

Walthamstow West Community Council 4.9.06 – Spend Suggestions

	Suggestion	Estimated Cost	Comment
1	Anti-litter Environmental Campaign	£2000 Match funding with Environmental Services	Response: Martin Esom Environmental Services We would define a pilot area where there is a problem and launch high profile media programme - poster sites, news media including a launch. We would plot all the take away food restaurants, engage shop keepers, ensure enough bins, programme enforcement days and arrange deep cleanse/regular sweeping.
2	Schools Environmental Project	£3000	Response: Community Council Officer. The Community Council has funded projects in schools successfully for the last two years. Last year the number of schools wishing to take part has increased. Therefore it is recommended that the grant be increased from £2500 to £3000.
3	Five a side football pitches Aveling Park	£714	Response: Dave Cockerton, Parks and Playing Fields Manager Marking out and grounds maintenance for 20 weeks over summer period 2007
4	Notice Boards outside Blackhorse Rd tube station	£600 (Further investigations required before this proposal and total cost can be confirmed)	Response: Jon Price, Planning Manager and Judith Carlson, Regeneration Manager To purchase and erect a free standing three panel Council notice board. There are further investigations that need to be followed up if this proposal is voted in at the meeting. - The signs do not fall under permitted development and are controlled under the Control of Advertisements Regulations (1992) under which we have to consider visual amenity issues and public/highway/pedestrian safety. The Council also has other guidance to control clutter from street furniture etc. It would appear that the signs would require consent.

			<p>- Consultation with the Blackhorse Lane Regeneration Team. There are proposals for a new bike shed at the station which will be alongside the station rafting out over the embankment and also linkages with a local signage project and any future projects to enhance pedestrian and cycle access signage.</p> <p>Therefore until these investigations have been carried out the proposal cannot be confirmed.</p>
5	Cheney Row, goal posts	£400	<p>Response: Dave Cockerton Parks and Playing Fields Manager. Currently there is a goalpost on the site. To install a matching set would cost £400.00, which would include purchase and erection of posts, installation of sockets and delivery. As the area is a conservation site the area used for football will have to be kept at about half a full pitch size.</p>
6	Benches in Town Centre	<p>£3000 One bench seating purchase and installation.</p> <p>Location would need to be agreed before the seating could be purchased.</p>	<p>Response: Chris Warner, Environmental Services 5 additional seats were installed on the Town Square about a year ago. It took some time to get a consensus of agreement on where those seats were to be placed. We had to consider, development proposals, that their placement didn't cause an obstruction to both pedestrian movement and/or the fire access requirements and also didn't overlook the children's play area. The cost of purchase and installation was around £3000 each.</p> <p>If the seat option is to be perused further. I would recommend that the locations would need to be identified and agreed first before proceeding with any procurement process.</p>
7	Sports facilities for young people	<p>£2000 £1600 - To provide two coaches for two hours on a Monday night for 30 weeks</p>	<p>Response: Steve Embleton Outdoor Sports Officer Fund sports coaches to provide sporting activities for 30 weeks linked with the youth club that is held in Lloyd Park on Monday evenings. A variety of sports sessions would be available e.g.</p>

		£400 -Extra coaches as required for Saturday mornings and school holidays	football, netball, tennis, basketball during spring / summer. The Council (Greenspace Group) will meet the cost of the courts and the sports equipment. The linking with sports activities and a youth club has been successful with young people in other parts of the borough such as Higham Hill and Langthorne Park.
8	Extra warden patrols Lloyds Park	£2000 Would give 92 hours of patrols	Response: Michelle Bridges, Street Warden Manager Currently the wardens do not patrol in Lloyd Park as it is just outside the boundary of their patrol area. Following your suggestion I've looked at the current requirements of the service and the need to justify presence in the areas that we are required to patrol and confirm that it would be impossible to offer a service as part of that already in operation. Therefore the only feasible way to patrol in the area in question would be to provide this as overtime to the wardens at the hourly rate of £10.85. Therefore an hourly patrol rate for two wardens would cost £21.70.
9	Cultural shows in Lloyds Park	£1000 Chairs recommendation for sponsor	Response: Glen Watson, Events Officer I would suggest the Waltham Forest Green Fayre festival for sponsorship. It is an environmental event, which promotes all environmental issues, and also includes lots of other attractions (bouncy castle, - 20ft climbing wall- African market-live folk bands-mini funfair etc. This will be held in the summer 2007 at Aveling Park.
10	Coppermill Lane Park, climbing equipment, football goal posts	£1000 For a set (2 goals) of junior size (6.4m x 2.13m) 76mm round posts costs including installation	Response: Ben Fearson, Parks and Playing Fields Manager. This is the first time in 12 years that anyone has requested goal posts to be installed in the grass area of Coppermill Park. I am happy to give them a try in the grass area. Markings would not be necessary. A good quality-climbing frame can cost around £40,000 and upwards.

