

Bristol City Council

Minutes of the Area Committee 5

16 March 2023 at 6pm



Councillors - Ed Plowden (Chair), Jos Clark, Mark Bradshaw, Tony Dyer, Gary Hopkins, Tessa Fitzjohn, Katja Hornchen, Lisa Stone, Christine Townsend, Andrew Varney

Officers - Keith Houghton (Community Resources Manager), Keith Chant (Parks Assets and Project Manager), Amy Rodwell (Democratic Services Officer)

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Tim Rippington and Christopher Davies.

2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Resolved; That the minutes of the previous meeting on 10th November 2022 be approved as a correct record.

3. Declarations of interest

There was none.

4. Public Forum

Members noted two public forum questions and responses:

Suzanne Audrey	St Lukes Road pedestrian crossing and Totterown Community mosaic.
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Suzanne asked a supplementary question around timescales and costings for the project and was advised that there would likely be a 28 day consultation in the Autumn of 2023.

5. Community Resources Manager Update

The Community Resources Manager introduced the item and started by providing the Committee with some updates:

- It was noted that since papers had been published, the February progress update has been published on the website which shows updated CIL figures.



- An update on the Committee's funds was provided and it as noted that the Committee could receive up to £350,000 by the end of the year.
- It was noted that there would be a new cycle for Area Committees which means the informal meeting would take place in September 2023 with a formal decision making meeting in January 2024.
- This delay was due to capacity in the team and uncertainty around the budget in the Parks department and capacity in Transport team in light of transfer of some functions to West of England Authority.

AC5PO30 – Improvements to Audio and Visual accessibility of St Paul's Southville

It was noted that the application for this project was not ready in time for the last meeting, but this was now complete, and the proposal was for £20k to upgrade audio visual equipment in the church. It was noted that there were physical barriers to some people attending in person and the new technology would accommodate remote access for events and also, additional screens would ensure the equipment is more user friendly. It was noted that it should be made clear that the funding is being delivered for community benefit, not to support the religious activities at the church.

AC5PO33 - Mural on wall of Mail Marketing offices and accent to Malago Greenway

The proposal was to refresh the graffiti art nearby the cycle path as it was a dark area that needed brightening up. Members asked if the potential designs could be shared with the Committee. One person had already come forward for to undertake the project, but it was noted that an accountable body would need to accept the funding and they would need to complete a form to apply.

ACTION: KH to provide a copy of the form to relevant Members.

AC5PO19 - Wedmore Vale Green area improvements

It was noted that this project had initially been put forward to protect the green space in the area as cars regularly parked on the grass. Bristol City Council's Housing department could deliver the improvements, but they do not have the staffing capacity at present. They hope to have capacity later in the year but raised concerns around the lack of consultation with residents and asked if local Councillors could share consultation information with the team.

Action: Committee requested that this consultation be undertaken by local councillors and that the results should be shared with Housing, with Housing submitting a Full Proposals if the result are in favour of restricting parking on the green to the October 2023 Area Committee 5 meeting

AC5PO19 - Improvements to Arnos Court Park footpath

It was noted that this was a previously approved project for the installation of a tarmac footpath that now requires additional funds in order to complete the path and to carry out remedial work. Members raised concerns around the additional costs to the project and the impact of the delays on local residents. It was noted that this was due to delays which were caused by limited capacity in the Parks department and bad weather conditions. Also, the rise in costs was due to inflation.

