

### **Jewish Burial Ground Boundary Wall Restoration - Final Section**

The Jewish Burial Ground requested £17,740 towards funding for the Boundary Wall Restoration, £40,000 in matched funding has been secured.

It was felt that this project is part of the final phase necessary for completing the restoration. The local development has resulted in increased site traffic, which may have highlighted the need for repairs. Once the project is completed, security measures at the site will be enhanced.

The improvement to the existing infrastructure will be funded as a one-off capital project. The Jewish Burial Ground has a management agreement in place, enabling the project to commence in spring 2026.

It was recommended that the Jewish Burial Ground consider expanding public access opportunities to the site.

The Advisory Board took the unanimous decision that they will recommend this project for the full amount of funding requested.

### **Football Cage Installation Royal Victoria Park (Bath City Youth Football Club)**

Bath City Youth Football Club requested £45,000 for the construction of a multi-use enclosed football cage in Victoria Park, Bath, no additional matched funding had been secured.

The B&NES Council Parks Team will oversee this project, which does not require ongoing funding requests, enabling it to commence immediately.

It was felt that this site is considered appropriate given the current and expected future levels of development. Its proximity to the skatepark is regarded as an improvement to that area of the park. This additional facility will be an installation in the park that is free to access.

The Advisory Board took the unanimous decision that they will recommend this project for the full amount of funding requested.

### **Lambridge Pedestrian Safety Enhancements**

The application was submitted by the two B&NES Ward Councillors for Lambridge requesting £95,000 to improve pedestrian safety at two key junctions in Lambridge and Larkhall: Worcester Buildings / Avondale Buildings / Charlcombe Lane, no additional matched funding had been secured.

This project has been discussed with the B&NES Highways Team, who have agreed to implement the scheme.

It was felt that this area has significant road safety issues and is situated along the route that children use to walk to school.

The Advisory Board held a discussion regarding support for Highway Projects. They emphasised the need to set a limit on the number of projects that will receive funding through Bath CIL in future rounds.

The Advisory Board voted in favour of supporting this project the full amount of funding requested.

### **WatermyPlot Project, Year Two (Bath Allotments Association)**

Bath Allotments Association requested £19,500 for improving allotments in Bath. The would be to support the second year of the WatermyPlot project, £3,220 in additional funding has been secured.

This project had been discussed with the B&NES Parks and Allotments Teams, who are in favour of the initiative.

It was felt that the funding allocated for the first year in a previous round was used effectively and produced positive results. The Advisory Board would be keen to learn about the plans that extend beyond the second year.

The Advisory Board voted in favour of supporting this project the full amount of funding requested.

The applicant will be asked to submit a report detailing the number of additional residents who will have gained access to allotments in this upcoming phase.

### **Sensory Garden for Special Educational Needs Pupils at Oldfield Secondary School - Oldfield School Association (PTA OSA)**

Oldfield School Association requested £60,000 to provide a Sensory Garden for Special Educational Needs Pupils at Oldfield Secondary School. The applicant has raised £2,000 to date, along with £2,960 worth of volunteer support time.

The sensory garden will feature natural landscaping, sensory installations, and eco-friendly design. It will be used regularly by over five hundred pupils, including those with autism, EHCPs, English as an additional language, and those on the THRIVE programme.

This project has been discussed with the school grounds maintenance provider, who has agreed to assist with the initial site preparation and ongoing light maintenance.

The Advisory Board voted in favour of supporting this project, however, the requested amount was not agreed. A reduced amount of £21,000 will be offered support this project, this will be subject to the applicant securing the funds necessary to implement a viable plan.

### **Newbridge Park (Friends of Newbridge Park)**

Friends of Newbridge Park requested £7,000 to fund the installation of a new accessible gate and level paved surface at the main entrance to Newbridge Park, no additional matched funding had been secured.

If was felt that support for this project would improve access for wheelchair users, families with prams, older residents, and those with limited mobility.

The Parks Team at B&NES, who have been informed of the proposal, and formal advice has been sought from the B&NES Planning Team. They have confirmed that the proposed works may qualify as permitted development or be exempt due to local authority involvement, ensuring the project is feasible and compliant.

This project received support from the Advisory Board; it was noted that this application was submitted several days after the deadline and was not included in the public consultation. However, the application has community support and was submitted by the community. This project is cost-effective and enhances disability access to the park.

