

Decisions of the Hendon Area Committee

19 March 2019

Members Present:-

Councillor Val Duschinsky (Chairman)
Councillor Sarah Wardle (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Saira Don Councillor Nizza Fluss
Councillor Nagus Narenthira Councillor Elliot Simberg

Also in attendance

Councillor Ammar Naqvi (Substitute)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Sara Conway

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman of the Hendon Area Committee, Councillor Val Duschinsky opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

It was **RESOLVED** that subject to the below correction, the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Hendon Area Committee on 15 January be agreed as a correct record:
(i) page 7, Elliott (deletion of additional letter)

Councillor Nagus Narenthira requested an update on her Member's Item reported to the January Committee meeting, Officers agreed to provide Councillor Narenthira with an update. (**Action**)

The Committee agreed to withdraw Agenda Item 12, Bell Lane / Green Lane, NW4- Request for zebra crossing facility for the reasons set out under Agenda item 12 below.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sara Conway who was substituted by Councillor Ammar Naqvi.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

None.

6. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE HENDON AREA RESIDENTS FORUM (IF ANY)

None.

7. PETITIONS (IF ANY)

None.

8. AREA COMMITTEE GRANTS FUNDING

The Chairman introduced the report which was presented by Jamie Cooke, the Interim Assistant Director for Transportation & Highways Commissioning. Mr Cooke updated the Committee on the remaining budget for the Committee during the current financial year which was approx. £30K and that as of 1 April the Committee would have at its disposal the amount of £150K.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that:

1. That the Hendon Area Committee noted the amount available for allocation during 2018/19, as set out in paragraph 6.2.1 and in Appendix 1.
2. That the Hendon Area Committee noted the amount of re-allocated underspends & overspends in Section 2.1.

9. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

10. MEMBERS' ITEMS - AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATIONS (IF ANY)

i) Councillor Nizza Fluss - Two Table Tennis Tables for Sunny Hill Park

Councillor Nizza Fluss presented the Member's Item in her name. She noted that the park is a place frequently visited by residents and that the ideal location for installing table tennis Tables would be near the park café.

RESOLVED that the Committee approved funding of £7,500 for the installation of 1 table tennis Table in consultation with Hendon ward Members and the Chairman with consultation from Green Spaces are sighted and with the option to install a second table tennis Table to be agreed by the Committee in line with the Committee's budget.

ii) Councillor Sarah Wardle - Improve traffic flow along Edgwarebury Lane

Councillor Sarah Wardle introduced her Member's item to improve the flow of traffic along Edgwarebury Lane between the junction of Fairview Way and Station Road/Hale Lane. She noted that parking bays on either side of the road limit the flow of traffic and cause gridlock. In addition, residents have raised concerns about air pollution as a result of traffic.

RESOLVED that the Committee approved funding of £3,000 for the study to identify ways to improve traffic flow along Edgwarebury Lane between the junction of Fairview Way and Station Road/Hale Lane.

iii) Councillor Mark Shooter - St Josephs Grove Double Yellow Lines

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Mark Shooter to the meeting. Councillor Shooter presented his Member's item. He spoke about the issues along St. Josephs Grove, NW4 where it is currently difficult for cars to pass thereby causing major traffic jams. The Committee noted that there is a tendency for motorists to remain in their cars during the one hour restricted period to avoid parking fines. Highways Officers suggested that a site visit be held.

RESOLVED that a site visit will be conducted following which Officers will report to the Committee with Recommendations in response to this Member's Item. (Action: Highways)

iv) Councillor Alex Prager – Remove parking bays in Brent Street

The Committee noted that traffic is currently restricted due to the parallel parking bays.

RESOLVED that the Committee approved funding of £4,000 for both Councillor Anthony Finn and Councillor Alex Prager's Members' Items as a batch.

v) Councillor Saira Don - Adjustment to traffic signals at the junction of A41 Watford Way with Station Road, West Hendon

Councillor Saira Don presented her Member's item and explained the need for an adjustment to the operation of the traffic signals at the junction of the A41 Watford Way with Station Road.

RESOLVED that the Committee approved funding of £8,000 as requested within the Member's Item.

vi) Councillor Val Duschinsky - Mill Hill Town Square – Information Displays

The Chairman introduced the item in her name and invited Mr John Gillett, Chair of Mill Hill neighbourhood Forum. He presented the item and spoke about the purpose of the information display to inform local residents about upcoming local events. Highways Officers informed that a visit will be conducted to agree the exact location of the notice board.

RESOLVED that the Committee agreed funding of £1700 for the initial purchase and installation of the Information Display notice board but not for any ongoing maintenance.

vii) Councillor Golnar Bokaei – Bunns Lane Bridge yellow lines, NW7

The Committee noted that there have been issues around cars being parked on the pavement on both sides of the road. Highways Officers suggested that funding is used to conduct a study on the parking issues.

RESOLVED that the Committee agreed funding of £3,000 for the study to investigate the parking issues and report back to Committee. (Action: Highways)

viii) Councillor Anthony Finn – Yellow Line junction of Brent Street and Danescroft Flats

Councillor Fluss informed the Committee about this Member's item and noted that visibility of oncoming traffic on both sides of the road is poor when exiting Danescroft onto Brent Street.

RESOLVED that the Committee approved funding of £4,000 in total as part of one batch for both Councillor Anthony Finn's and Councillor Alex Prager's Members' Items as a batch.

The Committee approved a total spend of £27,200 of CIL funding for this meeting.

11. WEST HENDON SPEED SURVEYS

The Chairman introduced the item on West Hendon Speed Surveys and Lisa Wright presented the report to the Committee. Councillor Naqvi noted that further consideration needs to be given to potential increased traffic flow on the A41 in the future from Brent Cross towards Mill Hill due to regeneration.

It was agreed that a separate meeting will be held between Officers and Ward Councillors to discuss issues in further detail. **(Action: Highways)**

The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That the Hendon Area Committee noted the results of the speed surveys that were undertaken in the above roads.**
- 2. That the Hendon Area Committee noted the recommendation that no further action is taken at this time based on the results of the aforementioned speed surveys.**

12. BELL LANE/ GREEN LANE, NW4- REQUEST FOR ZEBRA CROSSING FACILITY

The Committee considered this item first on its agenda to accommodate members of the public who had attended for this item.

The Chairman made the following proposal to withdraw this item which was approved by the Committee. It was agreed that Agenda Item 12, Bell Lane / Green Lane, NW4- Request for zebra crossing facility is to be withdrawn from this Agenda while further investigation into the selected location is undertaken in response to a number of concerns raised by residents.

The investigation will review the current design to ensure the crossing is in the most appropriate location.

An updated report, with a recommendation on whether or not to proceed with the implementation of the crossing on Bell Lane, will be reported to a future meeting of the Committee, most likely the June Committee for their consideration. Current objectors to the proposals will be updated on the outcome of the investigation in advance of reporting to the Committee.

13. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the standing item on the Agenda.

14. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 8.15 pm