel felt that this application had a number of different projects wrapped up in one submission.

The panel were in agreement that the funding for an art installation in the Widcombe Subway should be recommended in principle.

Up to £20,000 would be awarded on the basis that the following recommendations are followed:

- Some artwork appears at the entrance/exit point to the subway
- Local artists are used to provide the artwork
- Local schools and community groups are consulted on what the art should represent.

The Bath CIL panel meeting agreed in principle to recommend funding of £20,000 for the Art in the subway element of this application. The other parts of the application were not agreed at this time, it was felt that further work is required around who will project manage the art in the arches and cleaning up of the listed building.

There were a number of points that the panel have requested that the subway art project follows:

- The placement of artwork outside the approaches to the entrance and exits need to be included in the installation.
- A clear quotation that sets out good value for money and shows the scope of the offer being made will need to be obtained from local artists.
- Consultation with local people, schools, businesses and community group's needs to be carried out to decide which pieces of art needs to be included.

## **5. Parade Gardens Bandstand CIL Application BA053**

The panel agreed in principle to fund £14,300 for the application for completion of the Parade Garden Bandstand restoration and artwork installation.

The panel asked that the project deals with several points before the funding is released.

- Images of the panels to be provided.
- Check the B&NES conservation officer is satisfied with the proposed work.
- Check the bandstand is not a listed building.
- Confirm with the parks department over the surveyors report.

## **6. Bath Carnival CIL Application BA056**

The sum of £ 27,200 was requested in the application to provide Studio/Creative space for a year and the purchase and running of a van for two years.

The panel agreed in principle that the application that has been made to provide support for the Bath Carnival was one that they would like to see support. The delivery of the application at this stage will require refinement through work with officers.

The panel felt that the request for a van to be provided for two years could be met if a different way than stated in the application. The solution that needs to be worked upon is one that will look towards the lease for a van. The reason for this recommendation is due to the Bath Clean Air Zone (CAZ) requirements. Support could not be given if the vehicle provided sits outside the recommendations for the CAZ.

The panel felt that the request for creative/studio space needs to show an outline that evidences that the selected location provides best value for money and is the most suitable for the needs of the carnival.

The panel asked that officers work with Bath Carnival on finding the right solutions to enable the recommendation of the application to move ahead. Once the solutions are found and agreed upon the funding of up to £27,200 could then be drawn down.

## **7. Moorland Road Library CIL Application BA052**

June Player declared an interest as she is a member of the Moorland Road Community Library Working Group.

The panel requested that the Library Trustees operate with an inclusive approach which allows for all members of the community to take part in the discussions around the setting up and then the running of a Community Library.

The panel will require a monitoring report (which will be provided) at the end of each year that shows how the library is meeting its objectives. This report will be required before the following years funds are drawn down.

The panel agreed to recommend this application for funding of £18,000 over a three year period.

Year 1 - £8,000

Year 2 - £6,000

Year 3 - £4,000

It was agreed by the panel that once the final sign off of this recommendation is reached on the CIL application, the funds can only be released on the basis that the community library agreement between B&NES Council and Moorland Road Community Library (Bath) has been finalised and signed off.

## **8. Bath Neighbourhood CIL Balance**

The overall receipts for Bath at 31 October 2018 have reached £718,564.

The total level of spending that has been paid out to five completed projects equals £110,900

The total amount of funding that has been set aside for seventeen recommended projects that are yet to be delivered equals £431,686.

The funding total still available for future project equals £175,978.

## **9. AOB**

Robin Kerr explained that a discussion has taken place with Cleo Newcombe Jones around an application for funding that would contribute towards the restoration of the towpath near

Bathwick. Mark Hayward explained that an early draft application has been received and if the application is ready for the January 2019 meeting it will be included on the agenda.

Mark Hayward explained that the panel will meet again in 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and will then break until June/July 2019 due to the local elections that are taking place on 2 May 2019.