The Advisory Board took the unanimous decision that they will recommend this project for the full amount of funding requested.

### **Riverside Youth Hub Refurbishment (Mentoring Plus)**

Mentoring Plus requested £70,359 to refurbish and improve the Riverside Youth Hub in Snow Hill/London Road, Bath.

The Riverside Youth Hub supports disadvantaged young people and families, offering youth clubs, mentoring, and community activities. The building needs essential upgrades to remain safe, welcoming, and sustainable.

This project is situated in a building owned by B&NES Council, and the Property Team has raised no objections, enabling the project to start immediately.

The Advisory Board discussed the application and agreed to fund the capital costs of the application but not the revenue. It was felt that young people and families will gain from an enhanced offering to facilitate community activities.

The Advisory Board took the unanimous decision that they will recommend £51,520 to support the capital costs of this project, this will be subject to the applicant securing the funds necessary to implement a viable plan.

### **Moorland Road Community Library Refurbishment and Infrastructure (Trustees of Moorland Road Community Library)**

Trustees of Moorland Road Community Library requested £13,500 for refurbishment and infrastructure improvements at Moorland Road Community Library.

The project aims to update furnishings, fittings, and technology at Moorland Road Community Library to create a more welcoming, accessible, and functional environment for users and volunteers. The library serves over 1,000 registered users and is entirely volunteer run.

This project is situated in a building owned by B&NES Council, and the Property Team has raised no objections, permitting the project to begin in July 2026.

It was felt that this Community Library has strong support from residents. This investment will empower volunteers to provide improved services and accessibility, boost foot traffic, and enhance community involvement.

The Advisory Board took the unanimous decision that they will recommend this project for the full amount of funding requested.

### **Accessible Studio Theatre for Community (Venue Four at the Theatre Royal Bath)**

Theatre Royal Bath requested £50,000 towards the funding of Venue four, a capital project to create a 40–50 seat studio theatre with a dedicated foyer and dressing room within the historic Theatre Royal Bath. It will serve as a hub for Community performances and training. £900,000 in additional funding has been raised.

Planning permission has been granted for this project, enabling it to commence from January 2026.

The Advisory Board concluded that this organisation is larger and more financially stable than other applicants, which allows them to seek funding from multiple sources. The Theatre functions as a profitable and thriving business; although the level of support during the consultation was substantial, it was acknowledged that a large mailing list had motivated individuals to express their financial support. The impact of development was deemed less significant for this application.

The Advisory Board took the unanimous decision that funding should not be allocated for this project.

### **Acoustic Panel Installation in the Percy Community Centre Sports Hall**

Percy Community Centre requested £9,795.51 for installing acoustic ceiling panels in the Sports Hall at Percy Community Centre to address poor sound quality, no additional matched funding has been obtained.

This project is located within a building owned by B&NES Council, and the Property Team raised no objections, allowing the project to commence immediately.

The Advisory Board concluded that, having received four separate funding amounts from Bath CIL in previous rounds, it was agreed that other projects should be considered for funding in this round.

The Advisory Board took the decision that funding should not be allocated for this project.

### **Alice Park Play Park Phase Two**

Alice Park Trust requested £100,000 to complete the transformation of Alice Park's play area by creating a dedicated zone for older children, there is a target of £125,000 for additional funding, which has not yet been secured.

This project has been discussed with the B&NES Parks Team, who support the initiative.

The Advisory Board determined that the requested amount was too high for this funding round. Alice Park had previously received significant CIL funding in previous rounds, and this time, parks projects in other areas were selected. The project is seen as one that could gain support in future funding rounds, and the applicant is encouraged to reapply for consideration. It was noted that the park would benefit from new equipment aimed at the older age group. It was acknowledged that the park operates as a trust and has a different funding structure compared to others. Funding in this area is allocated in this round for the Lambridge Pedestrian Safety Enhancements

The Advisory Board took the decision that funding should not be allocated for this project.

### **Sydney Gardens Reservoir Preservation (Friends of Sydney Gardens)**

Friends of Sydney Gardens requested £18,500 to restore and secure the historic reservoir entrances in Sydney Gardens, improving public safety, heritage interpretation, and landscaping, £10,000 in matched funding has been secured.

Provided that planning is approved, the project could commence immediately.

The Advisory Board concluded that the development's impact was less significant compared to other applications.

