

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES

22 January 2004
2.30pm – 5.45pm

PRESENT: Councillor Reid (Chair), Adigun–Harris, Boyce, Bradnack, Callaghan, Ellis-Miller, Liddle, Slatter, Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr J Rosenstiel, Executive Councillor for Community Development And Leisure.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

04/CDL/01 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2003 were confirmed as a correct record.

04/CDL/02 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Howell.

04/CDL/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members declared personal interests as indicated below. They remained in the room and took part in the discussion.

Name	Interest	Item
Cllr Bradnack	As a householder on Riverside	7
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Cllr Bradnack	As a Conservator of the River Cam	7
Cllr Callaghan	Hummingbird Youth Group	9
Cllr Liddle	Member of the Board of Sin Cru	10
Cllr Rosenstiel	Daughter is in Girl Guides (Scout Association)	10
Cllr Slatter	Member of CIAC Management Committee	10
Cllr Wright	Member of Cambridge and County Folk Museum Management Committee	10

The Executive Councillor declared personal and prejudicial interests as indicated below. She left the room during discussion of the application referred to and took no part in the discussion. In relation to this application, the decision relating to the grant would be made by the Executive Councillor (Environment).

Name	Interest	Item
Cllr J Rosenstiel	As an employee of CRUSE Daughter attends Classwork Theatre	10

04/CDL/04 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A Item 13, River Moorings

The following members of the public asked questions or made comments on the report at Item 13, River Moorings.

Mr M Bond, Mr Meftah, Mrs S Woodall, Mr C Brown, Mr C Lee

The questions and comments related to proposals to fix charges or prohibit mooring on the river banks within the Council's ownership following public consultation and in conjunction with the Conservators of the River Cam.

Members responded to the comments and the Chair confirmed that these would be taken into account when the report was discussed at the meeting.

B Item 7, St Andrews Hall Project – Project Appraisal

A member of the public, Mrs S Woodall spoke to and welcomed the recommendations within the report at Item 7, St Andrews Hall Project – Project Appraisal.

The Chair confirmed that these would be taken into account when the report was discussed at the meeting.

04/CDL/05 PROJECT APPRAISAL: IMPROVEMENTS TO BARNWELL BOWLING GREEN PAVILION

The officers' project appraisal said that a 10 year improvements programme had been carried out on many sports pavilions on parks and recreation grounds. The capital programme had come to an end but Barnwell Bowling Green Pavilion was one of two bowls pavilions which still required refurbishment and upgrading to meet the expectations of users and the DDA (Disability Discrimination Act). The project would be funded by a Sport England Grant of £27,500.

Members of the Committee approved the option to use the Sport England grant funding for the purpose set out in the Project by 6 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation.

04/CDL/06 PROJECT APPRAISAL: IMPROVEMENTS TO LAMMAS LAND BOWLING GREEN PAVILION

As with the Barnwell Bowling Green Pavilion Project above, the officers' project appraisal referred to the 10 year improvements programme which had been carried out on many sports pavilions on parks and recreation grounds. The capital programme had come to an end but this pavilion was one of two bowls pavilions which still required refurbishment and upgrading to meet the expectations of users and the DDA (Disability Discrimination Act). A capital bid of £30,000 for funding was included in the budget for the project, including £4,000 for the work to comply with the DDA.

Further consultation with disability groups would be held to ensure the proposed work complied with meet their expectations.

Members of the Committee approved the bid for the purpose set out in the Project by 8 votes to 0, and officers were asked to consult disability groups in drawing up the list of works to be incorporated in the Project.

The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation, subject to consultation with the Chair and spokesperson on the list of works included in the project.

04/CDL/07 **PROJECT APPRAISAL: ST ANDREWS HALL PROJECT**

The Project Appraisal recommended support of the provision of a community hall for the St Andrew's area of East Chesterton through a grant from Section 106 resources earmarked for community development purposes in the Council's Planning Obligations Strategy. The hall, which had planning permission, was being developed by a consortium/partnership of local organisations – the St Andrew's Hall Project - led by St Andrews Church and would be built on land being acquired through a separate Section 106 agreement arising from the St Andrews Park development. The consortium had developed a funding strategy and had launched a fundraising campaign. The proposed grant would represent approximately 25% of the money they intend to raise. The Section 106 contribution from the developer would be paid within 28 days of a start on site. No date had been established for a start on site as the developer has submitted a minor amendment to the original application.

The options for the Council were set out in the report and it was recommended that the project be supported by means of a grant of up to a maximum of £246000 as a contribution to the capital costs of providing a community hall for the area. The grant would be made from S106 resources provided through the Council's Planning Obligations Strategy for the improvement and development of community facilities and would be subject to a number of conditions.

The committee agreed the recommendation set out in the report under option f) unanimously.

