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10 July 2023

To Members of the Environment and Highways Committee

Cllr G Archibald (Vice-Chair)	Cllr E Hennessy (Chair)
Cllr S Blunden	Cllr S Long
Cllr D Brown	Cllr C Russell
Cllr J Cornthwaite	Cllr K Simpson
Cllr M Helme	

You are summoned to a meeting of Kendal Town Council Environment and Highways Committee on Monday, 17 July 2023, at 7.30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal.

Yours faithfully

Chris Bagshaw
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive and accept any apologies. If accepted, apologies will be considered to be for reasons approved by the Council under the terms of Local Government Act 1972, s85.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

3. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

To consider whether there are any agenda items during consideration of which the press and public should be excluded.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting (Pages 3 to 11)

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Highways Committee held on 15 May 2023 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record (see attached).

5. Minute Action Sheet (Pages 12 to 14)

To consider a report on actions taken by officers on resolutions or recommendations made at previous meetings (see attached).

6. Verbal Reports from Outside Bodies

To receive verbal updates.

7. Project Update Report (Pages 15 to 20)

To review an update of ongoing projects and answer members' questions (see attached).

8. Environment and Highways Budget 2023/24 and Development Budget 2023/24 (Pages 21 to 25)

To receive a report on the Environment and Highways budget (see attached).

9. Cumbria Bee Plan (Page 26)

To receive a proposal regarding potential investment to support the Cumbria bee plan (see attached).

10. Pesticides (Pages 27 to 28)

To receive a proposal regarding the use of pesticides in Kendal (see attached).

11. Serpentine Natural Play Update (Page 29)

To receive an update regarding investment in Serpentine Woods (see attached).

12. Divestment and Banking (Page 30)

To consider divestment and banking options in line with declaring a Climate Emergency (see attached).

13. CIL Proposals (Pages 31 to 32)

To consider and review proposals for CIL funding (see attached).

14. Jury Recommendations Review Working Group (Pages 33 to 35)

To discuss action points arising from a meeting of the Working Group held on 5 June 2023 and to confirm support (or otherwise) for progression in the direction suggested (see attached).

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Minutes of a meeting of the Environment and Highways Committee held on Monday, 15 May 2023, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal.

Cllr G Archibald (Vice-Chair)	Present	Cllr S Blunden	Present
Cllr D Brown	Present	Cllr J Cornthwaite	Present
Cllr M Helme	Apologies	Cllr E Hennessy (Chair)	Present *
Cllr S Long	Absent	Cllr C Russell	Present
Cllr K Simpson	Present		

* Arrived at 8.05 p.m. at the commencement of discussion on Agenda Item No.11 (Oxenholme Signage Proposal). Cllr G Archibald (Vice-Chair) took the Chair from the start of the meeting until discussion on Agenda Item No.12 (Biodiversity Grant Application) commenced, at which point Cllr Hennessy took over the Chair.

In attendance: Democratic Services Assistant (Inge Booth), Projects Officer (Anne-Marie Sanderson), Development and Delivery Manager (Helen Watson-Moriarty) and one member of the public (Chris Rowley from South Lakes Action on Climate Change).

Note – In the absence of Cllr E Hennessy (Chair), Cllr G Archibald, Vice-Chair, took the Chair.

E1/2023 Apologies

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Cllr M Helme.

E2/2023 Declarations of Interest

Cllr C Russell declared an interest in any discussion which might arise in relation to Stricklandgate House by virtue of the fact that he was a Trustee of the Organisation.

E3/2023 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues were considered for exclusion.

E4/2023 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13 March 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record.

E5/2023 Minute Action Sheet

The Committee considered a report on actions taken by officers on resolutions or recommendations made at previous meetings.

E52/2022 (Project Update Report)

- Discussion on the matter of the handrail at Fountain Brow had not yet taken place and it was suggested that this item should be carried forward.
- The handrail at Sepulchre Lane had now been painted and this item could be removed from the Action Sheet.
- Fellside Forum did not wish for the Stoney Lane handrail to be painted and so this item could now be removed from the Action Sheet.
- It was reported that the wildflowers at Kendal Green were starting to sprout and that the project had been well received by residents, as well as the collaborative nature of the planting.

E63/2022 (Presentation from Clean River Kent Campaign)

- It was confirmed that a grant had now been paid to the Clean River Kent Campaign.

E65/2022 (Minute Action Sheet)

- The Development and Delivery Manager explained that the question of the possibility of wildflowers at Yeats Close remained outstanding and that she would bring this up with the Chair.

E67/2022 (Project Update Report)

- In response to a query as to whether the money had been released to the Climate Hub, the Development and Delivery Manager advised that this had not been transferred at this point.

Resolved: To update the report along the lines outline above.

Resolved: The Development and Delivery Manager to bring up the matter of the possibility of wildflowers at Yeats Close with the Chair.

Resolved: To receive the report.

E6/2023 Verbal Reports from Outside Bodies

No verbal reports were brought forward for consideration.

E7/2023 Project Update Report

The Committee was presented with an update of ongoing projects and Members were offered the opportunity to ask questions.

The Development and Delivery Manager referred to the development of a Climate Hub and Café at Stricklandgate House, explaining that the money had not yet been released as both parties wished first to finalise the costings associated with the project.

With regard to the Dark Skies Campaign, the Development and Delivery Manager explained that the question as to who would carry out the work of Kendal Town Council's light assets had yet to be resolved prior to a proposal being made to the Committee.

The Development and Delivery Manager referred to the Windermere Road Railings Improvements and advised that a meeting was scheduled to take place on 22 May between Kendal Town Council and Westmorland and Furness officers with regard to the way forward, the work not having been transferred into the new Council as expected. Members were keen for Ward Members to be invited to the meeting.

A suggestion was raised to reach out to Westmorland and Furness with regard to the Bowling Fell Improvement Project.

Also raised was the need for clarification around Stricklandgate House and Waste into Wellbeing's positions in relation to the Climate Hub to be provided at the next meeting of the Committee, following a joint meeting between the Town Council and relevant partners, confirmation having been provided that the funding had not yet been transferred.

