

Bristol City Council

Minutes of the Area Committee 1

23 November 2022 at 6.00 pm



Members Present:-

Councillors: Donald Alexander, Carla Denyer, Geoff Gollop, John Goulandris, Katy Grant, Alex Hartley, Tom Hathway, Henry Michallat, Paula O'Rourke, James Scott and Steve Smith

Officers in Attendance:-

Keith Houghton (Community Resources Manager), Mark Sperduty (Area Manager Sustainable Transport), John Atkinson (Tree Bristol Officer), Keith Chant (Parks Assets and Projects Manager), Samantha Wilcock (Democratic Services)

13 Election of Chair

It was noted that Councillor Gollop was previously elected Chair of the Area Committee.

14 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence

Councillor Geater sent his apologies to the meeting.

15 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

16 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 20 July 2022 were agreed as a correct record.



It was clarified that a full proposal for each of the bids were invited following a Councillor prioritisation exercise. Although it was unlikely that 100% of bids could be supported Councillors had wanted to ascertain if a lower level of funding award was possible.

17 Public Forum

The following public forum statements were received and circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting. Public forum statements 1, 2 and 4 were in attendance.

	Name	Subject
1	Richard Walker	Avon Crescent Re-routing
2	Martin Rands	Avon Crescent Re-routing
3	Oakfield Residents Association	Path in Arlington Garden
4	Dr Richard Bretton LLB, BSc, MA	Elgin Park/Lower Redland Road Junction Project
5	Heather Thelwall	Apsley Road

The Committee heard further statements from Helen ?? of support of St Johns Primary School and Kimmy ?? in support of Brandon House Community Room.

With reference to the topic of Avon Crescent re-routing, Councillors requested further information from officers regarding when road priorities would revert back to the original rules when contractors left the site.

Mark Sperduty confirmed that officers were still waiting from a response from planning officers. He agreed to speak to the Structures Team to ascertain plans for the future however, he stated that what was requested could not be achieved through a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO). As the works taking place had completed, the TTRO in place will cease to be applicable.

The Area Committee expressed their collective support for the matter and asked the Ward Councillor to continue to try to progress the issue, perhaps exploring the possibility of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) using CIL grant funding.

Speaking as a Cabinet Member, Councillor Don Alexander confirmed that the matter had been through Planning Committee twice with the origin being the Metrobus project. Cllr Alexander suggested a letter be sent by residents and the Ward Councillor to Dan Norris of the West of England Combined Authority to highlight that it was an unfulfilled promise of the Metrobus Planning Application 2014. Residents were also invited to write to Councillor Alexander in his role as relevant Cabinet Member to request progress.



18 Community Resources Manager Update and Decision Report

The Community Resources Manager outlined that an overall sum of £268,196.26 was available to Area Committee 1, which broke down as follows:

- For General AC1 expenditure: £109,081.32
- For Lawrence Weston ND Plan expenditure: £159,114.94

It was noted that:

1. If the Committee approved all the requests for CIL funding the Committee would be £78,079.75 overspent, and £134,114.94 would remain for Lawrence Weston ND Plan expenditure.
2. The figures noted for cost of delivery at the time of the meeting were higher than those quoted in March 2023 due to the rising costs of goods and inflation.
3. Proposal AC1PO11 was not being progressed as officers were unable to support the proposal.
4. Proposal AC1PO13 had a query against it as permission needed to be sought from the landowner which was in dispute. At present, no new or improved infrastructure would be provided.

The Committee discussed whether they agreed, in principle, to overcommit funding in order to support all the projects on the basis that further funding would be available the following year. Some Councillors highlighted that some projects may not have put forward this year but hoped to be supported next year and on that basis it would be unfair not have funds available. It was agreed by majority to support a maximum over commitment of £20k.

The projects were discussed in the following order:

AC1PO12 - Brandon House Community Room

Councillor O'Rourke reported the proposal for a room at Brandon House be modified to be used by the residents to come together for uses such as homework sessions, crafts, meetings and to help develop a residents association. Full funding of £10,506 was requested to bring facilities up to the required standards.

AC1PO04 – Signage for Elgin Park/ Lower Redland Road Junction and AC1PO5 - Enhancement of Road Safety and Air Quality – St Johns Primary School

Councillor O'Rourke championed the proposal to improve signage and restrict use of the space as a turning circle in order to improve safety for pedestrians including young children. There had been a lot of support for the proposals at the Neighbourhood Forum meetings. The proposal included use of bollards and changes to the shape of the pavement. The Committee noted that a bid to the School Streets Scheme had not been successful.