11	<p>Give free plants to residents to improve their front gardens and give prizes for the most transformed.</p>	<p>£3180 For four events @ 2 hours each. Venue Hire £400.00 2 Advisors £360.00 Window boxes, materials including screws and liners (40 boxes at each event approximately) £2000.00 Plants “ £300.00 Travel £40.00 Prizes £80.00</p>	<p>Response: The Hornbeam Environmental Centre. It is based at the Bakers Arms in Walthamstow and delivers projects around the borough, sometimes but not always, on behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest. Recently we ran a school holiday project for children in Larkswood making environmental art and playing games in the woods. Projects such as The Young Tree Wardens Scheme which teaches schoolchildren about trees and their care and we also deliver the Friends of Parks Scheme which supports local people to care for their park. At the moment we are running a Green Office Audit Scheme, which advises small businesses how to save money and the environment with small changes to their energy use. We run lots of projects depending on funding and also help the Borough run the Green Fayre, which is run annually. We are part of a Green Consortium, which is Hornbeam, Forest Recycling Project and HEET (Home Energy Efficiency Project,) which just about covers all environmental issues.</p> <p>We propose to run a series of workshops where residents can come and build their own window box and plant them up and take them away. Depending on the time of year we will supply plants suitable for the season.</p> <p>The window boxes would come in pre-drilled kits that residents could put together with the help of two advisers.</p> <p>We could then hold a competition a month later and give a prize for adults and a separate prize for children. These prizes could be gardening vouchers or a small range of gardening tools.</p> <p>We have held events in other parts of the borough and have found</p>
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12	Purchase shrubs for Lloyd Park	£2000 - £3000	<p>Response: Peter Spiro, Friends of Lloyd Park. We would like shrubs to plant at the bottom end of Aveling Park. These would be suitable drought tolerant varieties which are more suitable for today's climate</p>
13	Lloyd Park – hills make child friendly area for fun and enjoyment.	Not known	<p>Response: Dave Cockerton, Parks and Playing Fields Manager. As the park is subject to a lottery bid due to be submitted in March next year it would unwise to improve this area at present.</p> <p>Response: Friends of Lloyd Park We feel that there is not sufficient space to make this an effective area for young people and would not support this proposal.</p>
14	WF Disability Resource Centre - extra or upgrade equipment	<p>£1365</p> <p>Completion of Remembrance Garden, accessible to all, including concrete work. (£500)</p> <p>Projector screen for display of films and improvement of activity involvement for people with visual impairment (£300)</p>	<p>Response: Paul Meacock, Disability Resource Centre The Waltham Forest Disability Resource Centre, founded in 1988, is a Charity, which provides a daycentre service for people living within the LBWF with a physical or sensory disability. The Centre is unique in that disabled people for disabled people run it.</p> <p>Over the years, funding cuts within the sector have seen other service centres closing down and we believe we are amongst the last if not the last centre of its kind within the borough. Due to cuts in our funding this year, staff restructuring meant that the centre had to lose three staff positions.</p>

		<p>A Bingo machine including large number display (£180)</p> <p>3 Display cabinets for Arts and Crafts (£180)</p> <p>A set of large playing cards and large dominoes for people with low vision (£25)</p> <p>8 x Display Frames for paintings and handmade jewellery (approx £120)</p> <p>5 Karaoke Disks (approx £60)</p>	<p>We are determined that our services continue to remain at the highest quality level but we now have little freedom to improve the social aspect of our activities. This side of things is obviously important in preventing isolation and encouraging independent living.</p> <p>I was asked to ask the users of the DRC what they would like to see if any money were made available to the centre.</p> <p>Typical of their unselfish manner, their first concern was to complete a project to allocate part of the garden as a Remembrance Garden to reflect quietly and remember their friends who had passed away.</p> <p>Many users have little chance of getting out and about in the evenings and Social evenings with film, music or bingo were nominated.</p>
15	Sports facilities for young people possible tie up with Peter May Centre, Wadham Avenue.	<p>Sports Hall (badminton, cricket, netball, football) £45.00 per hour for the whole hall</p> <p>Sports Hall : 1 x badminton court £8.00 per hour</p> <p>Sports Hall : 1 x cricket lane £18.50 per hour</p> <p>Studio (group exercise classes) £20.00 per hour</p> <p>Gym (cv and weights equipment) would need to</p>	<p>Response: Dee Boydell-Brown, Leisure Centre Supervisor I am pleased to be able to detail prices for use of facilities at The Peter May sport centre.</p> <p>Response: Community Council Officer. The sport centre was not able to put together a package of events and has supplied individual prices for activities available at the centre. Regard would also need to be given to publicity and recruitment of young people and their supervision.</p>