The question of why the water fountain refill project did not appear within the list of items was raised. The Development and Delivery Manager confirmed that this was the case because new infrastructure projects would be allocated via CIL funding moving forward.

Resolved: Ward Members to be invited to the meeting regarding Windermere Road Railings on 22 May 2023.

Resolved: Bowling Fell improvements to be addressed and progressed with Westmorland and Furness officers.

Resolved: A proposal on the Dark Skies Campaign to be progressed and brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

Resolved: Clarification around Stricklandgate House and Waste into Wellbeing's positions in relation to the Climate Hub to be brought to the next meeting of the Committee, following a joint meeting between the Town Council and relevant partners.

Resolved: To note the report.

E8/2023 Environment and Highways Budget 2023/24 and Development Budget 2023/24

The Committee considered a report on the Environment and Highways budget for the current year. The Development and Delivery Manager explained that whereas the allocated budget for new infrastructure in previous years had shown a figure of £3,500, 2023/24 showed a figure of nil, as funding of these initiatives would now be via the Community Infrastructure Levy. The budget for infrastructure maintenance would continue as before, with an allocation of £3,700.

With regard to the ongoing action plan development budget, the Development and Delivery Manager reported that this had been updated in terms of biodiversity grants so that it was clear what had been spent and/or allocated.

Members welcomed the report.

Resolved: To note the report.

E9/2023 New Infrastructure Proposals

The Town Council's funding approach for infrastructure projects had changed. Previously, an allocation within the Environment and Highways revenue budget had been available to fund new infrastructure projects. The 2023/24 budget reflected that funding new infrastructure initiatives would now be via the Community Infrastructure Levy and had to meet the criteria of that funding, i.e. projects that provided a community benefit above and beyond the statutory duties of local authorities. The 2023-24 budget for new infrastructure was £0. The infrastructure maintenance was £3,700 to maintain the infrastructure assets of Kendal Town Council, i.e. a number of benches, bus stops, bins and street lights as and when improvements and repairs were required.

The Committee was asked to consider a number of projects and to identify which ones it wanted to move forward via a CIL funding request. Each of the initiatives listed within the report had featured on previous project update reports as 'to be considered in next financial year', namely Rosemary Hill Handrails; Undercliff Handrail Improvements; Entry Lane Handrails; three Green finger posts around Abbot Hall park; and Blackhall Road / CAB entrance signage and public realm improvements. The list included a description of each project, and details on the cost and community benefit.

The Development and Delivery Manager, in presenting the report, drew attention to the fact that the water fountain refill project could also be considered as an initiative. She added that, once the Committee had identified which items were to be presented as a CIL funding request, they would then be considered by the Management Committee prior to a decision being made by Full Council.

In response to a query, the Development and Delivery Manager informed Members that the current CIL balance was around £30,000 but would increase when more payments were made and rise to around £150,000. With regard to timescales for submission of proposals, she suggested the sooner the better.

Suggestions regarding improvements required at Abbot Hall park were raised, namely a deficit of benches, particularly in front of the Parish Church and a lack of bins.

The need to ensure that all Members were provided an opportunity to submit proposals was stressed. It was, therefore, proposed that officers write to all Members for project suggestions at a cost of around £2,000 to £3,000 for bids for CIL funding. It was also felt that a set of criteria to demonstrate how proposals would enable residents to use outdoor spaces should be produced, providing examples for projects such as bins, benches and handrail painting, in order to keep expectations realistic. It was, however, raised that Members could, if they so wished, also suggest larger projects, such as water fountains and kick-starting the bird cage improvements.

Further discussion took place in relation to the dangerous gate at the south-east corner of the new playground at Abbot Hall park. This, it was felt, should be raised with Westmorland and Furness due to the health and safety nature of the issue.

The Development and Delivery Manager having asked whether to make formal proposals in relation to those projects outlined within the report and above, Members felt that the cost of the replacement handrails at Entry Lane was too high. They felt that the existing handrails simply needed fixing into the ground and pointed out that the Committee had already agreed to this. The importance of ensuring that all Members were given the opportunity to submit suggestions prior to consideration of submissions was reiterated. Whilst the Committee wished to seek suggestions from all Members, the previously requested projects

as outlined above would remain on the list for consideration and would not have to be re-submitted.

Resolved: Officers to produce a set of criteria for submissions of proposals for CIL funding along the lines outlined above and to write to all Members seeking proposals, the long list of proposals to be brought to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration.

Resolved: Officers to write to Westmorland and Furness with regard to the dangerous gate at the south-east corner of the new playground at Abbot Hall park.

E10/2023 Infrastructure Maintenance Proposals

The Infrastructure Maintenance budget was £3,700 to maintain the infrastructure assets of Kendal Town Council, i.e. a number of benches, bus stops, bins and street lights as and when improvements and repairs were required.

The Committee was asked to consider the following projects:-

- *Finkle Street Benches Improvements* - Kendal Town Council owned the four benches on Finkle Street which were loose and damaged. It was being proposed to allocate £1,000 to fund the removal and renovation of existing four steel benches and £420 to lift and repair the paving sets in the seating area so that the improved benches could be securely attached. Additional quotes were not required as this was under £1,000 threshold. Permission had been received from Westmorland and Furness Council. These improvements would complement the new planters which would be installed as part of the Britain in Bloom competition.
- *Happy to Chat Signage* - Kendal Town Council had installed Happy to Chat signage on Kendal Town Council benches and had received positive feedback. Previous versions had been created 'in house' and were, therefore, subject to vandalism. It was being proposed to allocate £250 to install robust 'Happy to Chat' signage.

Members welcomed the proposals.

Resolved: To allocate a figure of £1,000 to fund the removal and renovation of existing four steel benches on Finkle Street, as outlined above.

Resolved: To allocate a figure of £420 to lift and repair the paving sets in the seating area on Finkle Street, as outlined above.

Resolved: To allocate a figure of £250 to install robust 'Happy to Chat' signage, as outlined above.

E11/2023 Oxenholme Signage Proposal

The Committee was reminded of signage issues at Oxenholme Station including the lack of information regarding its proximity to Kendal and the lack of visibility regarding how to easily access Kendal.

