MINUTES of the Council Meeting of COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY BOARD, held in via Zoom on Monday 14 September 2020, 7.04 pm.

Present: Cllrs J Aldridge, A Baker, A Damodaran, A Layland (Vice-Chairman), N Lloyd, M

McArthur (Chairman), S McGregor, A Read, J Scholey, S Sumner, S Taylor and B Todd

In attendance: Town Clerk

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received, noted and accepted from Cllr Read.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OR PREDETERMINATION

A declaration has been granted to all members to enable them to discuss matters relating to Land and Buildings the Council owns and Council facilities

3. TO RECEIVE, ADOPT AND SIGN THE REPORT FROM THE CIL BOARD MEETING HELD ON 03 February 2020

Resolved: that the minutes of the CIL Board meeting held on 03 February 2020, be duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE CIL FUNDING AVAIALBLE AND WHERE THE CIL RECEIPTS HAVE COME FROM

The Chairman said since 2016, the Town Council had received in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions payable to the Town Council £756,411.80; the majority of this had been received 2018 onwards. Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) had made a CIL contribution of £34,000 towards the public toilets refurbishment. So far, £206,329.74 had been spent on projects in Edenbridge, and a further £225,830.00 had been allocated. The current funds unallocated were £359,227.66. A further £24,577.33 of the town proportion of CIL receipts was due from SDC.

19:06 Cllr Layland joined the meeting

5. TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING FROM THE EDENBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL'S CIL FUND

5.1 Edenbridge Town Council: Portable Speed Indicator Device (SID) – up to £12,000 Members noted that the Council's Forward Planning Steering Group and the Planning and Transportation Committee had both already supported the principle for a portable Speed Indicator Device (SID) and considered the viability. The proposal was to initially have five locations around Edenbridge to raise speed awareness, help change driver speed behaviour and collect traffic data. (Further locations could be added later.) One advantage of mobile SID is that road users do not become accustomed to their location and ignore them.

Members unanimously supported the application on the basis that it:

- promoted safer driver behaviour helping to improve road safety especially where traffic volumes have increased due to increase development to the area (300 homes from the Bellway estate and new retails outlets)
- Meets increase demands on infrastructure for safer roads
- Strongly evidences economic and social benefits

Resolved: CIL funding of up to £12,000 to be awarded to fund a Portable Speed Indicator Device (SID). The locations to be agreed with the Community Warden and Cllr Lloyd, and Kent County Council (KCC) who would carry out the risk assessments. Payment(s) made on the provision of invoices approved by Edenbridge Town Council.

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE OF APPROVED CIL FUNDING SCHEMES AWAITING PAYMENT/OR WITHDRAWN:

6.1 Edenbridge Health and Wellbeing Centre – new facility £100,000 – resolution February 2019 8.1

Members noted that planning permission had been granted in July 2020. The Medical Centre Trust was nearly ready to go out to tender and hoped to have the building work underway in 2021.

6.2 Edenbridge Cricket Club: Parking area at Blossoms Park - £10,776 - resolution February 2020 5.2

The Town Council had confirmed it was satisfied with the parking improvements and had signed off the final invoice for payment in September.

6.3 Edenbridge Town Council: Promotional Infrastructure for Visit Edenbridge – up to £12,000 – resolution February 2020 5.3

SDC had queried if the project met the criteria for allocation of CIL and did it address the demands development places on Edenbridge. A local council must use CIL in accordance with the regulations to *support the development of the parish council's area by funding the* (a) provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on the area. (The Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) Regulations 2013, regulation 59C.). Detailed responses had been submitted to SDC arguing that the levy can be spent on a wider range of things than the rest of the levy, provided that it meets the requirement to 'support the development of the area'. The Council was waiting to hear back.

6.4 Edenbridge Town Council: Outdoor Gym and Activity Area with Street Snooker – up to £73,000 – resolution February 2020 5.4

The project had been put out to tender in July 2020, and the successful bid was awarded late August. Work on the project was expected to commence in September with completion in November.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – tbc 2021