The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation.

04/CDL/08 **SERVICE PLANS AND GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS – REVISED 2003/04, DRAFT BUDGETS 2004/05 AND FORECAST 2005/06**

The officers' report set out parts one and two of the Service Plan containing the performance over the 2002/03 financial year and performance to date for 2003/04. Part three looked at the service proposals, objectives and budgets for 2004/05 and forecast for 2005/06. The Scrutiny Committee were asked to consider whether service priorities and resources needed to be refocused to enable objectives and targets for the current and future years to be met.

An amendment was put by the Chair to the recommendations to:

1. Revise revenue bid B8 'to increase in costs and reduced income Midsummer Fair' from £5,000 ongoing and to £3,000 ongoing'
2. Include a new saving (Community Services – Parks and Recreation) of £13,600 ongoing associated with a review of attendants at sports pavilions.

The amendment was carried by 6 votes to 0.

Cllr Slatter's proposal that the last of the Key Objectives under Parks and Recreation be amended to read: 'Ensure that Parks and Recreation facilities **and management practices** comply with the Disability Discrimination Act' was carried without opposition.

The committee agreed the recommendations, as shown below

Performance Targets:

a) To agree, for 2003/04, the performance against targets and objectives (set out in the table in Services Plans, Part 2) by 6 votes to 0.

b) To agree, for 2004/05 and future years, the service objectives and proposals (set out in the table in Services Plans, Part 3) and the performance indicators and targets (set out in Appendix A of the report) by 6 votes to 0.

Review of Charges:

c) To approve, the proposed charges, shown in Appendix D of each relevant Service Plan, subject to deletion of increased charges for cricket and football, by 6 votes to 3.

Revenue Budgets and Cash Limits:

d) To approve the revised revenue budget for 2003/04, as shown in Appendix A of the report, for submission to Council by 6 votes to 3.

e) To agree proposals for revenue savings and bids, as set out in Appendix B and subsequently amended, which have been incorporated into the budgets presented to the committee by 6 votes to 3.

f) To agree bids above cash limit, as shown in Appendix B, for submission to Council, and to note the amendments to the cash limit for 2004/05 as shown in Appendix C by 6 votes to 0.

g) To agree, with any amendments, Priority Policy Fund (PPF) bids, as shown in Appendix B, and indicate their relative priority for submission to Council (prioritised in accordance with the order noted in Appendix B) by 6 votes to 1.

h) To approve, with any amendments, the budget for 2004/05 as shown in Appendix A, for submission to Council by 6 votes to 3.

i) Agree specific revenue recommendations by 6 votes to 0.

Capital:

j) To seek approval from Council to carry forward resources by 6 votes to 1:

i) of £417,000 from 2003/04 into 2004/05, as detailed in Appendix D

ii) and, where appropriate, in future years as indicated in the reasons for the variances in Appendix D to fund rephased capital spending, subject to the final outturn position.

k) To agree the Capital Bids, as identified in Appendix B, for submission to Council for inclusion in the Capital Plan or addition to the Hold List, as indicated by 6 votes to 0.

l) To approve the hold list at Appendix E, subject to the deletion of the Lammas Land Bowling Pavilion

The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation.

04/CDL/09 **FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO VOLUNTARY AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS 2003-04**

The report set out the officers' recommendation on applications for 2003-04 grants from voluntary and not-for-profit organisations working in Community Development, Economic Policy and Leisure.

The Committee agreed to the recommendations for the Executive Councillor as stated in the report by 5 votes to nil.

The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation.

04/CDL/10 **KEY DECISION – FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO VOLUNTARY AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS 2004/05**

The report set out the officers' recommendation on applications for 2004-05 grants from voluntary and not-for-profit organisations working in Community Development, Economic Policy and Leisure.

The chair tabled the following amendments relating to grant applications by

Cambridge Independent Advice Centre: in the light of the Review of the Council's Housing Aid and Advice Services recommended:

- i) the allocation of additional funding of the CIAC to enable that organisation to retain the current level of staffing until the outcome of the review is known.
- ii) Officers negotiate with CIAC in the spirit of the above commitment with a final decision on additional funding being approved by the Executive Councillor in consultation with the Chair and Spokesperson.

Cambridge Citizens Advice Bureau: in the light of the difficulties being experienced with the lease of their current premises and the additional funding that may be required to enable that organisation to identify the future premises needs, the committee recommended that the officers meet the Directors and Officers of the Citizens Advice Bureau to discuss the issues involved and to identify an appropriate course of action at the earliest possible opportunity.

The committee agreed the recommendations, as amended, by 6 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor approved the amended recommendation.

In relation to the grant applications by CRUSE and Classworks, the Executive Councillor (Community Development and Leisure) declared a personal and prejudicial interest as an employee of those organisations, left the room, took no part in the discussions and did not vote on that applications.

