

Bristol City Council

Minutes of the Area Committee 3

22 July 2021 at 5.30 pm



Members Present:-

Councillors: Lesley Alexander, Marley Bennett, Lorraine Francis, Heather Mack and David Wilcox

Officers in Attendance:-

Keith Houghton (Community Resources Manager), Cathryn Rogers and John Atkinson (Tree Bristol Education Lead)

1 Election of Chair

RESOLVED – that Councillor Lesley Alexander be elected Chair for the meeting.

2 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ali, Cheney, King.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 29 July 2020 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

5 Public Forum

There were none.

6 Community Resources Manager Update and Decision Report

The Community Resources Manager introduced the report and drew attention to the following:



The Committee would receive a update regarding CIL and Transport in August, including some historical project information. CIL increases over time so at the next meeting additional funds will be received and it was confirmed that funds must be spent on approved items generated from the development process.

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) available to the Area Committee totalled £77,650.10.

The Section 106 (S106) available to the Area Committee totalled £77,650.10 of which £26,879.72 was designated specifically for tree planting and tree replacement.

The Tree Officer outlined the ongoing project, working with 'Trees for Climate' fund from DEFRA and how the team linked to funding through private or corporate sponsorship of tree plots. There was a delay to some planting in the last period due to suitability of plots. Area Committee 3 had been well serviced for trees, there have been some major planting projects. It was standard practice for tree planting to take place within 1 mile of the development.

Bristol City Council and their partners aimed to plant as many trees as possible in the Local Authority Area. Bristol's One City Action Plan has the Environmental Objective of doubling the tree canopy in the city by 2046 and becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

In response to questions from Councillors, the Tree Bristol Officer clarified the following points:

- In Lockleaze there were a lot of fruit trees, but they did not seem to be utilised fully for recent planting. Part of the benefit of fruit trees is that they were feasible for the public to pick, as well as beneficial to wildlife. There could be suitable locations for fruit trees, such as a community orchard in Gainsborough Square or a project with the new Trinity School.
- The Committee would welcome a map of trees in the area which the tree officer agreed to circulate following the meeting.
- BCC did not avoid fruit tree planting, but rather planned the right tree for the right location, e.g. replacing individual trees in a group with the same species. was noted however, that some members of the public did not like dropped fruit on paths and roads. They were also less likely to be picked from roadside due to pollution.
- There were some excellent community project orchards such as Begbrook Green which had an orchard from trees that were originally in prefab gardens.
- It was confirmed that the budget was adequate to cover all trees from the appropriate s.106 funding.

The requirement and proposal for tree planting was summarised as follows:

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Code	Value			Committed by	
17/05939 – Lidl, Muller Road, Horfield	£11,171.08	£11,171.08	£0	09/08/2023	The provision replacement tree planting in the vicinity of the Development
19/00820 – 884 Fishponds Road, Fishponds	£15,708.64	£15,611.27	£97.37	No limit	The provision and maintenance of tree planting either on-street or in public open space as the Council shall determine within a one mile radius of 884 Fishponds Road
Total:	£ 26,879.72	£26,782.35	£97.37		

The recommendations were moved, seconded and following a unanimous vote it was:

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. Noted the progress on previously approved projects.
2. Noted the progress of 2021/22 Area Committee process and the decision-making for S106 monies specified for tree planting and replacement
3. Noted the CIL and S106 monies available at 30th June 2021
4. Considered the funding for the S106 Tree Proposal submitted and did not attach any conditions
5. Noted the legal information concerning the Public Sector Equality duty in reaching all its decisions
6. Considers the project proposal submitted approved full delivery of the project.
7. Approved allocation of remaining S106 (£97.37) as additional support to maintenance.

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7 Request to amend CIL and S106 funds to deliver Hillfields Skate Park

The Committee considered the item as urgent as agreed with the Chair prior to the meeting.

The Community Resources Manager outlined the report and highlighted the following:

1. Greater Fishponds historically approved a £14k spend for a skate park at Hillfields, with the condition that there was an appropriate governance structure for the group developing the park. Item A showed Fishponds Local Action Group had submitted the appropriate certificates.
2. The proposal was to alter the skate park to allow BMX riding.
3. The money had been raised and BCC Parks Team were keen to start the build soon by going out to tender in September (therefore the November Area Committee 3 meeting would be too late).

In response to the presentation the following was clarified in response to questions:

1. Members had not seen the location and were concerned there was limited data available in the report. Ideally, they would have liked a parks officer to be in attendance to answer queries.
2. A Councillor had spoken to a local BMX rider, who had explained that the designed change was to allow for both BMX and skating. There was a large BMX park already on site and the old proposal was to build an adjacent skate park, however, the organisation now believed it would be more helpful for the park to have a dual purpose. There should not be much material impact.
3. The purpose was to create a safe track for young children to learn and enhance the existing facility.

The recommendations were moved, seconded and following a unanimous vote it was:

RESOLVED that the Committee approved the request to allow Parks to use the £14,000 CIL and S106 funding approved by Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership on 23rd March 2017 to deliver the Hillfields Skate Park to support the amended project and deliver a training and warm-up BMX track

Meeting ended at 6.30 pm

CHAIR _____