Funding of £4,014, inclusive of Cllr Rathbone's South Lakeland District Council locality budget contribution, had been identified within the Development Fund to improve signage at the Entrance Tunnel and replace the University of Cumbria signage, if possible. Details of three signage quotes were included within the report, with Quote 1 for tunnel panels £119 each (x10) and UoC replacement £24 each (x10) being the recommended option based on costs, experience and testimonials.

Cllr Rathbone would be invited to comment on draft tunnel designs as part of the approval process.

The Committee was being asked which Members should be involved in the sign off process and Cllrs E Hennessy and C Russell indicated an interest in this.

In response to a query, the Development and Delivery Manager explained that the signage design would be based on the current Visit Kendal branding and that the quote was not for new signs but for vinyl wraps to cover the old signage.

Resolved: To approve contractor choice as outlined above and progress tunnel improvements as phase one of Oxenholme Signage improvements.

Resolved: Cllrs E Hennessy and C Russell to be involved in the sign off process.

Note – Cllr E Hennessy (Chair), having arrived at the meeting, took over the Chair.

E12/2023 Biodiversity Grant Application

It was reported that a Biodiversity Grant application had been received from the Kirkbie Green Community Group to improve the green spaces at either end of the Kirkbie Green residential area (40 homes) by increasing the biodiversity and, therefore, wildlife. The group planned to reduce grass cutting and plant wildflowers. They had already pruned shrubbery, reduced dog fouling, and enhanced current signage.

The group would need relevant permissions from Westmorland and Furness Council and Kendal Town Council officers were recommending that this informed the terms of the conditions of funding. The Group had a registered bank account, the details of which had been shared with the Clerk. The other relevant paperwork had been received. The group was also applying for a Kendal in Bloom grant for £500. Members were asked to consider awarding £500 to the group and were advised that £4,250 remained in the Biodiversity Grant budget.

In response to a query, the Development and Delivery Manager explained that although applications had not before been made to both the Environment and Highways Committee and the Kendal in Bloom Committee, she saw no problem with this. Members were keen to support the Group, provided that it could demonstrate that native plants would be used. Members suggested that, for the purpose of transparency, there was a need for an appropriate mechanism through which groups could apply to two separate committees for grants. The need to ensure that the relevant Ward Members were aware of the initiative and application for grants was stressed.

Resolved: To approve the application from the Kirkbie Green Community Group for a grant of £500 to improve the green spaces at either end of the residential area, subject to demonstration that native plants will be used.

Resolved: Officers to contact Ward Councillors in relation to the initiative and progress transfer of the grant from the Environment and Highways Committee.

Resolved: Officers to consider an appropriate and transparent mechanism through which applications for grant funding can be made to more than one Town Council committee.

E13/2023 Biodiversity Policy

The Committee was asked to consider a Biodiversity Policy which had been developed to reflect awareness of biodiversity challenges and the Council's role in meeting those challenges.

Members welcomed the Policy and it was suggested that, once it had been adopted by Full Council, a press release should be produced in order to make residents aware of the fact that the document would be taken into consideration in relation to all future decisions. In response to a suggestion to make mention of 'No Mow May' within the document, attention was drawn to the fact this was a specific action which should not form part of the document. However, it was pointed out that the Policy demonstrated a commitment by the Council to support such biodiversity initiatives. Members further sought for inclusion on all future agendas of a report from Natural Kendal.

Resolved: To recommend the Biodiversity Policy for adoption by Full Council.

Resolved: To put out a press release once the Policy is adopted by Full Council.

E14/2023 Footpath Improvements

It was reported that, following the footpath audit presented to the Environment and Highways Committee on 12 September 2022, a prioritisation criteria had been agreed with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee. The prioritisation criteria used a numerical scoring system based on each path's proximity to schools, biodiversity improvement potential, and accessibility improvements required, resulting in a score (out of 15) for each path which would aid prioritisation. The full data was provided as an appendix to the agenda pack, and summarised within the report, as set out below:-

Kirkbarrow

- Echo Barn Hill to the Adventure / Vicarage Drive to the Adventure: score 12 (confirms previous designation as priority path)
- Vicarage Drive to Collinfield Lane: score 11 (confirms previous designation as priority path)

Hallgarth

- Kendal Green to High Mead: score 12
- Sparrowmire Lane to Prickley Fell (northern section): score 11

Sandylands

- Eastgate – Sandgate – Westgate: score 13
- Bowland Drive – Castle Park School: score 10 (biodiversity potential outweighs accessibility need)
- Sedbergh Drive – Bowland Drive: score 10 (biodiversity potential outweighs accessibility need)

Heron Hill, Rinkfield, Kendal Parks

- Canal Path to Dunmail Drive (N): score 13

Collinfield

- Michaelson Rd – Stainbank Rd: score 12
- Michaelson Rd – Collinfield Lane: score 11

The proposals contained within the report were that officers continued partnership working with Westmorland and Furness officers to facilitate the transfer of Town Council funds to progress and project manage improvements at paths previously identified as priority paths (Kirkbarrow paths as detailed above, plus Vicarage Drive to Vicar's Garth). In addition, the Committee was being asked to confirm the priority path selection to assist in these discussions.

Members thanked those officers involved for their work, however, concerns were raised with regard to the score weighting in relation to biodiversity and attention drawn to the importance of those footpaths used by children to get to school. Members were unclear as to which footpaths were being recommended for taking forward and were anxious to make progress. It was felt that the scoring in relation to biodiversity should be revisited and adjusted, and details as to what progress had already been made provided. In response to a suggestion for a database accessible by all Members showing details on progress on improvements to footpaths, the Development and Delivery Manager explained that this was not yet possible as improvement work had not yet commenced on any paths. Attention was drawn to the potential for putting a bid in to Westmorland and Furness for funding and it was pointed out that a prioritised list would assist in this aspiration. It was suggested that a reduction in the biodiversity weighting from 1 to 5 down to 1 to 3 should be used and that a list of six to eight priority paths should be brought back before the Committee so that these could be concentrated on over the next few years. It was further suggested that one path in each ward might be chosen so that residents could see their aspirations come into fruition.

