

Report No.2

Report to Meeting of Malmesbury Town Council 26th March 2019

Request from Bowls Club for Financial Support

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To invite the Town Council to consider a request from the Malmesbury Bowls Club for financial support through Community Infrastructure Levy for installation of artificial playing surface.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Malmesbury Bowls Club wishes to replace the grass playing surface with an artificial one.
- 2.2 The cost of the project has been identified as being in the region of £135,000.
- 2.3. Bids for funding support have been made to a number of organisations including Sport England with the result that with funding secured a shortfall of £20,000 remains to be funded by a loan.

3. Proposals

- 3.1. Although the funding of £135,000 is in place, subject to a loan being agreed, the Bowls Club are seeking a contribution of £10,000 from the Town Council from the receipts of Community Infrastructure Levy.
- 3.2 The club were advised by officers of Wiltshire Council to approach the Town Council for funding through CIL receipts.
- 3.3 Policy and Resources Committee has yet to produce a policy for use of CIL receipts other than for Town Council projects but the Bowls Club now have planning permission and wish to proceed with their project.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 The CIL receipts received have been allocated for Town Council projects considered to be of a priority and not to those projects being proposed by a members club.
- 4.2 Town Council expenditure of CIL receipts needs to be in accordance with The Community Infrastructure (Amendment) Regulations 2013:-
 - (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
 - (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the request from the Bowls Club for use of CIL receipts to assist in their project for a synthetic playing surface.

Jeff Penfold
Town Clerk
11th March 2019