



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Infrastructure and CIL Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 11 April 224
Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere GU27 2HG

Chairman	Cllr Lesley Banfield*
Vice Chairman	Cllr John Robini*
Councillors	Arrick*, Aslam, Davidson, Matthes*, Nicholson*, Waters*, Weatherburn & Weldon*

**Present*

Meeting clerked by: Pippa Auger, Deputy Town Clerk.

The meeting commenced at 7.17pm as the Amenities meeting overran.

10/24 Apologies for absence

The committee accepted the absences of Cllr Davidson
No apologies were received for Cllrs Aslam or Weatherburn.

11/24 Declaration of Interests

(Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registrable and Non-Registerable)

None

12/24 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2024 were agreed.

13/24 Representations by the public

None.

14/24 CIL Finance Schedule

Noted as appendix 2.

15/24 External CIL awards for financial year ending 31 March 2024

The clerk was asked to add an additional column to advise whether the project has completed, or not.

The committee also noted the agreement requires successful applicants to publicise the support of Haslemere Town Council.

ACTION: To arrange a social media post promoting the Haslewey CIL award.

Applicant	Scheme	Amount requested	Amount Paid	Completed
Haslewey	Solar panels	£ 45,000.00	£ 38,920.00	Yes
Haslemere Bowling Club	Improve facilities	£ 25,000.00	£ 5,000.00	Yes
Haslemere Lawn Tennis Club	Installation of new floodlights	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00	Yes
Haslemere Hall	Roof refurbishment	£ 40,000.00	£ 40,000.00	No
Total		£120,00.00	£93,920.00	

16/24 Internal CIL awards for financial year ending 31 March 2024

Applicant	Scheme	Amount requested	Amount Paid	Completed
HTC	Zip wire resurface	£20,000.00	£10,158.00	Yes
HTC	Bench at Grayswood Road	£500.00	£500.00	Yes
HTC	Swing improvements	£1,201.00	£1,201.00	Yes
Total		£21,701.00	£11,859.00	

17/24 Review of scoring matrix and application form

Councillors confirmed the amendments to the application form and scoring matrix were acceptable.

18/24 CIL Strategy Document and project list

The committee discussed various projects contained in the strategy document.

Cllr Matthes spoke in favour of using Neighbourhood CIL money to fund baseline biodiversity audits of the Council owned green spaces. The committee as a whole felt that this was a project that needed to be undertaken under the Environment Act 2021. The question was whether it could be funded through Neighbourhood CIL receipts or the precept. The committee agreed that should WBC seek the Council to repay the CIL spent on this item, it was managed by being precepted for in the following year.¹

It was felt that an audit would adequately cover the requirement to address the demand that development has on the area by providing benchmark research. It could also help recommend biodiversity net gain projects that will help to mitigate the impacts of development in the area.

ACTION: The clerk to obtain further quotes from companies able to carry out baseline biodiversity audits.

ACTION: Cllr Matthes to put together a short paper for Full Council in May setting out the arguments for using Neighbourhood CIL funding to carry out the audit.

Cllr Waters spoke about the road improvements to the junction of Wood Road and Tilford Road. There has been incremental infill development in Wood Road over the last few years, resulting in an increase in traffic at this junction. Surrey County Councillor David Harmer has put forward this project as his priority to be funded out of a £1m Surrey Highways grant. If the grant application was successful, CIL could be used if match funding was required or if there were additional enhancements to the scheme which SCC would not fund. It was agreed that this would be added to the project list.

Cllr Arrick spoke about the provision of a community centre in Beacon Hill & Hindhead. The initial proposal of purchasing commercial premises on Beacon Hill Road has faltered as they are no longer available. The idea

¹ Having spoken to the Town Clerk following the meeting, the money would have to be repaid out of General Reserves as it would not be good practice to precept for a project already completed/paid for.

was put forward to ask Waverley Borough Council to transfer Beacon Hill Recreation Ground to the Council and look at building a small community building there. The clerk advised that WBC transfers have a provision which binds the transferee “not to use the property for any purposes other than as Open Spaces” (as defined section 20 of the Open Spaces Act 1906). It was suggested that this could be the subject of negotiation should WBC agree to the transfer.

ACTION: The clerk to write to WBC (if not done so already) to request the transfer of Beacon Hill Recreation Ground to Haslemere Town Council.

Cllr Arrick suggested the provision of a cycleway next to the pavement adjacent to Golden Valley. It was suggested that this may be covered in proposals contained within WBC Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. The clerk sent councillors the link to the document for them to review. LCWIP initiatives have already been agreed in principle as a project with further details to be provided.

Cllr Waters also proposed the resurfacing of the National Trust car park at Golden Valley as a possible project. He is meeting with National Trust officers soon and will report back.

19/24 Next meeting
20 June 2024

Meeting closed at 8.08pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman of Infrastructure and CIL Committee