During discussion, the Development and Delivery Manager drew attention to a forthcoming meeting with officers from Westmorland and Furness with regard to the Echo Barn Hill to the Adventure path. She undertook to bring forward a proposal in this regard to the next meeting of the Committee.

Resolved: Officers to reduce the biodiversity weighting as outlined above and a list of the top six to eight priority paths to be brought forward for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee.

Resolved: Officers to develop an Adventure proposal for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee.

E15/2023 Citizens' Jury Recommendation Review

It was reported that Kendal Town Council had commissioned and co-ordinated Kendal's Climate Change Citizens' Jury, the first Citizens' Jury on a town level in the UK.

The Jury had created 27 recommendations based on presentations from experts to answer the question 'What should Kendal do about Climate Change?' The Town Council's progress against the recommendations was summarised within the report. The Town Council and multiple partners had committed to delivering the recommendations to honour the process and support Kendal Town Council's Climate Emergency Declaration in 2019. The Town Council had progressed many recommendations and had refocussed its budget and resources accordingly, recruiting an additional member of staff to support delivery.

The Committee was asked to consider progress on recommendations, as outlined within the report, and to establish a working group to support focused recommendation actions which were currently in progress.

Members accepted the need to establish a working group which, it was felt, should review the recommendations in relation to how close they came to assisting Kendal in achieving the target of becoming net zero by 2030. The Group, it was felt, should review and inform the next focus areas based on ability to action, affordability and influence. It was also felt that where it was believed that a recommendation could not be implemented, then this should be stated, together with justification for not doing so. It was further suggested that the Group might consider inviting the Citizens' Jury instigators, Becki Willis and Mike Berners Lee, to endorse direction at subsequent meetings and, in addition, the new Westmorland and Furness Locality Board Chair and Vice-Chair.

Resolved: To establish a working group of Members of the Committee, namely Cllrs S Blunden, E Hennessy, C Russell and K Simpson, to review the recommendations of the Citizens' Jury, as outlined above, also inviting the Citizens' Jury instigators and Chair and Vice-Chair of the Westmorland and Furness Locality Board to a subsequent meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Environment and Highways Committee - Minute Action Sheet - as at 10-07-23							
Meeting Date	Minute No.	Title	Action (Resolution)	Officer Responsible	Deadline, if any	Date Actioned	Comments
15/05/2023	E5/2023	Minute Action Sheet	The Development and Delivery Manager to bring up the matter of the possibility of wildflowers at Yeats Close with the Chair.	HWM			
15/05/2023	E7/2023	Project Update Report	Ward Members to be invited to the meeting regarding Windermere Road Railings on 22 May 2023.	HWM		16th May	
15/05/2023	E7/2023	Project Update Report	Bowling Fell improvements to be addressed and progressed with Westmorland and Furness officers.	HWM		Meeting with W&FC requested	
15/05/2023	E7/2023	Project Update Report	A proposal on the Dark Skies Campaign to be progressed and brought to the next meeting of the Committee.	HWM			Dark Skies unable to produce a proposal in time for this meeting
15/05/2023	E7/2023	Project Update Report	Clarification around Stricklandgate House and Waste into Wellbeing's positions in relation to the Climate Hub to be brought to the next meeting of the Committee, following a joint meeting between the Town Council and relevant partners.	HWM			See proposal
15/05/2023	E9/2023	New Infrastructure Proposals	Officers to produce a set of criteria for submissions of proposals for CIL funding along the lines outlined above and to write to all Members seeking proposals, the long list of proposals to be brought to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration	HWM		17th May	
15/05/2023	E9/2023	New Infrastructure Proposals	Officers to write to Westmorland and Furness with regard to the dangerous gate at the south-east corner of the new playground at Abbot Hall park.	HWM		17th May	

15/05/2023	E10/2023	Infrastructure Maintenance Proposals	To allocate a figure of £1,000 to fund the removal and renovation of existing four steel benches on Finkle Street, as outlined above.	HWM		16th May	
15/05/2023	E10/2023	Infrastructure Maintenance Proposals	To allocate a figure of £420 to lift and repair the paving sets in the seating area on Finkle Street, as outlined above.	HWM		16th May	
15/05/2023	E10/2023	Infrastructure Maintenance Proposals	To allocate a figure of £250 to install robust 'Happy to Chat' signage, as outlined above.	HWM		16th May	
15/05/2023	E11/2023	Oxenholme Signage Proposal	To approve contractor choice as outlined above and progress tunnel improvements as phase one of Oxenholme Signage improvements.	HWM		16th May	
15/05/2023	E11/2023	Oxenholme Signage Proposal	Cllrs E Hennessy and C Russell to be involved in the sign off process.	HWM	n/a	n/a	awaiting Advanti permission
15/05/2023	E12/2023	Biodiversity Grant Application	To approve the application from the Kirkbie Green Community Group for a grant of £500 to improve the green spaces at either end of the residential area, subject to demonstration that native plants will be used.	HWM		16th May	Cheque transfer arranged for September, to be processed beforehand
15/05/2023	E12/2023	Biodiversity Grant Application	Officers to contact Ward Councillors in relation to the initiative and progress transfer of the grant from the Environment and Highways Committee.	HWM		16th May	
15/05/2023	E12/2023	Biodiversity Grant Application	Officers to consider an appropriate and transparent mechanism through which applications for grant funding can be made to more than one Town Council committee.	HWM		n/a	New grant system to be devised under new committee structure
15/05/2023	E13/2023	Biodiversity Policy	To recommend the Biodiversity Policy for adoption by Full Council.	HWM		Went to Full Council on the 5th of June	

15/05/2023	E13/2023	Biodiversity Policy	To put out a press release once the Policy is adopted by Full Council.	HWM			Needs completing, better story in conjunction with pesticide proposal.
15/05/2023	E14/2023	Footpath Improvements	Officers to reduce the biodiversity weighting as outlined above and a list of the top six to eight priority paths to be brought forward for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee.	AMS		16th May	
15/05/2023	E14/2023	Footpath Improvements	Officers to develop an Adventure proposal for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee.	HWM		ongoing	
15/05/2023	E15/2023	Citizens' Jury Recommendation Review	To establish a working group of Members of the Committee, namely	HWM		16th May	
15/05/2023	E15/2023	Citizens' Jury Recommendation Review	Cllrs S Blunden, E Hennessy, C Russell and K Simpson, to review the recommendations of the Citizens' Jury, as outlined above, also inviting the Citizens' Jury instigators and Chair and Vice-Chair of the Westmorland and Furness Locality Board to a subsequent meeting	HWM		16th May	

