

Minutes of the West Area Committee

25 March 2024

Members Present:-

Councillor Nagus Narenthira (Chair)

Councillor Ernest Ambe (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Kamal Gurung
Councillor Andreas Ioannidis
Councillor Mark Shooter

Councillor Lucy Wakeley (Substitute for
Councillor Nick Mearing-Smith)
Councillor Alan Schneiderman (Substitute
for Councillor Anne Clarke)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Anne Clarke
Councillor Nick Mearing-Smith

Councillor Matthew Perlberg

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2024 be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

Apologies were received from Councillor Anne Clarke who was substituted for by Councillor Alan Schneiderman.

Apologies were received from Councillor Nick Mearing-Smith who was substituted for by Councillor Lucy Wakeley.

Councillor Matthew Perlberg was absent.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

None.

4. DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE MONITORING OFFICER'

None.

5. PETITIONS (IF ANY)

None.

6. ISSUES (IF ANY)

It was noted that the issue received in relation to Colindeep Lane and Grove Gardens was being progressed by Highways as part of the Member Road Safety & Parking application submitted by Cllr Chakraborty.

Therefore, a Committee decision was not required at this stage.

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

The Committee noted the funding update in relation to Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) & Road Safety and Parking.

Resolved the West Area Committee

- 1. 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. Notes the CIL amount and re-allocated underspends & overspends in paragraph 1.7 of this report and in Appendix 1.**
- 3. Notes the Road Safety & Parking Fund available for allocation during 2023/24 in paragraph 5.8 and as set out in Appendix 2**

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

The West Area Committee considered the following NCIL requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report, appendix 1 and supplement to item 11:

Watling Park – Councillor Sara Conway

Councillor Conway presented the item in relation to community safety.

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

RESOLVED that the West Area Committee:

- 1. Consider the requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report.**
- 2. Awards full funding of £115,000 and any conditions attached and note the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.**

Brockley Ave Hedge – Councillor Lucy Wakeley

Councillor Wakeley presented the item in relation to vegetation for biodiversity and that it would help protect residents from noise pollution.

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

RESOLVED that the West Area Committee:

- 1. Consider the requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report.**
- 2. Awards full funding of £1,740 and any conditions attached and note the implications to the Committee’s NCIL funding budget.**

Phoenix Canoe Club – Councillor Ernest Ambe

Phil Atkinson, Director of the Phoenix Canoe Club, spoke on the matter.

It was noted that match funding would be received for phases 1, 2 and 3 of the project and dependent on the Committee’s decision to approve the NCIL request.

Councillor Andrea Bilbow highlighted the benefits of the application.

Councillor Ambe added that the canoe club was integral to the wider West Hendon Playing Fields project and that redevelopment was essential for its longevity.

The Chair said that the club would serve as a point of interest attracting people from all over. It would also create a positive impact by placing Welsh Harp on the map.

The Lead Officer informed the Committee that some due diligence remained to be completed to ensure the provision was suitably in place and that the investment aligned with Council policy.

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

RESOLVED that the West Area Committee:

- 1. Consider the requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report.**
- 2. Awards full funding of £150,000 with the condition that remaining due diligence be exercised and passed.**

The Committee noted the available budget of £810,000 for 2024/2025.

The Chair reminded Members to work on future applications as early as possible to allow Officers to complete due diligence in advance of the Committee meeting.

12. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 7.39 pm