The decision relating to the grant to CRUSE would be made by the Executive Councillor (Environment) - see Record of Decision 040122/cd&I/06 A.

The decision relating to the grant to Classworks would be made by the Leader) - see Record of Decision 040122/cd&I/06 B.

04/CDL/11 **APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF**

A **Parkside Pool, Kings Hedges Learner Pool, Abbey Pool and Cherry Hinton Village Centre**

The Executive Councillor was recommended to approve an application by SLM Community Leisure Ltd for 20% discretionary rate relief on eligible properties for the full period of its contract with the City Council to manage leisure facilities. Mandatory

relief of 80% had already been approved and costs were to be met by existing recreation client budgets.

The committee agreed the recommendation by 6 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation.

B The Junction (Clifton Road) and the Cambridge Drama Centre (Covent Garden)

The Executive Councillor was recommended to approve 20% discretionary rate relief on the Junction (Clifton Road) and the Cambridge Drama Centre (Covent Garden) for April 2004 to March 2005. Mandatory relief of 80% had already been approved and costs would be met through the existing City Council partnership agreement.

The committee agreed the recommendation by 6 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation.

**04/CDL/12 KEY DECISION – PARKS, COMMONS, OPEN SPACE & PLAY
AREA STRATEGY**

The officers' report set out the background to the preparation of the Parks, Commons, Open Space & Play Area Strategy the timetable for consultation and preparation; the content of the Strategy, which was appended to the report had been made more concise to provide amore accessible document. Members considered the Strategy and commented that the issue of encouraging use of the Parks needed to be clarified and incorporated in the key aims.

The committee agreed the recommendation subject to consultation with the Chair and Spokesperson on additional wording to clarify the Council's wish to encourage increased usage as a key aim, by 6 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation, as amended.

04/CDL/13 RIVER MOORINGS

The report by the officers set out the background to the present management of the moorings along the River Cam adjacent to common land and public open spaces, the legal framework for those arrangements, the ownership of the land, and the options being considered.

The Conservators of the River Cam had considered these issues at a meeting prior to this meeting and had agreed to carry out a consultation based on similar proposals for management.

The Chair proposed the following amendment to the recommendations

- 1 'the Head of Parks and Recreation carry out a public consultation in partnership with the Conservators of the River Cam on proposals to:
 - i. Introduce a fee for 48 hour mooring on the river banks at Jesus Green and Jubilee Gardens down stream of Jesus Green lock.

- ii. Prohibit causal mooring on the river banks at Jesus Green and Jubilee Gardens up stream of Jesus Green lock.
- iii. License and charge for long term mooring on Midsummer Common, Riverside and Stourbridge Common.'

Following discussion of this amendment a further proposal was made that: Riverside be added to the locations shown in iii) and that a further recommendation be included: 'That the officers investigate and report back on the Council's powers to deal with instances of anti-social behaviour in relation to moorings in the city.'

Councillor Bradnack then proposed that the Council's participation in a consultation exercise be deferred pending investigation of its powers to deal with instances of anti-social behaviour. On a show of hands this proposal was lost by 3 votes to 6.

The Committee agreed the following recommendations

- a) (by 6 votes to 0) the Head of Parks and Recreation carry out a public consultation in partnership with the Conservators of the River Cam on proposals to:
 - i) Introduce a fee for 48 hour mooring on the river banks at Jesus Green and Jubilee Gardens down stream of Jesus Green lock.
 - ii) Prohibit causal mooring on the river banks at Jesus Green and Jubilee Gardens up stream of Jesus Green lock.
 - iii) License and charge for long term mooring on Midsummer Common, Riverside and Stourbridge Common.
- b) (9 votes to 0) the officers investigate and report back on the Council's powers to deal with instances of anti-social behaviour in relation to moorings in the city.

The Executive Councillor approved the recommendations, as amended.

04/CDL/14 COE FEN CYCLEWAY

The report by the officers set out the background to the project for the Coe Fen Cycle Route following a public consultation by the Cycleway Design Guide Working Group. The County and City Councils Area Joint Traffic Committee had approved the route of the proposed cycleway from the junction of Trumpington Road and Brooklands Avenue rejoining the public highway at Granta Place close to the Garden House Hotel.

The committee agreed the recommendation by 6 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation.

04/CDL/15 REVIEW OF THE ARTS PLAN

The officers' report set out proposals for the Council to progress strategic city-wide planning and participate as a key member of sub-regional partnership working arrangements with other local authorities in Cambridgeshire. The outline strategic priorities to achieve this were included in the recommendations.

The committee agreed the recommendation by 6 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation.

The meeting closed at 5.45pm

CHAIR