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Agenda Item 7

Project Update Report – May 2023

E&H Budget Heading	Project title and description	Progress	Partners	Status	Additional Notes
New Infrastructure (£0 budgeted, funding available via CIL applications)	To be determined, see proposal				
Infrastructure Maintenance (£3,700 budget)	Finkle Street Benches	Site visit complete and businesses informed and supportive of improvements		To be completed by August in time for Britian in Bloom judges.	
Infrastructure CIL requests	To be determined, see proposal				
Ongoing Action Plans / Projects Budget Headings	Project title	Progress	Partners	Status	Additional Notes
Climate Change	Citizens' Jury Recommendations. Monitoring progress, reunion events, newsletter updates, Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership Climate Officer Group membership.	New allotments let at canal head in response to Citizens Jury recommendation 'make it easier for people to grow their own food'.	Various	Ongoing	ZCCP meeting attendance ongoing. Jury supporter newsletter sent every three months. Zero Carbon Kendal Instagram creating engagement.

	Solar Made Easy Kendal	Kendal cluster of 44 are receiving quotes from vetted suppliers.	CAfS, residents and business owners.	In development	Planning guide completed and shared with cluster.
	Climate Hub & Café (£10,000 per year for three years agreed)	Building quotes in development.	WIW	In development	WIW exploring alternative venue options. Shared Prosperity Application submitted to support potential venue costs and co-ordinator role. Funding confirmation expected in September.
Biodiversity Schemes & Grants	Dark Skies Campaign (£5000 allocated)	Lighting audit of KTC lamps conducted with Jack Ellerby (FLD) & Mike Monaghan (Light Library) 9 th Aug. Awaiting a proposal to outline suggested improvements to KTC owned lighting.	Friends of the Lake District	In development	Full audit and associated improvement costs received at £17,000. Follow-up night time audit completed to confirm priority actions, with costs for supply and installation received at £5467. Proposal for allocated funding to follow in September.
	Biodiversity Grants	Grants processed for Manna House and Clean River Kent Group.	Clean River Kent Group. Manna House.	Ongoing	Promotion of grants via Zero Carbon Kendal ongoing.
	Wetland planting at Canal Head (£1,300 allocated)	Planting advice and species recommendations sought from CWT. KCV to grow wildflowers from seed to order at Dog kennel nursery & plant later in the season.	CWT, KCV	In development	KCV wildflowers have been planted. Signage installed to communicate wetland plan to public. Permanent signage in development.
	Living Roof Road Bus Shelters (£2,500 allocated)	Following research into the costs of installing at Blackhall Road,		In development	Site visit to Blackhall Road complete and improvement areas identified.

Environment and Highways 17 July 2023		Councillors' preference is to research alternative location and consider alternative ways to green Blackhall Road.			BT building management contacted and partnership approach in development.
	Wildflowers at Kendal Green (£1,300 allocated)	Volunteer work parties scheduled for Weds 22 nd & Weds 29 th March to prepare ground and sow seeds/lay wildflower turf. Promoted via flyer to local residents.	Continental, SLDC, residents	Complete	Additional wildflower seed sown 10 th May. Wildflower turf for final section expected in June but delayed due to supplier issues until September.
20mph (£18,400 budgeted)	20mph Kendal	Additional data is currently being gathered by CCC.		In development	Boundary meeting complete on the 29 th of June. Additional data collected and reviewed. See CIL proposal re funding.
Cycling & Walking	Footpath Improvements (£34,814 allocated)	Prioritisation criteria of audited paths complete. See proposal.			Awaiting confirmation from W&FC re Adventure support. Contact with Footpath officer established for help creating improvements between Vicarage Drive and Dean Gibson Schools.
	Vicarage Drive to Vicars Garth improvements £2000 allocated from Cllr Long.	Quotes in progress to improve drainage. Three site visits completed, chasing follow up information.		In development	Awaiting W&FC confirmation
	Kendal Castle Pumptrack (£2,000 remaining)	Visual complete for Kendal Castle, planning permission approved for football pitch in the same area. Search for alternative sites ongoing.	Velosolutions	In development	Pump track included in Kendal Cycling Festival, opportunity to survey visitors to affirm interest in developing a pumptrack in Kendal.

	LCRP contribution (£5000 allocated)	No project requests on funding to date.	LCRP	In development	
Public Realm Improvements	Windermere Road Railings improvements	Not currently in W&FC schedule of works.	CCC	In development	W&FC Officers meeting complete to consider designs that remove the railings and incorporate cycling lane. 20mph may enable the railings to be removed – to be discussed further following 20mph policy confirmation.
	Further Ivy Screening Projects	Potential locations reviewed, Windermere Road remains the most suitable option once CCC improvements completed.	CCC	In development	Develop once appropriate locations are known.
	Woolpack Yard	New planters installed following successful Welcome Back Funding application. New trees now installed.	SLDC and Continental	Complete	
	Ivy Screenings	Ivy screenings complete at Blackhall Road & Longpool. KTC Crest stickers installed.	CCC	Complete	
	Nobles Rest (£5000 allocated)	KTC contribution to additional path to central area, awaiting invoice from SLDC.	SLDC, Civic Society	In development	
	Signage from Oxenholme to Kendal (Cllr Rathbone Locality budget) (£4014 allocated)	Site Visit Complete with Councilors and Avanti completed.		In development	Awaiting permission from Avanti
	Bowling Fell Improvement Project (£7000 allocated)	n/a	SLDC	In development	W&FC meeting requested.
Green Spaces Improvements	Serpentine Woods Alphabet Trail (£1000 allocated)	Invoice from Kendal Conservation Volunteers received and processed.	Fellside Forum	Complete	