Currently, the Advisory Board is offering financial support to Bath Preservation Trust for selected projects over a three-year period, and this initiative is more closely aligned with the activities of Bath Preservation Trust.

The Advisory Board took the decision that funding should not be allocated for this project; however, links be made with Bath Preservation for consideration.

### **LED Lighting Upgrade for The Mission Theatre**

The Mission Theatre requested £32,077.20 for a project that proposes replacing sixty-three outdated tungsten lanterns with thirty modern LED lights at The Mission Theatre, located at 32 Corn Street, Bath, no additional matched funding has been

obtained. This project is located within a building owned by B&NES Council, and the Property Team raised no objections, allowing the project to commence immediately.

The Advisory Board concluded that the Community Asset Transfer granted to the Mission Theatre by B&NES Council would lower their operational costs. It was felt that the organisation, when entering into an agreement with the Council, recognised their obligation to maintain the building and therefore the impact of the development was not a factor for this application.

The Advisory Board took the decision that funding should not be allocated for this project.

### **Odd Down - Sports Ground Nature Trail (Bath & North East Somerset Council)**

Bath & North East Somerset Council requested £143,707 towards Sports Ground Nature Trail which is part of a wider development at Odd Down Sports Ground, aiming to improve infrastructure and promote physical activity, wellbeing, and biodiversity.

A planning application is underway, with approval anticipated in January 2026 and a projected start date in May 2025.

The Advisory Board discussed the level of funding for this project and considered that it was too high. The Advisory Board queried why this project had not been considered by the Strategic CIL. The proposal was well-received, and it was suggested that there may be an opportunity for support at a lower level to be considered in a future round if resubmitted. It was acknowledged that the plans for the Sports Ground offer positive benefits.

The Advisory Board took the decision that funding should not be allocated for this project.

### **Outdoor Learning Space Improvements at Twerton Community Nursery (First Steps Bath)**

First Steps Bath requested £30,489 for a project that aims to enhance the outdoor learning environment at Twerton Community Nursery, which serves over 120 children annually, many of whom face disadvantage and have educational or social care needs with no additional funding secured.

The leaseholder has granted permission for the work to begin immediately.

The Advisory Board discussed the project at length and felt that due to grants already provided by the council and the emerging Pride in Place initiative that they could not support this project at this time.

The Advisory Board took the decision that funding should not be allocated for this project.

### **Restoration and Reopening of The Old Infants School (Scout Hall) on Weston High Street as a Community Centre and Venue / Café – Our Club House Community Interest Company**

Our Club House requested £100,000 the restoration and reopening of The Old Infants School (Scout Hall) on Weston High Street as a Community Centre and Venue / Café, no additional funding has been secured.

The new centre will host inclusive, community-led activities for all ages and needs, including Children, young families, SEND groups, retirees Arts, crafts, music, literature, games, homeworking social support, and wellbeing initiatives.

The intended use will remain the same ("A hall or meeting place for the principal use of the local community"); therefore, planning permission will not be necessary. However, building regulations will apply, and an anticipated start date of April 2026 has been proposed.

All Saints Weston owns the building, but the church has never used it, and it will not host any religious activities. A peppercorn lease is intended.

The Advisory Board felt the scale of this project was too large to obtain support in this funding round through Bath CIL. The financial needs for implementing this project exceed £500K; if the project were at a stage where it had most or all the necessary funding in place, it would be easier to offer support to secure the final balance.

It is recognised that the site has functioned as a community asset, and it would be regrettable to lose this role. The recommendation to the applicant is to consider resubmitting in a future funding round once the project has shown a more stable financial position. The request should be for a lesser amount.

The Advisory Board took the decision that funding should not be allocated for this project.

### **Renewable Energy Installation for Petra Supportive Housing (Mercy in Action)**

Mercy in Action requested £31,300 for a project that proposes installing solar panels and batteries on three Petra houses in Bath that provide supportive accommodation for eleven young mothers (aged 18–25) and their babies, no additional funding has been secured.

The leaseholder has granted permission for the work, which could begin in 30 days. The applicant stated that should the costs rise, the Landlord would cover the difference.

The Advisory Board felt that these the properties in question do not belong to the charity, and the primary beneficiary is the owner not the charity.

The Advisory Board took the decision that funding should not be allocated for this project.

**The total commitment for round eighteen project recommendation made by the Advisory Board for Bath Neighbourhood CIL is £270,260.**