Committee approved funding to remove what is there, to omit remedial works where possible and deliver the tarmac option



Committee approved the following allocations of CIL:

Proposal ref no.	Name of Project Proposal	Delivery group	Eligible group?	Eligible for CIL?	Eligible for S106?	Outline £ offered	Full Proposal £ requested	CIL approved	S106 approved and the codes	Conditions
AC5PO30	Improvements to Audio and Visual accessibility of St Paul's Southville	Community Organisation (St Paul's Church Southville)	y	y		£20,000	£20,000	£20,000		
AC5PO33	Mural on wall of Mail Marketing offices and accent to Malago Greenway	Not yet identified	No	y		£1,200	£6,650	£6,650		An Eligible Body will need to be identified and approved before any funding can be released
AC5PO19	Wedmore Vale Green area improvements	BCC Transport/BCC Parks/Housing	y	y		£30,000	See update at Item above			None
2021 project: additional funding	Improvements to Arnos Court Park footpath	BCC Parks	y	y		£34,000	£34,213	£34,213		Meeting agreed to move directly to tarmac, no to fund the remedial

2022 Parks projects funding shortfalls request

Parks brought forward, as requested, a request for additional CIL and relevant S106 funding to redress the anticipated funding deficits of previously approved Parks projects in order to make them deliverable.

Committee considered and approved CIL allocation of £58,088.95 and S106 allocation from Megabowl site, Brunel Way of £6,269.44 as follows:

Ward(s)	Proposal ref no.	Project Proposal Title	Project Delivery organisation (AC must state what)	Amount CIL allocated	Amount S106 allocated and the codes	Additional CIL approved	Additional S106	Additional cost comments



			<i>organisation they are asking to deliver the project or if there are a range of potential delivery organisations)</i>					
Bedminster	AC5PO3	Path for Ashton Vale Playing Fields	BCC Parks	£50,000		£11,880		Additional costs due to continued predicted rising inflation costs over the next 2 years
Bedminster	AC5PO10	Bark Park accessibility improvements	BCC Parks	£13,500		£1,755		Additional costs due to continued predicted rising inflation costs over the next 2 years
Brislington West	AC5PO6	Ecology and Access Enhancements to Arnos Court Park	BCC Parks	£7,000		£3,406		Additional costs due to continued predicted rising inflation costs over the next 2 years
Multiple wards (Southville / Bedminster)	AC5PO29	Upgrades to Greville Smyth Park and Ashton Meadows	BCC Parks	£40,000	£13,330.57 (11/03097) Luckwell Club for improvements to recreational space			Parks were only part supportive of this project (see details in Stage 2 Proposal). The cost of



					and facilities at Greville Smyth Park			£22,713 is for an embankment slide including delivery costs
Southville	AC5PO28	Dame Emily Park improvements and upgrades	BCC Parks	£35,000	£4,027.61 (1/01851) 171 to 178 Coronation Road, Southville;	£34,432.95	£6,269.44 / 06/0164 / Former Megabowl Site, Brunel Way, Ashton	Parks were only supportive of eligible / non-maintenance aspects of this project. Costed up, new fencing, fencing restoration and replacement swings cost estimate of £79,730 (including inflation costs)
Windmill Hill	AC5PO12	An all-abilities playpark and skate park for Victoria Park in phases	BCC Parks	£35,500		£4,615		Additional costs due to continued predicted rising inflation costs over the next 2 years
Additional Parks Awards Totals:				£181,000		£56,088.95	£6,269.44	

There was a discussion around the impact of inflation as many approved Area Committee projects have resulted in price increases due to council delays and increased materials and supplier costs. Members



suggested that in future the Committee explores the possibility of contracting a third party to complete projects on the condition that the work is completed sooner, however it was noted that this may cost more. The Chair suggested that this be discussed at the next Area Committee Chairs' meeting and advised he would report back to the Committee by email. **ACTION: EP.**

Councillor Tessa Fitzjohn asked why the Foxcote Road notice boards project hadn't been included in the Committees' list of projects to be approved and it was noted that they hadn't submitted a stage 2 application as they withdrew their proposal. It was suggested that Foxcote Road are invited to submit a stage 2 application to be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Action: invite Foxcote Road group to submit a Full Proposal to the October 2023 Area Committee 5 meeting

AOB

There was a discussion around the Victoria Park funding which was approved at the last Committee meeting as there had been a change in the scope of the project. They would like the funding to be used as part of a wider project rather than the water maze feature requested as the pipe work is broken and is too expensive to repair. This was AGREED.

The meeting ended at 18:45pm

Chair

