



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities, Infrastructure & CIL Committee

Minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held at 6pm on 22 January 2026
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Chair	Cllr Leach*
Vice Chair	Cllr Waters
Members	Arrick*, Aslam, Banfield, Bridge, Carroll*, Carter, Davidson*, Keen*, Matthes*, Nicholson*, Robini* & Weldon.

*Present

Meeting clerked by: Pippa Sherriff, Deputy Town Clerk.

Also present: Andrew Culshaw and Catherine Moore on behalf of the Applicant

1/26 Apologies for absence

The committee accepted the absences of Cllrs Bridge (university), Banfield & Aslam (work), Waters (prior arrangement).

No apologies were received from Cllrs Carter or Weldon.

2/26 Declaration of Interests

(Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registrable and Non-Registerable)

None.

3/26 Neighbourhood CIL Project – The Link - £100,000 – 2nd application

Andrew Culshaw, Treasurer and Trustee of Haslemere PCC, addressed the committee to explain the need for additional funding. Project costs have increased by £185,000 due to several factors:

- The original budget did not include VAT or the cost of fixtures and fittings.
- The contingency fund was expended following unforeseen issues with the roof.

The project remains on schedule for completion on 12 May 2026, with an official opening planned for 14 June 2026.

A second application for funding was submitted to the Council after all other grant funding avenues had been exhausted. The funding secured to December 2025 amounted to £2.33m as set out on page 5 of the application and there is a shortfall of £130,000 needed to complete the project.

Haslemere PCC holds reserves totalling £149,000; however, if these reserves are used, only a minimal balance would remain, and essential works at St Christopher's Church (estimated at £40,000) would be unfunded. It was confirmed that, should this application be unsuccessful, the reserves would be utilised.

6.13pm Cllr Carroll arrives.

Ongoing revenue costs for the Hub will be met through market-rate rental income, with any shortfall covered by the PCC. Hub finances will be ringfenced, with profits used to seed fund community projects and contribute to a building sinking fund.

Clarification questions were asked of the applicants and then Councillors moved to score the project.

BENEFIT OF THE PROJECT – High (9) Councillors have already recognised the value of the project in providing a venue for the CAB and Crossways Counselling to work from, and for other groups with unmet needs relating to activities and support for children, young families and the elderly.

PUBLIC SUPPORT – High (9) – Haslemere Town Council, local groups and wider community support as shown by the engagement figures and level of fundraising from the community and evidenced in the first application for Neighbourhood CIL.

IDENTIFIED STRATEGIC NEED – Moderate (4) – the project supports a number of the Council’s aims within its strategy for this term, such as partnership and community, and supporting provision for youth.

PROJECT PLANNING AND DELIVERABILITY - High (6) – all details have been specified and agreed, and there is a timetable for deliverability of the project.

FUNDING – High (6) – Funding has been achieved through a number of significant awards.

The project scored 34 out of a possible 37 and the level of funding was then discussed.

Cllr Robini proposed an award of £100,000, which was seconded by Cllr Carroll and unanimously approved by the committee.

Two initial proposals were subsequently withdrawn and only the substantive proposal was voted on.

RECOMMENDATION: Full Council approves the award of £100,000 of Neighbourhood CIL to the Link Project.

Meeting closed at 6.48pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chair of CIL & Amenities Committee