

MINUTES of the Council Meeting of COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY BOARD, held in via Zoom on Monday 15 March 2021, 8.00 pm.

Present: Cllrs J Aldridge, A Baker, A Damodaran, V Jennings, A Layland (Vice-Chairman), N Lloyd, M McArthur (Chairman), S McGregor, A Read, S Compton, S Sumner, S Taylor and B Todd

In attendance: Town Clerk

The Chair opened the meeting and referred to the CIL Guidance and Procedures to remind Members of the order of the meeting.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

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 [14 September 2020](#)

Resolved: that the minutes of the CIL Board meeting held on 14 September 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 AVAILABLE AND WHERE THE CIL RECEIPTS HAVE COME FROM

The Chair referred to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) financial summary attached to the meeting papers. It was noted that the current unallocated funds were £443,991.09. As it currently stood, there was no further CIL receipts due from Sevenoaks District Council.

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

Representations were received from the bidders for each bid. Members discussed each application in the order as listed on the agenda before voting on each.

5.1 Edenbridge Cricket Club: Artificial Pitch - £12,000

Members unanimously supported as it:

- provided a community facility allowing sports practice sessions for juniors and seniors to continue in the poorer weather conditions and accommodate the growing membership numbers including women's cricket
- the infrastructure improvement meets the development needs to provide a better community facility for Edenbridge
- evidenced strong social and fitness benefits, and economic benefit to the Club and area with more members being attracted and spectators
- the design was environmentally in keeping and would improve on the existing area
- it meets both regulation 8, 59C (a) maintenance of infrastructure, and (b) addresses the demand from development in the area

Resolved: to award Edenbridge Cricket Club up to £12,000 to fund a new artificial pitch. Payment would be made upon receipt of an invoice for the artificial pitch works.

5.2 Edenbridge Town Council: Recreation Ground (Lingfield Road) Playground extension, refurbishment and upgrade - up to £160,000

Members acknowledged that the Town Council's Forward Planning Steering Group and Open Spaces Committee had already identified and supported the need to refurbish and upgrade the playground facilities at the Recreation Ground. The Open Spaces Committee had delegated a small Working Group to investigate the potential options to gain a costs guide. The details for the public tender specification were yet to be agreed as this would be guided by the funding made available. Members supported on the basis that it:

- provides community and recreational facilities for an expanding community
- promotes health and wellbeing – the benefits of outdoor play, developing social and cognitive skills
- is accessible for all children's age groups and would bring them together in a safe, social environment. The playground would accommodate young children and create an area for teenagers
- forms part of the planned strategy to increase community facility and infrastructure
- is deliverable
- strongly evidences economic, environmental and social benefits
- it meets both regulation 8, 59C (a) improvement and maintenance of infrastructure, and (b) addresses the demand from development in the area

Resolved: Members supported the application by a majority vote, CIL funding of up to £160,000 to be awarded to allow the refurbishment and extension to create an upgraded playground facility for the Recreation Ground. The details of the scheme to be overseen by the Open Spaces Committee. Payment(s) made on the provision of invoices approved by Edenbridge Town Council.

5.3 Edenbridge Town Council: Blossom Park Skate Park to add low-level items for beginners/inexperienced riders at Blossoms Park skate ramps - up to £27,000

Members noted that the project was already supported by the Open Spaces Committee. Members unanimously, supported as the scheme would:

- improve a community facility
- accommodates the increasing demands from more users and a wider age range as the population had increased
- evidence strong social and physical benefits
- it meets both regulation 8, 59C (a) maintenance of infrastructure, and (b) addresses the demand from development in the area

Resolved: CIL funding of up to £27,000 to be awarded to allow additional facilities/equipment for the Blossoms Park Skate Park. The details of the scheme to be overseen by the Open Spaces Committee. Payment(s) made on the provision of invoices approved by Edenbridge Town Council

5.4 Edenbridge Town Council: Stangrove Park Children's Playground replacement fencing - £15,000

Members noted, the Open Spaces Committee had supported the proposal, and unanimously supported on the basis:

- the children's play area was increasingly more popular with the expanding population and young families
- the increase of young people to the area had led to increase in anti-social behaviour, the new fencing would provide a more robust solution
- playgrounds have strong social benefits
- it meets both regulation 8, 59C (a) maintenance of infrastructure, and (b) addresses the demand from development in the area

Resolved: CIL funding of up to £15,000 to be awarded for new metal fencing at the children's playground, Stangrove Park. Payment(s) made on the provision of invoices approved by Edenbridge Town Council.

5.5 Edenbridge Town Council: To provide two new street light columns at Westways - £5,000

Members unanimously supported the application on the basis that:

- there is insufficient lighting on a road that had become a main pedestrian access to the new housing estate
- the need had been assessed by Streetlights who confirmed two new streetlights were needed to bring the road up to the same standard as the estate
- the Open Spaces Committee had supported the proposals and need
- there was a clear economic and social benefit
- it meets both regulation 8, 59C (a) provision of infrastructure, and (b) addresses the demand from development in the area

Resolved: CIL funding of up to £5,000 to be awarded for two new streetlights along Westways. It was acknowledged that Kent Highways would need to provide the permitted development rights. Payment(s) made on the provision of invoices approved by Edenbridge Town Council.

5.6 Edenbridge Town Council: To provide a wooden bus shelter for Swan Lane near Swan Ridge - £5,200

Members unanimously supported the application on the basis that it:

- supported the need the provision of infrastructure facility, thus meets regulation 8, 59C (a)
- encouraged use of public transport supporting environmental and economic benefits
- supported by the Open Spaces Committee

Resolved: CIL funding of up to £5,200 to be awarded for a new bus shelter along Swan Lane. 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:

6.1 Sevenoaks District Council: All Weather pitch replacement – £10,000 – resolution December 2017 8.1.1

6.2 Edenbridge Health and Wellbeing Centre – new facility £100,000 – resolution January 2019 5.21

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

6.4 Edenbridge Town Council: Portable Speed indicator Device (SID) – up to £12,000 – resolution September 2020 5.1

Items 6.1 to 6.4 were noted as reported in the Town Clerk's report.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11 October 2021

Meeting closed 21:04