

Bristol City Council

Minutes of the Area Committee 5

18 October 2023 at 6.00 pm



Members Present:-

Councillors: Mark Bradshaw, Jos Clark, Tessa Fitzjohn, Gary Hopkins, Katja Hornchen, Ed Plowden, Tim Rippington, Lisa Stone, Christine Townsend and Andrew Varney

Officers in Attendance:-

Ellie Stevens (Community Resources Manager), Keith Chant – Parks Assets & Projects Manager, John Atkinson - Tree Officer (briefly in attendance) Allison Taylor – Democratic Services,

1 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dyer and Davies.

2 Declarations of Interest

The Chair declared that his wife was a tenant at The Park Centre and there was an outline proposal in from this organisation.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Matters Arising.

- There was some discussion around inflation eroding CIL funding and whether the monies could be moved to a high interest account. The CRM reported that she had been informed that CIL did not accrue interest and she agreed to forward the email detailing this to the membership; **Action ES.**
- There was concern at the increased cost of transport schemes as a result of delays. The Chair confirmed that officers estimated the increased cost at approximately 20%-30%;
- The CRM confirmed that £100k allocated to Wells Road Signalised Crossing has been drawn down by transport so is not available to be reallocated to other projects. The Mayor's Office have



informed the CRM that WECA have been approached to ask if the funding could be reimbursed as this work is part of a wider scheme they are leading;

- The grant for the Mural at Windmill Hill had now been paid;
- The outline proposal for stopping verge parking at Wedmore Vale had been delayed as Councillors had yet to consult with Residents;
- The Foxcote Road noticeboards remained outline as a detailed proposal had not been received;
- A Councillor objected to the comment in the report about some low value schemes being more appropriate for other sources of funding. The CRM responded that some very small value schemes required a great deal of resource input which is disproportional.
- A Councillor reported that a scheme previously allocated funding at St Paul's Church on Coronation Road was still awaiting funding one year on. The CRM agreed to follow this up; **Action ES;**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting on 16 March 2023 be approved as a correct record.

4 Public Forum

Supplementary Question – Suzanne Audrey – *Is there anything the community can do to stay on agenda and get the extra money allocated to get the planned pedestrian crossing on St Lukes Road done?*

In the absence of a Highway Officer the Chair responded that she should continue to come to the Area Committee and it would be possible to allocate extra funding if required.

It was agreed that all existing transport schemes should be dealt with as a priority, before funding was allocated to new schemes.

The Committee noted the statements received.

5 Community Resources Manager Update

The CRM introduced the report and highlighted the following:-

1. Area Committee 5 currently has £374,029.37 general CIL funding available to allocate for 2023/24;
2. As of 30 September 2023 Area Committee 5 had £31, 294.55 uncommitted Section 106 agreement monies available, of which £1,700.77 was designated specifically for tree planting and replacement;
3. Councillors were asked to consider 46 Outline Proposals submitted, and to decide which to invite to submit full proposals in Stage 2;
4. Councillors were asked to consider a full proposal for S106 tree funding;



5. It was generally agreed by the Committee that Transport/Highway proposals should not go forward to Stage 2 due to the resourcing/capacity issues within that team.

2023 Stage 2 Full Project Proposals: for decision

The Committee then considered the Tree Proposal as set out in paragraph 17 of the report. The following comments arose from discussion:-

1. One of the Ward Councillors for Southville expressed great concern that tree officers had not looked for sites in Southville despite it being the 2nd hottest ward in Bristol and there was therefore a need for heat mitigation through tree planting. She would not vote for the tree planting proposals;
2. The Chair proposed that the three small tree planting proposals be approved and that officers be tasked with looking for proposals and a pipeline for S106 tree replacements and work with the Ward Councillor for Southville for a strategic plan and not accept low hanging fruit proposals;
Action John Atkinson (Tree Bristol Officer)
3. It was noted that the cost of tree replacement proposals had increased due to inflation;
4. The proposals as set out in the report was moved by Councillor Varney and seconded by Councillor Hopkins and on being put to the vote it was:-

Resolved – (8 for, 2 against) That the tree planting proposals for Kingshill Road, Knowle, Gores Marsh Park, Bedminster & Victoria Park, Windmill Hill with a delivery cost of £3, 124.98 be approved.

2023 Stage 1 Outline Proposals submitted for consideration.

The Committee then considered 46 Outline Proposals submitted for consideration to go to Stage 2 to develop full proposals as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.

The CRM advised against inviting more proposals to stage 2 than it is likely the committee will be able to fund. This is due to the workload involved for organisations and colleagues developing full proposals. She confirmed that from October 2024 £137,000 would be available. It was noted that 4 proposals had been withdrawn from Knowle Ward.

Bedminster Ward.

The Ward Councillors agreed to prioritise the following schemes to go forward to Stage 2:-

AC523P75	Residents Group Foxcote Road	Noticeboards for Foxcote Road, Ashton	£1,200
AC523P76	Ashton Vale Club for Young People	Ashton Vale CYP media and arts room	£58, 500
AC523P92	Ashton Vale Together	Community Notice Board.	£1,000



- It was agreed that Ashton Vale Club be asked to work up their proposal and provide a set of prices on their priorities. **Action ES**
- **A scheme for traffic calming around Compass Point primary school was discussed, however the committee chose not to prioritise this scheme due to the backlog of transport projects and complexity of the proposed scheme. Councillors Bradshaw and Fitzjohn were invited to work on ideas for a smaller scheme focused on signage, which could be brought to the committee as part of next year's process.**

Brislington East Ward.