		<p>take out a gym membership</p> <p>Use of the studio would only be allowed if a qualified fitness professional was leading the session.</p>	
16	Stoneydown Park - child changing area	<p>£42,000 p.a Staffing costs</p>	<p>Response: Dave Cockerton, Parks and Playing Fields Manager. The old park building does have a baby changing area. However as the building has been closed for 4 years it will probably need renovating/decorating, as a budget estimate £400/500 should make it usable. However, the main expense would be the staffing cost, as a budget saving the park was de-staffed by the Council. In view of the long summer days and 7 day a week opening of parks, to fully staff a site during daylight hours works out at approx 42k pa. As mentioned, the building could not be opened and left unstaffed on health and safety grounds.</p>
17	Traffic calming Brookscroft Road near school	<p>Option 1</p> <p>Road Humps - £1,000 (including design, consultation, materials, implementation and supervision)</p> <p>Entry Point - £2,000 (including design, consultation, materials, implementation and supervision)</p>	<p>Response: Alan Campbell, Environmental Services</p> <p>As no specific area was mentioned it is not easy to give you a budget cost. I have instead given a budget cost for 2 possible options.</p> <p>Option 1</p> <p>I will assume that traffic calming is required in Brookscroft Road (between Chingford Road and Kitchener Road), Kitchener Road and Beresford Road and Roberts Road. I will also assume that road humps will be used. In Waltham Forest these are provided at approximately 70m intervals. I will also assume that the traffic calming will be provided within a 20mph zone. This requires signs and red surfacing at the entry points.</p>

		<p>Traffic Order - £3,000</p> <p>20 road humps would be required. £25,000 - £30,000.</p> <p>Option 2 £15,000 to £20,000</p>	<p>Option 2</p> <p>If only Brookscott Road (between Chingford Road and Kitchener Road) and Roberts Road were treated and the 20mph restriction was omitted this would reduce the cost considerably. The number of road humps would halve. Savings would be made on the cost of the traffic order. There would also be no need for 20mph signs and red surfacing at the entry point but there would need to be an allowance to be made for warning signs at the approaches to the road humps. I estimate that the budget cost for this reduced scheme would be £15,000 - £20,000.</p>
18	Lids for recycling boxes	<p>Likely cost is Between £15,800 and £23,700.</p> <p>£1.00 to £1.50 per lid. We have 79,000 properties using boxes. If we make the broad assumption that divided by 20 this would average 3950 properties per ward or 15,800 in WWCC (with 4 wards).</p>	<p>Response: Tony Ferrari, Group Manager Waste Management Recycling lids were considered when the scheme was introduced but after consultation with other Boroughs already operating box collections this was dismissed as they a) blow away in the wind b) get broken frequently c) cost extra d) cost even more when you have to replace the broken ones e) cause problems as they don't fit when recyclates extend above the height of the box f) increase the time taken to collect, which increases labour costs.</p> <p>We have no plans to issue lids, indeed due to the re-entering of the refuse and recycling contract that is currently in progress, we are considering various different future options for recycling. Some of these may not include the use of boxes at all.</p> <p>As well as the purchase of the lid, the cost of delivery and administration of this must be considered, both the financial and resource implications. This is also likely to create demand from other community councils that we may not be in a position to meet.</p>
19	Improve lighting in the St James Street	Not progressed	<p>Response: Chris Warner, Public Lighting Manager Action is being taken to improve the street lighting in the</p>

			pedestrianised area of the High Street between Pretoria Avenue to the St James's Street. The six lamp column lanterns will be replaced and are expected to be working by December 2006. This will improve the current lighting situation in this area. There are three areas where new lighting has been introduced i.e. Town Centre, High Street and Willow Walk which was funded by the NOW project and there are no plans to install this lighting in the St James area.
20	Land between Millfield Ave / Shaw Square. If this is cleared and fences erected this could be made into a useful community space.	Not progressed further	Response: Gareth Jones Enforcement Manager Environmental Services have just cleared the land at a cost of £1000 and erected an anti vandal fence at a cost of £4725. The owner of this section of land is unclear at present.
21	Basketball posts in Priory Court	Awaiting information	Response: Sharon Baxter, Housing Services Housing Services have no objection but WWCC would need to get the agreement of Priory Court Community Association as they are responsible for the area under the terms of their lease and would also be responsible for maintaining the posts should they be erected. Response: Priory Court Community Association We are unable to give a response as it is doubtful whether the Priory Court Community Association will continue to be the leaseholders. Also flats overlook this area and we would be reluctant to agree to this proposal without full consultation.
22	Promote cycling 2 way down 1 way	Not progressed	Response: Gina Harkell, Principal Transport Officer Street Services is presently looking into the possibility of allowing 2-way cycling in one-way streets as many more one-way streets are being introduced and cyclists are now being diverted from more

			<p>direct routes to more inconvenient ones. Hackney have recently introduced a scheme where cyclists can cycle along one-way streets and our new engineer Jonathan Russell is now looking into this possibility in Waltham Forest. Street Services is keen to provide this facility but is concerned about the signage used, as they do not feel it is clear to motorists that cyclists may be cycling in the road against the main traffic flow.</p> <p>We will report back to the Community Council meeting when more progress has been made with such a scheme in the borough.</p>
23	Community Council to link up with School Councils – engage with young people.	Not progressed	<p>Response: Community Council Officer This is a task, which I am undertaking within my role as the Community Council Officer for this area.</p>