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To all Members of the West Bridgford Special Expenses and Community Infrastructure Levy Advisory Group

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the West Bridgford Special Expenses and Community Infrastructure Levy Advisory Group will be held on Tuesday, 1 October 2024 at 4.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford to consider the following items of business.

Yours sincerely



Sara Pregon
Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest

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3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March 2024 (Pages 1 - 4)
4. Special Expenses Budget

A verbal update provided by the Head of Finance.

5. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - Expressions of Interest for the Group to Consider (Pages 5 - 6)

A verbal update provided by the Team Manager for Monitoring and Implementation - Planning and Growth

Membership

Chair: Councillor D Viridi
Councillors: J Chaplain, S Dellar, P Gowland, R Mallender, P Matthews, A Phillips, G Wheeler and J Wheeler



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MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
WEST BRIDGFORD SPECIAL EXPENSES AND COMMUNITY
INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY ADVISORY GROUP
TUESDAY, 12 MARCH 2024

Held at 4.00 pm in the Council Chamber Area A, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road,
West Bridgford
and live streamed on Rushcliffe Borough Council's YouTube channel

PRESENT:

Councillors D Viridi (Chair), J Chaplain, P Matthews, A Phillips, D Polenta,
G Wheeler and J Wheeler

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

J Bate	Team Manager - Planning, Monitoring and Implementation
M Sawyer	Planning Contributions Officer
T Coop	Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES:

Councillors S Dellar and R Mallender

13 Declarations of Interest

As Borough and Ward Councillors for some of the Expressions of Interest applications, Councillor J Wheeler and Councillor D G wheeler declared a non-pecuniary interest.

14 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2023 were approved.

15 Expressions of Interest Consultation Responses for the Group to Consider

The Group had been provided with a comprehensive list of responses from the public consultation which was held for a period of six weeks during January and February 2024. The responses indicated both the public's support for a particular project and concerns which the Group were asked to consider.

The Team Manager – Planning, Monitoring and Implementation advised the Group that two of the projects were no longer proceeding with their CIL applications and the reasons as follows:

Nottingham Falcon – Korfball Equipment Storage

This application was no longer applicable as the Nottingham Falcons had confirmed their assumption that the proposed storage locker could be sited at an RBC facility, no approach had been made to confirm that this would be acceptable. With no agreed place to site the storage it would not be

appropriate to fund its purchase.

West Bridgford South Trent Girlguiding – Paxdien Hall Renovations

This application had received much public support from the consultation. However, the Group were informed that an application for UKSPF funding had also been submitted and this had been successful, therefore the request for CIL funding was no longer required.

Better By Bike

This project had been well supported with very few concerns. Members of the Group did raise some concern that the organisation was based in Nottingham City and requested that a condition be added to ensure the CIL funding is spent on projects that will benefit the West Bridgford community.

The Group approved the project for CIL funding subject to measures to ensure that the funding benefitted West Bridgford are residents.

Notts Gymnastic Academy (NGA) – Café, office and viewing facilities

This project overall had been very well supported, but there were some concerns around the café element of the project not being of any benefit to the Gymnastics Academy itself.

Members were in support of the whole project and felt the café would only enhance what was already an excellent and well used facility.

The Group approved the project for CIL funding.

Little Bounds Cricket Pavilion – Accessible Toilet Renovations

The Group approved the project for CIL funding.

The Hook - Wildlife Pond Restoration

The Group approved the project for CIL funding.

St Paul's Wellbeing Hub – Community Bus

The Team Manager – Planning, Monitoring and Implementation advised the Group that the original application for CIL funding had been increased to allow for VAT on the purchase price of a minibus and to include driver training. Future running costs such as MOT, servicing and insurance have also been omitted from the application.

The Group approved the project for CIL funding.

NHS Social Prescribing Service – Community Hub

Members had previously questioned how these projects were funded in other areas and had requested further detail on where and how the funding would be spent. The Team Manger – Planning, Monitoring and Implementation explained

that the NHS had not yet responded to officer's requests for further clarification of how the funding would be used and also some detail of where the community hub would be located was yet to be determined.

The Group approved the project for CIL funding subject to confirmation of how projects are funded in other areas and confirmation of a venue for the Community Hub.

Church of Holy Rood – Path Improvements

The Group noted this project had received some support and also a number of negative comments in respect of it benefitting one particular religious organisation. The Group felt the project would provide greater access for the wider community, including a remembrance garden and a community food bank. The Group did not feel that the public open space that the funding was in support of represented a religious use of funds, but rather a use of funds on a public open space open to all of the community.

The Group approved the project for CIL funding.

Lady Bay Scout Hall – Commemorative Mosaics and Tree Planting

This project had received modest report and there were some concerns around value for money. The Group felt the Scouting organisation was very well supported locally with all beavers, cubs and scout group collectively being involved. The Group also noted that 2024 is a centenary anniversary of the scout movement.

The Group approved the project for CIL funding.

The Group considered the four Council proposed schemes for the additional 10% of the strategic element of CIL funding which were also being supported by other match funding streams.

- **Sir Julian Cahn Pavilion West Park**
- **Alford Road Playing Fields**
- **Bridgford Park**
- **Bridge Field**

The Group felt that all four projects would enhance the Council's provision of community indoor and outdoor sports and would make a real difference within West Bridgford and the wider community, particularly with regard to accessibility and inclusivity.

The Group approved all four projects to receive the strategic element of CIL funding.

The Team Manager – Planning, Monitoring and Implementation advised the Group that once the organisations have been notified that their applications have been successful, the communications team will share information on all Council social media platforms and the Council website.