(£2850 unallocated)	Fellside Play Provision (£5000 allocated)	Successful Sizergh 'Wild Trail' visit complete with Forum Members and Kendal Conservation Volunteers. Play design competition devised and launched in partnership with Ghyllside School. Site Visit (9 th Nov) with partners to review design ideas and locations and discuss next steps. Design brief meeting completed.	SLDC, Fellside Forum, Kendal Conservation Volunteers, National Trust	In development	Designer drafts in progression. See proposal re Nature Trail posts.
	Nobles Rest community growing space	SLDC currently assessing the transfer of the former play area to KTC to develop additional growing space. Action to progress with W&F.	W&FC		Pick up with W&FC
	Gooseholme ASB improvements	A range of measures agreed with SLDC following completion of bridge and flood defense works including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCTV signage - Toilet signage - Putting green boundary improvements (SLDC to lead) - Public Spaces Protection Order (SLDC to lead) Assess Marshall option once site is accessible	W&FC and Cumbria Constabulary.		

	and ASB levels have been reviewed.			
Mintsfeet Development (£7,500) allocated	Site visits completed.	W&FC, Millennium Field Trust, The FA, Sandgate School.	In development	W&FC Officer meeting requested.
Triangle Community Garden Entrance Improvements	Improvements requested by community gardening group to improve accessibility/safety at garden entrance.	Triangle Community Garden Group	Complete	

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600	<u>E&H New Infrastructure/Improve</u>											
1999	Other Income	0	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Income	0	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5107	E&H New Infrastructure	4,642	4,062	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5108	E&H Infrastructure Maint	3,937	3,602	0	0	3,700	0	3,700	0	0	0	0
5109	E&H	556	0	0	0	0	879	879	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	9,135	7,664	0	0	3,700	879	4,579	0	0	0	0
	600 Net Income over Expenditure	-9,135	-6,864	0	0	-3,700	-879	-4,579	0	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	2,955	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(9,135)	(3,909)			(3,700)		(4,579)	0	0		
630	<u>E&H SLDC Charges</u>											
5300	SLDC Charges-Footway Lighting	3,751	3,750	0	0	4,200	0	4,200	0	0	0	0
5305	SLDC Charges-Somervel Maint	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5310	SLDC Charges-Bins	2,650	1,254	0	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	6,901	5,004	0	0	7,200	0	7,200	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(6,901)	(5,004)			(7,200)		(7,200)	0	0		
900	<u>Action Plans Climate Change</u>											
9040	Climate Town Centre Recom.Hub	10,000	0	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0	0	0	0
9050	Climate Solar Audit Campaign	4,565	0	0	0	0	4,565	4,565	0	0	0	0
9055	Climate Jury Website	398	398	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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9060	Climate Zero Carbon Kendal	1,000	396	0	0	0	530	530	0	0	0	0
9130	New Projects TBC	1,121	1,195	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	17,084	1,989	0	0	0	35,095	35,095	0	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	1,989	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(17,084)</u>	<u>0</u>			<u>0</u>		<u>(35,095)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
910	<u>Action Plans - Biodiversity</u>											
9120	Bio Dark Skies Campaign	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0
9125	Bio 2nd Round-Biod Grants	3,400	1,000	0	0	0	2,400	2,400	750	0	0	0
9126	Bio Living Roof Bus Shelter	2,500	0	0	0	0	2,500	2,500	0	0	0	0
9127	Bio Wildflowers Kendal Green	1,300	1,059	0	0	0	56	56	0	0	0	0
9129	Bio Canal Head Wetlands	1,300	800	0	0	0	500	500	0	0	0	0
9130	New Projects TBC	500	0	0	0	0	500	500	320	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	14,000	2,859	0	0	0	10,956	10,956	1,070	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	3,044	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(14,000)</u>	<u>185</u>			<u>0</u>		<u>(10,956)</u>	<u>(1,070)</u>	<u>0</u>		
920	<u>Action Plans - 20MPH</u>											
9200	20 MPH	18,400	0	0	0	0	18,400	18,400	0	0	0	0
9201	20 MPHContri to Data Collectio	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	19,400	1,000	0	0	0	18,400	18,400	0	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(19,400)</u>	<u>0</u>			<u>0</u>		<u>(18,400)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		

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930	<u>Action Plans-Cycling & Walking</u>											
1999	Other Income	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Income	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9300	C&W Footpath Quality Audit	12,000	0	0	0	0	12,000	12,000	0	0	0	0
9305	C&WKirkbarrow Connections	10,300	186	0	0	0	10,114	10,114	2,538	0	0	0
9307	C&W Kendal Castle Pump Track	4,000	2,000	0	0	0	2,000	2,000	0	0	0	0
9308	C&W Cllrs Contributions	5,700	0	0	0	0	6,700	6,700	0	0	0	0
9310	C&W Signage Improvements	4,000	0	0	0	0	4,000	4,000	0	0	0	0
9315	C&W 22/23 LCRP Cont	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	41,000	2,186	0	0	0	39,814	39,814	2,538	0	0	0
	930 Net Income over Expenditure	-41,000	-1,186	0	0	0	-39,814	-39,814	-2,538	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	2,186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6001	less Transfer to EMR	0	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(41,000)	(500)			0		(39,814)	(2,538)	0		
935	<u>River Corridor Connectivity</u>											
9600	River Corridor Connectivity	31,000	28,292	0	0	0	2,708	2,708	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	31,000	28,292	0	0	0	2,708	2,708	0	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	28,292	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(31,000)	(0)			0		(2,708)	0	0		
940	<u>Green Spaces Improvements</u>											