AC1PO6 - Henleaze Tree Replacement

The bid of £15k had been outlined at the time of submission but due to inflation it was noted that the same proposal was now likely to cost £19,791 for the same number of trees. Councillors were supportive of increasing the amount of the grant as opposed to decreasing the number of trees. It was noted that the planned sites for the trees had not benefitted from development funding previously.

AC1PO1 – Blaise Outdoor Gym

On behalf of Friends of Blaise, officers had been asked to seek funding from S106 money, and also the Public Health Sports Team. The process for awards from the Public Health Sports Team grants was yet to be decided and officers would report back regarding success.

It was noted that the proposal now required £33,900 with inflation added (£41k for the total project). There was question over the location of the proposal being in the Area Committee 2 wards, however, it was also noted that AC2 had the least funding of all the Area Committees and the residents of AC1 would benefit from the outdoor gym.

Councillors were minded to award less funds than those asked for on the proviso the Public Health Sports Team support the remainder.

AC1PO7 – Essential building improvements to Pooles Wharf Outdoor Activities Community Centre

The Councillors were supportive of the application as it was made up of various funding sources. It was noted that the project benefitted families from all over Bristol.

AC1PO2 – Warhorse Memorial

The bid was for a war memorial sited on the nature reserve. An old non-devolved S106 award was possible under the requirement of 'nature conservation' leaving a request for £5k from CIL.

AC1PO3 – Restoration of Victorian Drinking Fountain

The proposal to reconnect the water supply meaning access to fresh clean water.. A feasibility study had not yet taken place due to the specialist work so the bid was approximate. Councillors were concerned that the project could become difficult due to the historical status of the fountain and the reality of whether it was possible to link with drinking water. There was some scope for community fundraising

AC1PO13 – Portway Safety Barrier on Open Space

The application requested a barrier to aid safety on the A4 Portway roundabout. It was suggested that the long term solution was for shrubs to provide the barrier, with a fence in the short term whilst the shrubs were established.

AC1PO14 – Measures to address pavement parking on Portview Road



The proposal involved bollards along the length of the footway between Catherine Street and Pages Mead as a temporary measure whilst a resolution was sought to improve the footway.

AC1PO15 – Parking provision on Meere Bank

This proposal involved only the three Lawrence Weston Ward Councillors and proposed measures to resolve damage to grass verges at the location.

AC1PO8 – Speed Calming on Apsley Road

This bid was submitted following safety concerns due to the volume of traffic using Apsley Road between Whiteladies Road and Pembroke Road. Residents were calling for assistance and applied for £60k to deliver a scheme. During discussions it was ascertained that delivery of the scheme would be unlikely during the current year but at the minimum improved signage and line painting would provide some limited impact (which would cost approx. £10k).

AC1PO10 – Arlington Garden Accessibilty Works

It was highlighted that the issue of ownership of the land had caused some confusion, however Councillor Denyer confirmed that it was not owned by the residents. The residents were however in the process of applying for it to become a Town Green so that maintenance was possible. There was some S106 funding available for that location.

Following assessment of all the applications, the following was agreed:

Proposal ref no.	Name of Project Proposal	Funding Requested	Notes	Funding awarded
AC1PO1	Blaise Outdoor Gym	£30,000	Request to investigate options with Public Health Sports Team for the balance	£15,000
AC1PO7	Essential building improvements to Pooles Wharf Outdoor Activity Centre (Young Bristol)	£20,475		£20,475
AC1PO2	Warhorse Memorial	£5,000		£5,000
AC1PO3	Restoration of Victorian Drinking Fountain	£3,000	Awarded subject to the caveat that the project is viable and drinking water is possible.	£5,000
AC1PO13	Safety barrier on open space facing busy road (A4 Portway Roundabout)	£5,000		£5,000



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AC1PO14	Measures to address pavement parking on Portview Road	£6,000		£6,000
AC1PO15	Parking provision on Meere Bank	£25,000 LW CIL	LW CIL	£25,000
AC1PO12	Brandon House Community Room	£10,506		£10,506
AC1PO9	Speed calming on Apsley Road	£60,000		£25,000
AC1PO4	Signage for Elgin Park / Lower Redland Road junction	£10,000		£10,000
AC1PO5	Enhancement of Road Safety and Air Quality - St Johns Primary School	£10,000		£10,000
AC1PO10	Arlington Garden accessibility works	£7,388.53 CIL £4,111.47 S106	Ownership disputed £4,111.47 - S106	£7,388.53
AC1PO6	Henleaze Tree Replacement	£19,791.54		£19,791.54
AC1PO8	Tree replacement in AC1 (x8)		£15,280.25 - S106	
	Totals	£212,161.07		£153,665.58
	Minus LW NDP spend	£25,000		£25,000
	AC1 General Fund	£187,161.07		£128,665.58

Meeting ended at 7.50 pm

CHAIR _____