With regards to future CIL bids the Planning Contributions Officer explained that now officers are familiar with the process a further campaign will be promoted shortly to for further Expressions of Interest. It is anticipated that the process will continue on a half yearly basis while CIL funding lasts and officers are looking at tailoring it to targeted groups so as to spread the funding as widely as possible, possibly tiering the funding in values ging forward. For example, bids under £5000 etc.

The Group asked when monies would be released and requested this be done as quickly as possible, so the successful organisations were not kept waiting.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

CHAIR

Local Community Proposed Schemes (Responses to EOIs)

Abbey Park – Adult Gym Equipment

Submitted by: Abbey Park Community Association

Summary: Installation of a multi station fitness rig for calisthenic type workouts, picnic table/benches, and football posts at Abbey Park. Adult Gym Equipment has been specifically requested to the Community Association committee by a number of local residents.

Estimated Costs: £25,000

Funding Sought: £25,000 (full project cost)

Other Funding Sources: None identified

Timescales: 2024/2025

Breathwork for Wellbeing Workshops

Submitted by: Breathe Balance Be

Summary: Delivery of 10 wellbeing workshops aimed at local residents living with long-term health conditions within West Bridgford, Lady Bay, Gamston, and Edwalton. Wellbeing sessions are already offered at Lady Bay Therapy Centre and Breathe Balance Be are seeking to expand its local partnership to support more people in Rushcliffe.

Estimated Costs: £2,500

Funding Sought: £2,500 (full project cost)

Other Funding Sources: None identified

Timescales: Autumn/Winter 2024 into Spring/Summer 2025

Lady Bay Arts – Organisation Development and Workshops

Submitted by: Lady Bay Arts

Summary: Three elements to the proposal – to develop the organisations structure, policies and procedures enabling us to increase their impact; to provide a number of community workshops/activities; and to develop links with partner organisations and research to identify activities targeted to support those at risk of social isolation.

Estimated Costs: £20,000

Funding Sought: £20,000 (full project cost)

Other Funding Sources: Aim to raise an additional £3,000 with sponsorship during and in the runup to one of the events (Festival Weekend May 2025)

Timescales: Various activities during the course of 2025

Lady Bay Tennis Club – Security Gates, Storage, etc.

Submitted by: Lady Bay Tennis Club

Summary: Delivery of a number of minor infrastructure improvements, primarily to address an increased demand for junior coaching and after school care. Proposed works include improved security gates to ensure compliance with child safety/security requirements, an enlarged external store for sports equipment, upgraded foldable chairs to better utilise storage space, improved heating to the clubhouse, new seating/sofas and improved shelving/cupboards.

Estimated Costs: £9,000

Funding Sought: £9,000 (full project cost)

Other Funding Sources: Club has identified some sinking funds but much is already earmarked for essential court maintenance

Timescales: None given but can likely deliver most items within a short period of funding being secured

Open Voices West Bridgford

Submitted by: Music For Everyone

Summary: Support for the running of the Open Voices group at St Luke's Church, Leahurst Road – a weekly music and singing session open to all but especially appropriate for people with learning difficulties and their carers. Costs of running the course are rising and Music For Everyone are seeking to secure delivery of the sessions for a further three years.

Estimated Costs: £5,000 a year for three years

Funding Sought: £15,000 (full project cost)

Other Funding Sources: None identified

Timescales: Start of a new season of sessions from September/October 2024, until 2027

Positively Mindful – Community Outreach Courses

Submitted by: Positively Mindful

Summary: Delivery of seven 5-week sessions of a peer support learning space for adults of all ages living in the West Bridgford area. The aim is to help individuals tackle mental health issues which may not be severe enough to be able to access low-intensity mental health services, or to assist those who may be on the NHS mental health services waiting list. The first two iterations would be delivered at the Social Prescribing Service Hub from May - Aug 2025, with the remaining courses being delivered at an alternative location but proposed at West Bridgeford Library through links with Inspire Culture.

Estimated Costs: £6,160

Funding Sought: £6,160 (full project cost)

Other Funding Sources: It is noted that the project has applied for funding through the Rushcliffe Community Wellbeing Fund for courses run during the period of Sept 2024 until March 2025

Timescales: May 2025- July 2026

Regatta Way Sports Club – Clubhouse Refurbishment

Submitted by: Regatta Way Sports Club

Summary: Refurbishment of the existing clubhouse and surrounding infrastructure at Regatta Way, including redecorating, improvements to the bar area, new tables & chairs, energy efficient lighting, outdoor seating, replacement decking, and storage. Following extension of the club's lease, investment in the playing pitches is possible but appropriate facilities are required to match this investment. The works would allow the club to accommodate an increase in members from the main users of the facility (West Bridgford Colts and Gedling & Sherwood Cricket Club), as well as to hire out the clubhouse to local organisations to use as a meeting room.

Estimated Costs: £12,000

Funding Sought: £10,000 (~83% project cost)

Other Funding Sources: Shortfall will be delivered by club reserve funds

Timescales: 4 weeks from funding being granted

Stonepit Wood Scout Campsite – Tree Works

Submitted by: Rushcliffe District Scout Association

Summary: Remedial works for the felling of around 60 ash trees due to ash dieback, required in order to prevent the site from closure. The site has been used for camping and bivouacking by West Bridgford Scouts, but the risk of falling branches means the site is currently deemed as unsafe for overnight stays in the woodland.

Estimated Costs: £30,000

Funding Sought: £15,000 (50% of project cost)

Other Funding Sources: £15,000 match funding from RDSA reserves

Timescales: Autumn 2024/Spring 2025