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1999	Other Income	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Income	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9130	New Projects TBC	3,500	775	0	0	0	2,725	2,725	0	0	0	0
9400	Green Bowling Fell Project	7,000	0	0	0	0	7,000	7,000	0	0	0	0
9405	Green Sepentine Woods Trail	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9410	Green Fellside Play Provision	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0
9411	Green Mintsfeet Development	7,500	0	0	0	0	7,500	7,500	0	0	0	0
9415	Fetcher Park	607	397	0	0	0	210	210	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	24,607	2,172	0	0	0	22,435	22,435	0	0	0	0
	940 Net Income over Expenditure	-24,607	-1,672	0	0	0	-22,435	-22,435	0	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	2,172	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6001	less Transfer to EMR	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(24,607)</u>	<u>0</u>			<u>0</u>		<u>(22,435)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
950	Public Realm Enhancements											
9505	PR Further Ivy Screening Proj	5,500	0	0	0	0	5,500	5,500	0	0	0	0
9506	Kendal Yards	2,500	0	0	0	0	2,500	2,500	0	0	0	0
9507	Oxenholme Signage	4,014	0	0	0	0	4,014	4,014	0	0	0	0
9510	Public Realm Nobles Rest	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	17,014	0	0	0	0	17,014	17,014	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(17,014)</u>	<u>0</u>			<u>0</u>		<u>(17,014)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		

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	Budget	Actual	Brought Forward	Net Virement	Agreed	EMR	Total	Actual YTD	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
Total Budget Income	0	2,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditure	180,141	51,166	0	0	10,900	147,301	158,201	3,608	0	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>-180,141</u>	<u>-48,866</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-10,900</u>	<u>-147,301</u>	<u>-158,201</u>	<u>-3,608</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
plus Transfer from EMR	0	41,638	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
less Transfer to EMR	0	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(180,141)</u>	<u>(9,228)</u>			<u>(10,900)</u>		<u>(158,201)</u>	<u>(3,608)</u>	<u>0</u>		

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 17 th July
From: Projects Officer	Agenda No: 9
Description: Cumbria Plan Bee	

Background

Pollinators and other insects are under threat, and many are experiencing declines due to habitat loss, pesticide exposure, disease and climate change.

- Between 1980 and 2013, a third of hoverflies and native bees in Britain experienced declines.
- A third of UK bumblebees are listed as priority species of conservation concern.
- 41% of British butterflies are listed as threatened.
- Between 1970 and 2016, 41% of moth species have decreased in abundance and 32% in distribution.

The Cumbria Local Nature Partnership has recently launched “Cumbria’s Plan Bee - A Pollinator Action Plan”. The plan urges everyone in the county – communities, the new local authorities and other councils, farmers, landowners and businesses – to sign a pledge and take action to help Cumbria’s pollinating insects.

The plan also includes actions that can be taken by local authorities to support pollinators, including raising awareness of pollinators and their habitat needs by supporting schools and increasing the number of young people who understand the value of their local pollinators.

Proposal

- To consider signing a pledge to support pollinating insects
- To allocate £360 to provide a bee house for each school in Kendal. These could be locally made (e.g., by Shaun Bainbridge, creator of the Bee Hotel at the Coronation Garden on Kirkland). These bee houses would be supplied to schools together with information on complementary actions that could be taken to support pollinators – for example, leaving some grass to grow long and planting pollinator-friendly plants.

Costs and Budget

There is £5,267 remaining in the Biodiversity New Projects tbc budget.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 17 th July
From: Projects Officer	Agenda No: 10
Description: Use of Pesticides	

Background

There is currently a campaign, led by Pesticide Action Network (PAN UK) to create pesticide-free towns across the country. Pesticide is an umbrella term that refers to a wide range of compounds including herbicides (designed to kill plants), insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, molluscicides and nematocides and more.

This report concerns the use of herbicides in Kendal's public spaces.

Reasons for wishing to go pesticide-free are numerous, but include:

- Contamination of local water supplies
- The potential impact of pesticides on human health, the environment, biodiversity, and pollinator populations
- Public concern

Over 80 councils across the UK have either entirely stopped using herbicides or put measures in place to significantly reduce their use. Examples of pesticide-free towns in the UK include Sunderland, Glastonbury and Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Alternatives methods include:

- Hot foam systems, like hot water systems, kill plants using heat, but can be used in all weather conditions. This gives them a major advantage over chemical herbicides which can only be sprayed under ideal weather conditions.
- Hand weeding is an option particularly for smaller areas such as playgrounds and on paths running through parks.
- Acetic acid dilutions have been used very effectively to control weeds on hard surfaces in a variety of situations. Acetic acid is biodegradable and poses no risk of bioaccumulation.
- Various types of manual approaches are available in the form of differing types of mulching. This is a particularly useful approach in ornamental beds and in parks.
- Flame treatment has been used successfully to eliminate weeds.
- Steel brushing can be used for large scale areas such as pavements and roads and in combination with the use of acetic acid spraying can be a very effective alternative.

- High pressure hot water treatments can be particularly effective and also have other uses such as chewing gum removal.
- Electronic control systems that kill stems and roots instantly and are particularly suited to dealing with invasive species are also available.

Kendal Town Council is currently assessing it's use of pesticides in line with the Council's Biodiversity Policy which was adopted by Full Council on 5th June, 2023.

Westmorland and Furness Council currently uses glyphosate-based herbicides on pavements and in parks.

Proposal

That the committee considers drafting a formal request to Westmorland and Furness Council to phase out the use of pesticides and trial alternative options for weed control.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 17 th July
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 11
Description: Serpentine Natural Play	

Background

In January 2023 Kendal Town Council allocated £5000 towards creating additional play and promotion opportunities around Fellside following the closure of the small play area in Nobles Rest Park.

Councillors agreed to fund a variety of interventions, highlighted below.

As the project has progressed some of the funding needs to be reallocated to achieve core aims.

Proposal

To approve the reallocation of 'Additional Natural Play Ideas' to improving the Nature Trail way markers to ensure the Nature Trail has consistent way markers and look out posts throughout the trail to complement the leaflet.

Original allocation	Amount	Status	New allocation
Fairy Gate enhancements	£500	KCV to send designs to W&FC for approval	n/a
Fairy Green enhancements	£1000	KTC to source musical additions	n/a
Labyrinth	£600	KTC to source new bench	n/a
Alphabet Sculpture Trail Leaflet	£1000	In Progress	n/a
Nature Trail Leaflet	£1000	In progress	n/a
Additional Natural Play Equipment	£900	n/a – KTC Councillors didn't approve additional play equipment ideas	To fund improvements to the Nature Trail way markers

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 17 th July
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 12
Description: Divestment and Banking	

Background

Divestment

Divest UK is a national grass root organisation who are calling on public and private institutions to support divestment from fossil fuels and take action to secure a safe and healthy planet for future generations.