The Ward Councillors agreed to prioritise the following scheme to go forward to Stage 2:-

AC523P08	Friends of Eastwood Farm	Eastwood farm MUGA	£98,000
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- Ward Members had wished to fund St. Lukes Church but not for a combination boiler and a heat pump would require insulation.

Brislington West Ward.

The Ward Councillors agreed to prioritise the following scheme to go forward to Stage 2:-

AC523P80	St Christopher's Church	Accessible Toilet in Church Hall	£10,000
AC523P112	Knowle Golf Club	Development of our junior academy	£15,000
AC523P113	St Cuthbert's Church	Improving St Cuthberts for Everyone A	£28,000
AC523P115	Hungerford Community Centre	Upgrade Hungerford Community Centre	£21,800

Knowle Ward.

The Ward Councillors agreed to prioritise the following scheme to go forward to Stage 2:-



AC523P06	The Park Centre	IT Upgrade – The Park Centre	£11,316
AC523P123	Northern Slopes Initiatives: C/o Re:work	Muriels Steps - improvements to benefit people	£25,000
AC523P124	Friends of Jubilee Pool	Jubilee Pool@ Flat Roof Replacement project	£100,000

- There was some discussion regarding the Jubilee Pool proposal. The Chair stated that the proposal could not be legally funded as the Mayor would not sign any funding off;
- The CRM confirmed the decision had been made at a Cabinet meeting;
- It was agreed that the Jubilee Pool be provisionally approved to go forward to Stage 2 but that it would not be progressed until there was confirmation in writing from the Mayor's Office regarding the ability to fund the proposal;
- It was agreed that the proposal below go forward to Stage 2 as there was a risk Jubilee Pool would not be able to progress. **Action ES**

AC523P116	Friends of Redcatch Park (CIC)	Renovation of benches & purchase of new ones	£37,000	
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Southville Ward.

The Ward Councillors agreed to prioritise the following scheme to go forward to Stage 2:-

AC523P05	Warden Road/Herbert Street flats in conjunction with the elected ward Cllrs	Managing domestic waste on Warden Rd	£30,000
AC523P81	St Paul's Church, Southville	Catering and hospitality facilities to tackle food insecurity and social isolation	£50,000
AC523P26	Learning Partnership West (LPW)	Community Hub, Bedminster	£10,000



Windmill Hill Ward.

The Ward Councillors agreed to prioritise the following scheme to go forward to Stage 2:-

AC523P146	BS3 Wildlife Group	Somerset Terrace Community Garden	£500
AC523P89 (Multiple Southville & Windmill Hill Wards)	UPfest; Severnside Community Rail partnership, Victoria Park Action Group	Bedminster Station Mural	£26,000
AC523P79	Ed Plowden and Lisa Stone	Providing planters at the end of St Johns Lane	£5,000
AC523P84	Bristol Jamia Mosque	BJM Disabled Access	£35,000
AC523P86	Cllrs Plowden & Stone working with Victoria Park Action Group	Victoria Park baby swings and play equipment	£19,665

- It was noted the planters on St Johns Lane were on transport land but the officer was confident he would be able to put the planters on it;
- There was some discussion regarding the Mosque and whether it was for community use. It was agreed to ask at Stage 2 for clarification on this and figures for use. The CRM advised that BCC environmental access standards should be used as a baseline. She also shared that Jamia Mosque have been working with WECIL to understand access needs in their building, so their proposal can be built on expert input; **Action ES.**
- The Councillors also requested a change of use of £20,400 funds awarded in 2021 to a Water Maze in Victoria Park that now cannot go ahead. It was agreed that Councillors will work with BCC Parks and residents to identify the best use of the funds, for example the rewilding that has been requested by the community. It was agreed to bring a proposal back in February 2024 for an amendment to the 2021 project. **Action ES.**

At this point Councillor Hornchen & Fitzjohn left the meeting.

Other proposals received for multiple Wards.

The CRM reported that the proposals for defibrillators was a City-wide initiative and defibrillators would be installed in locations agreed by Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC) and Councillors, to address gaps in provision across Bristol. This AC had been asked to contribute £36,000 to the initiative. AC 6 had a deficit so had not approved funding, AC1 & AC3 had approved funding. She drew the Committee's attention to the statement from Great Western Air Ambulance Charity in support of the initiative.

The following points arose from discussion:-

1. A Councillor questioned why a strategic project should be funded by local CIL. She had not seen evidence to suggest that 70 defibrillators were required in the city;
2. Would the funding be spent in year or phased? Members should be fully involved in where they were located within their ward. There was a need for an audit of those already in place and how often they were used;
3. It was agreed that as this was a strategic Initiative funding should come from strategic CIL however, that the proposal should be invited to stage 2 at which stage Councillors would reconsider. The committee asked that the Mayor's Office were invited to comment on why this wasn't being funded strategically
4. The CRM would also get clarity with the Wells Road reimbursement of funds & Jubilee Pool eligibility positions if possible, ahead of the next meeting;
5. The Chair and CRM would discuss the matters with legal officers too. **Action Chair and ES**

CHAIR

Meeting ended at 7.40pm.

