

Decisions of the Chipping Barnet Area Committee

18 October 2021

Members Present:-

Councillor Lisa Rutter (Chairman)
Councillor Thomas Smith (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Felix Byers
Councillor
Pauline Coakley Webb
Councillor Alison Cornelius

Councillor Paul Edwards
Councillor Wendy Prentice

1. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the Covid Protocols.

She also noted that if the Committee agreed to all the NCIL funding requests, submitted to this Committee, there would only be £90,000 available for the remaining two meetings.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2021, be agreed as a correct record.

3. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

None.

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

Councillor Alison Cornelius declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 (Members NCIL Applications), specifically relating to Councillor Robert's application as she was involved with some local organisations that she was going to suggest be approached to assist with funding for this request.

Councillor Wendy Prentice declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 (Members NCIL Applications), specifically relating to Councillor Robert's application as she was involved with some local organisations that she was going to suggest be approached to assist with funding for this request.

5. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

None.

7. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM

None.

8. PETITIONS OVER 2000 SIGNATURES (IF ANY)

None.

9. AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING - COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

This report updated Members on the budget allocations for the Chipping Barnet Area Committee, to enable consideration of the applications for funding during 2021/22.

Members requested some clarity on the new model for NCIL funding and Officers agreed to circulate the relevant information and brief Members as required.

Members raised some queries with regard to certain schemes and figures and it was noted that Officers would respond outside of this meeting.

RESOLVED that

- 1. the amount available for allocation during 2021/22, as set out in paragraph 6.2 and in Appendix 1 be noted;**
- 2. the amount or re-allocated underspends and overspends in Section 2.1 be noted.**

10. STANDARD MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

11. MEMBERS' ITEMS - APPLICATIONS FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD CIL AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET

The Committee considered the following requests:

1. Councillor Roberts – Hope Community Centre

Councillor Roberts addressed the Committee.

Some Members felt this did not meet the NCIL funding Criteria. However, it was noted that Officers had considered the application against the relevant statutory definitions and CIL guidance and had advised that the application was considered to meet these parameters in their broadest sense. Committee was advised that the decision to consider this application and determine whether it supports the funding request was completely within its gift.

Councillors Cornelius and Prentice suggested some alternative means of funding via local organisations and the Chairman thanked them for their input.

It was moved by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor Cornelius that the application be refused: The Chairman suggested that the legal definition of 'infrastructure' needed to be clearer to avoid future dilemmas. The committee agreed and the Chairman confirmed she would discuss further with officers.

For (refusal)	5
Against (refusal)	2
Abstained	0

RESOLVED that the application be refused.

2. Councillor Rawlings – Allotmentz Kitchen Unit

Councillor Rawlings was not present.

RESOLVED that £2,000 NCIL funding be unanimously agreed.

3. Councillor Coakley Webb – Halliwick Recreation Ground

The Chairman asked if Haringey had been approached with regard to joint funding this application especially as it was so close to the Haringey border and it would be of great benefit to both Barnet residents and Haringey residents.

Councillor Coakley Webb confirmed that she had not approached Haringey and in her opinion, they were unlikely to be open to this suggestion.

The Committee voted as follows:

For	2
Against	5
Abstained	0

RESOLVED that the application be refused.

4. Councillor Patel – Peace Statue Restoration including Replacement Dove and Sceptre

Councillor Patel was unable to attend.

Councillor Coakley Webb introduced this item on Councillor Patel's behalf.

Councillor Sowerby also spoke on this application.

The Committee voted on the application:

For	6
Against	0
Abstained	1

RESOLVED that NCIL funding of £20,526 be agreed.

5. Councillor Longstaff – Hadley Footpath Installation

Councillor Longstaff addressed the Committee.

The Committee voted on the application:

For	5
Against	0
Abstained	2

RESOLVED that £20,000 NCIL funding be agreed.

6. Councillor Prentice – Hadley Green Litter Bins

Councillor Prentice addressed the Committee.

Councillor Longstaff also addressed the Committee.

Members felt that there needed to be a Borough wide review of litter bins and Officers agreed to feed this back.

The Committee voted on the application:

For	5
Against	0
Abstained	2

RESOLVED that £10,000 NCIL funding be agreed.

7. Councillor Byers – Outdoor Gym Equipment for Victoria Recreation Ground

Councillor Byers addressed the Committee.

Councillor Williams also addressed the Committee.

The Committee voted on the application:

For	7
Against	0
Abstained	0

RESOLVED that £35,000 NCIL funding be agreed.

Prior to concluding this agenda item, the Chairman asked Officers to update the Committee on progress with Tudor Park Pavilion, which received NCIL funding at the last meeting of this Committee.

12. MEMBERS' ITEMS - ROAD SAFETY AND PARKING REQUESTS

None.

13. LONGMORE AVENUE, EN4 - SPEED SURVEY, TRAFFIC CALMING AND FEASIBILITY STUDY

This report detailed the feasibility study undertaken to address the traffic and safety concerns in Longmore Avenue.

Councillor Williams addressed the Committee on this item.

Members were very concerned about the £17,600 tree removal cost. Officers confirmed that this cost would be investigated and validate prior to any works commencing.

Members were informed that although recommendations 3 and 4 of the report asked for Committee approval, this was an error, as these requests were delegated to the Executive Director Environment and all recommendations were for the Committee to note. However, the Committee raised concerns about the scheme and the inaccuracy of the recommendations in the report and therefore requested that the Executive Director liaise with the Ward Councillors to discuss.

RESOLVED

- 1. Not to note recommendations 1 and 2 as detailed in the report;**
- 2. Not to give authority to the Executive Director Environment, to act upon recommendations 3 and 4 as detailed in the report.**

14. ROAD SAFETY AND PARKING BUDGET

This report updated Members of the Road Safety and Parking budget allocations.

A query was raised about the allocation of a scheme in Hendon Wood Lane to the incorrect ward. A discussion ensued about the ward boundaries in the vicinity of this road. Officers confirmed that that would clarify this information with the relevant ward members outside of the committee meeting..

The Chairman asked Members to raise any individual queries on schemes, outside of the meeting.

RESOLVED that the allocations set out in Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

15. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Nothing to report.

16. ANY ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to some photo's she had taken of this incident which occurred on the 9th October and was approached by local residents who reported that as this is a very busy junction many accidents occur regularly. The Chairman reported that a request would be submitted to the Road Safety and Parking Scheme for funding for safety improvements.

The meeting finished at 9pm