



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Infrastructure and CIL Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 10am on 2 March 2023
Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere GU27 2HG

Chairman	Cllr Whitby
Vice Chairman	Cllr Dullaway
Councillors	Dear*, Matthes*, Robini*, Round* and Waters

**Present*

Meeting clerked by: Pippa Auger, Deputy Town Clerk.

1/23 Election of Chairman

Cllr Matthes proposed Cllr Dear as Chairman for the purposes of this meeting and Cllr Robini seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations so Cllr Dear was elected Chairman.

2/23 Apologies for absence

The committee accepted the absences of Cllrs Whitby (ill health), Dullaway (holiday) and Waters (prior work engagement).

3/23 Method of transport to meeting

Councillors confirmed their usual method of transport to the meeting as that set out in Appendix 1.

4/23 Declaration of Interests (Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registrable and Non-Registrable)

Cllr Robini declared a non-registerable interest that he was going to be joining the Haslemere Bowling Club this year.

5/23 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2022 were agreed.

6/23 Representations by the public

None.

7/23 CIL Finance Schedule

The finance schedule was noted as set out in Appendix 3.

10.04am Cllr Round arrived

8/23 Haslemere Infrastructure Development List

The committee reviewed the Infrastructure Development List and had the following updates:

Current projects

Footpath alongside Health Centre to Beech Lane. Cllr Robini asked Surrey Highways for a costs breakdown to install a footpath from the Health Centre to link it to the path to Beech Lane. Surrey Highways had a site meeting without him and advised that there was no money to do such a project. Cllr Robini replied advising that HTC had CIL money and it would be a project the Council would consider. He is waiting for a response as to costs.

Double Bins. Town Hall officers are monitoring where bins on Haslemere Town Council owned land overflow to see if there is scope for providing double recycling bins.

Allotments. This is ongoing with several possibilities but nothing concrete.

Linking of cycle path between Wey Hill & Bridge Road – Cllr Matthes will make enquiries of Haslemere vision and report back.

Long terms projects.

Cllr Round is still reviewing his suggested transport plans.

9/23 Projects for consideration

a) Speed camera for A286 at Grayswood

In principle the committee felt this scheme could qualify for CIL funding; however, the Council would have to liaise with the lead agencies Surrey County Council for roads and installation of speed cameras, and the Police for dealing with the enforcement of speed limits.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to write to the applicant confirming the committee feels the project would be eligible for CIL funding in principle. However, this will require support from Surrey Highways and the Police in the first instance and, providing that support is obtained, the committee would need the costings (capital and ongoing) to consider the application further.

b) Potholes

It was stated that potholes are the responsibility of Surrey County Council Highways, who have a policy relating to their repair. Their contractors temporarily repair any qualifying holes, which are then properly repaired at a later date. This is a never-ending issue requiring never-ending funding.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to write to the applicant advising the highway is the responsibility of Surrey County Council. Whilst we will continue to lobby SCC for better and improved performance of the repair of potholes, CIL money is not something the committee feels should be applied to this area of expenditure.

c) Shottermill Junior School

The committee discussed the two projects put forward by Shottermill Junior School. It was felt that these were of an ongoing current account nature rather than capital improvements, which would not qualify for CIL spending. It was agreed to write to the School and see if they had capital projects that would qualify in order to enable them to achieve their objectives.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to write to the applicant and ask them to apply for capital projects.

d) Haslewey solar panels – application for £45,000

A quote for the project has been provided by one contractor in the region of £60,000, and Haslewey had already received a donation of £15,000 but has not allocated any of their own funds.

The committee felt the project qualified for CIL funding and the Council should support green energy installation for big community centres, in the knowledge this set a precedent for Haslemere Hall and Haslemere Museum to apply for funding in a similar vein. However, members felt there should be financial input from more partner funders.

The issue of whether an award should be made from the Council's Green Grant committee was discussed but the amount requested exceeded the total Green Grant pot for the financial year.

The committee discussed allocating a percentage of the project cost, once the other quotes had been received and provided to the committee, putting the onus on Haslewey to seek additional grant funding partners.

Recommended: 65% of the project cost up to a maximum of £39,000 to be awarded out of CIL funds.

Cllr Round asked for a recorded vote:

Voted to approve the recommendation: Cllrs Dear, Robini and Matthes

Voted to refuse the recommendation: Cllr Round

e) **Haslemere Bowling club – application for £25,000**

An estimated cost of the project was £35,000 to improve playing and clubhouse facilities.

The principle of supporting the upgrade of sporting facilities has been set by the committee, However, it is known there is a small membership at present and it was felt the request was disproportionate to the community-wide benefit.

Recommended: an award of £5,000 be made which had to be earmarked for the improvement to the bowling green surface.

Cllr Round asked for a recorded vote:

Voted to approve the recommendation: Cllrs Dear, Robini and Matthes

Voted to refuse the recommendation: Cllr Round

10/23 Next meeting

13 July 2023

Meeting closed at 11am

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chairman of Infrastructure and CIL Committee