A Divest Cumbria group has been set up and is in the process of contacting town and parish council's regarding the Cumbria Group Pension fund and its credentials.

The following local authorities have divested their investments in accordance to their declarations on climate change and include:

- [Waltham Forest](#) (September 2016)
- [Southwark](#) (December 2016)
- [Islington](#) (September 2018)
- [Lambeth](#) (December 2018)
- [Cardiff](#) (July 2019)

Banking

Barclays Bank is widely acknowledged as one of the 'dirty dozen' global banks who continue to invest in fossil fuel extraction including via the Tar Sands Pipeline Project.

The Town Council currently holds one of its accounts with Barclays and in accordance with its Climate Emergency could switch to an alternative ethical banking provider.

Proposal

Consider support for Divest Cumbria.

Consider a recommendation for alternative banking providers.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 17 th July
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 13
Description: CIL Proposals	

Background

At May's Environment and Highways Committee meeting, Councillors were informed of a new process to allocate funding to New Infrastructure projects via existing Community Infrastructure Levy funding.

Councillors were contacted via email to share project ideas as referenced below;

As discussed at E&H committee, there is no longer an allocated budget for New Infrastructure projects. Councillors are instead encouraged to consider how CIL funding can be utilised for new infrastructure projects.

Please email your suggestions for New Infrastructure projects for Kendal by the 26th June.

At the next E&H committee meeting, Councillors will be asked to rank suggestions so they can be presented to Management as a recommendation from the E&H Committee.

Management will then be tasked with considering them against other CIL funding requests from other committees/councillors.

Please include indicative costs (please ask for Officer support on this if required) and explain how your suggestion will provide a public benefit to Kendal's residents. The benefit must be additional to the statutory services provided by Westmorland and Furness Council and ideally link to both the new Council Plan and recommendations of the Kendal Climate Change Jury.

The ideas received to date are tabled below.

Proposal

To review ideas, against the criteria that the initiative is ADDITIONAL to the statutory services of Westmorland and Furness Council, and decide which are to be recommended to Management for discussion/approval.

Proposer	Project	Costs
Cllr Archibald	Replacement handrail alongside Fellside Methodist Church	£3750
Cllr Archibald	New bench at Windermere Road bus stop	£750 (approx)
Cllr Blunden	Community Water Fountain Options include renovating the existing Brewery Arts fountain or installing a new (internal or external) one in the Town Centre.	£5,000 (approx)
Cllr Blunden	New access ramp at 'The Eddington'	£10,000
Cllr Hennessy	20mph contribution	£11,600
TOTAL requested		£31,100
TOTAL CIL Available		£85,000

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 17 th July
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 14
Description: Jury Recommendation Working Group	

Background

At may's Committee a working group to review the Jury Recommendations was created.

The Group met on the 5th of June and focused on the Council's ability to action, its impact and affordability of the various recommendations and noted that there was always trade offs and tensions.

Best practice from elsewhere was cited including the Global Sustainable Development goals, aligning with the Lancaster Jury experience and Cornwall's decision wheel.

Alex Downes provided an overview of the actions W&FC are currently progressing such as EV charging, planning, transport, trees and creating a circular economy tool to enable the sharing of resources. He stressed that all are opportunities to work together on normalising best practice particularly around renewables and business support.

The group discussed the advantages of viewing the recommendations as overarching goals for the entire town rather than recommendations Kendal Town Council had to adopt as their own objectives.

KTC areas of influence and activity was discussed. The idea of matching recommendations against existing activity would create better stories and therefore a larger sphere of influence to engage others in helping us to achieve the town wide recommendations.

Therefore, KTC becomes an organisation that tests ideas, shares best practice and promotes sustainability to others in a positive way. We actively consider our impacts and shout about our journey focusing on what we can do, within areas that are stable and known ie we will always have to water the civic planting.

Ideas were shared around current influence opportunities:

- **Within our green spaces** (Alex confirmed this is already working) via wildflower projects and biodiversity grants
- **Our engagement** via the newsletter, Zero Carbon Kendal FB and instagram
- **Our funding and grants** – we could ask for more evidence of carbon reduction in application forms and offer free sustainable advice sessions to help create carbon reduction statements and visions for each festival we support
- **Our civic events** – we can transform the way we feed guests, influence how they arrive to our events and ensure the content of our events conveys the messages of the Jury
- **20mph** – we can demonstrate how 20mph support traffic reduction (a Jury recommendation) via supporting the consultation with positive stories / pledges from people who will switch to bikes when 20mph is introduced
- **Our planting** – we can plant sustainable, drought resilient plants and develop projects to harvest rainwater to water them
- **Our vehicles** – we can explore EV van option and potentially reduce the size of the van if harvesting rainwater is successful. We can also utilise the van as a blank canvas to celebrate what we are doing.
- **Our allotments** – we can engage our allotment holders to reduce pesticides and donate surplus food to WIW via a volunteer led cargo bike delivery service.
- **Our sustainability hub** – We can be an active partner in the hub developments by commissioning murals, creating a library/resource space and consistent messages about what is currently happening in Kendal and what is in development.
- **Our decision process** – We can utilise the Cornwall decision wheel and consider how potential projects support engagement by thinking about the story it will create and who can we tell it to so KTC can become an open source of best practice.

Suggested Actions:

- Integrate Cornwall's decision-making wheel and 'story making potential' into future E&H proposals (HWM & AMS)
- Develop a cargo bike allotment surplus proposal (HWM)
- Develop the sustainability hub with civic events in mind (HWM and partners)
- Develop a rainwater harvesting map and action proposal (HWM & AMS)
- Resurrect EV vehicle conversations (HWM & CB)

- Develop a sustainable planting approach – utilise Kendal Futures board member expertise to inform tender proposal (HWM & JH)
- Include carbon reduction support and evidence in community grants criteria and grant process redevelopment (HWM)
- Continue promoting and processing biodiversity grants, wildflower planting, 20mph and current engagement routes to maintain momentum and demonstrate progress (HWM & AMS)

Proposal

To discuss the working group action points and confirm support (or otherwise) for progression in this direction.