

## Minutes of the West Area Committee

29 January 2024

Members Present:-

Councillor Nagus Narenthira (Chair)

Councillor Kamal Gurung  
Councillor Andreas Ioannidis  
Councillor Anne Clarke  
Councillor Nick Mearing-Smith

Councillor Mark Shooter  
Councillor Rishikesh Chakraborty  
(Substitute for Councillor Ernest Ambe)  
Councillor Giulia Innocenti (Substitute for  
Councillor Matthew Perlberg)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Ernest Ambe

Councillor Matthew Perlberg

### 1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2023 be agreed as a correct record.

### 2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

Apologies were received from Councillor Matthew Perlberg who was substituted for by Councillor Giulia Innocenti.

Apologies were received from Councillor Ernest Ambe who was substituted for by Councillor Rishikesh Chakraborty.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

None.

### 4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

### 5. PETITIONS (IF ANY)

None.

### 6. ISSUES

The Committee noted that responses to the issues were published in advance of the meeting.

The following issues were considered by the Committee.

## **1. Free bulky waste collection coverage on Council website**

Following a discussion, the Committee reached a decision.

**RESOLVED that the West Area Committee**

- **Instruct that Ward Members are notified of the matter.**
- **Instruct that an appropriate named officer contact the citizen within 20 working days to provide an additional response and that this response be published in the meeting documents available on the website.**

Additional responses were requested in relation to information under sections (ii) and (iii).

## **2. Recurring road flooding points**

Following a discussion, the Committee reached a decision.

**RESOLVED that the West Area Committee:**

- **Instruct that Ward Members are notified of the matter.**
- **Instruct that an appropriate named officer contact the citizen within 20 working days to provide an additional response and that this response be published in the meeting documents available on the website.**

## **3. Large recurring storm water pond near Holiday Inn, Brent Cross**

Following a discussion, the Committee reached a decision.

**RESOLVED that the West Area Committee:**

- **Instruct that Ward Members are notified of the matter**
- **Instruct that an appropriate named officer contact the citizen within 20 working days to provide an additional response and that this response be published in the meeting documents available on the website.**

## **7. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)**

None.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)**

None.

## **9. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)**

None.

## **10. AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING - NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) ROAD SAFETY & PARKING FUND UPDATE**

It was noted that a good proportion of the Committee's budget was available for spend. Any unspent funds would be carried over to the next financial year.

## **RESOLVED**

**1. That the West Area Committee notes the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding available for allocation during 2023/24 (in accordance with the CIL regulations), as set out in paragraph 5.4 of this report and in Appendix 1.**

**2. That the West Area Committee notes the CIL amount and re-allocated underspends & overspends in paragraph 1.7 of this report and in Appendix 1.**

### **11. MEMBERS ITEMS' - AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATIONS (IF ANY)**

The West Area Committee considered the following requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report:

#### **Boston and Littlefield Community Garden - Councillor Sara Conway**

Ruby, a resident of Burnt Oak, talked about how fly tipping has been ruining her street and green areas of Burnt Oak.

Cllr Conway read out a statement on behalf of residents. The proposal of a community garden would be an effective way of deterring fly tippers and encouraging greater vigilance of reporting problematic incidents.

Further to a discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

**RESOLVED that the Area Committee award funding of £12,234.76 and any conditions attached and note the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.**

#### **London Nigerian festival – Councillor Andrea Bilbow**

Endorsement for the application was provided by West Hendon Ward Councillors.

Members highlighted the potential for the event to be a huge success which would place Barnet on the map, achieving its vision of being a borough of fun and boosting its economy.

Members said that it would be useful to receive clear guidelines for future Committees around funding of festivals and similar events.

Matt Waters said that a report on NCIL guidance following lessons learned, would be reported to Cabinet, making clear links to the impact on developments.

Further to a discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

**RESOLVED that the Area Committee award full funding of £ £ 12,995.91 and any conditions attached and note the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.**

### **Lunar New Year Festival – Councillor Humayune Khalick**

Cllr Khalick presented the application highlighting its benefits for the wider community.

Further to a discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

The Chair reiterated that due diligence required completion upon the release of funds.

It was noted that any funds raised via sponsors subsequent to approval would be deducted from funding approved by the Committee.

Further to a discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

**RESOLVED that the Area Committee award partial funding of £13,500 and any conditions attached and note the implications to the Committee’s NCIL funding budget.**

### **Cloister Road Roundabout Greening – Councillor Giulia Innocenti**

Cllr Innocenti introduced the application.

Poppy Fishman highlighted the benefits of the application in relation to greening and its positive impact on mental health and wellbeing.

Further to a discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

**RESOLVED that the Area Committee award full funding of £7,474 and any conditions attached and note the implications to the Committee’s NCIL funding budget.**

### **Claremont Road Triangle – Councillor Alan Schneiderman**

Cllr Schneiderman presented the application to transform the verge and green spaces alongside Claremont Road.

Further to a discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

**RESOLVED that the Area Committee award full funding of £25,950 and any conditions attached and note the implications to the Committee’s NCIL funding budget.**

## **12. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES ARE URGENT**

None.

The meeting finished at 8.24pm