

KINGSWOOD TOWN COUNCIL PROJECT UPDATE

FULL COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 2025

This report is to provide councillors with a regular update on projects that were agreed by the council and are listed in the council's Corporate Plan

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Where a matter is deemed confidential it is not listed in this update, but instead separate reports will be provided to councillors only.

Project	Status /Expenditure/Progress/Notes	Objectives Met	Budget notes (exclusive of VAT)
<p>High Street Floral Scheme In partnership with Friends of Kingswood Park and SGC</p>	<p>Summer Floral Scheme £6,200 From May to September, combination of tree baskets, hanging baskets and railing baskets</p> <p>Winter Floral Scheme £2,475 From October to May, combination of railing baskets and pavement planters Grant from SGC Greening of the High Street, £3,980. End of Project evaluation forms accepted.</p> <p>Kingswood Park Growing Club £2,000 A £2,000 grant to SGC to set up the club, purchase of a poly tunnel, tool store and towards raised beds. Will be installed in late February and councillors to be invited to a session.</p> <p>Friends of Kingswood Park £1,260 £1,260 towards purchase of compost and plants for borders and beds in Kingswood</p> <p>Tree Sculpture in Kingswood Park To consider if KTC wishes to engage services of a wood sculpture to create a sculpture in Kingswood Park from a dead tree that otherwise would need to be removed. This is likely to cost in the region of £1,800. Photos of similar sculpture are at the end of the report. See agenda.</p> <p>Community Library Box To consider the release of £600 from the underspend in this budget to fund a new Community Library Box in Kingswood Park, working in conjunction with the Men in Sheds and Friends of Kingswood Park and SGC, to create a book exchange box. See agenda</p>	<p>Collaboration Partnership Community Sustainability Vibrancy Civic Pride Environmental</p>	<p>Budget for 2024/25 £15,980 (includes a grant from SGC)</p> <p>Committed Expenditure £13,149</p> <p>Budget agreed for 2025/26: £18,000</p>

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<p>Kingswood Library In partnership with Library staff at SGC</p>	<p>KTC will award a grant of £8,947 to SGC in April 2025 for funding towards staff costs to keep the existing opening hours. This provides support to protect two children’s activities sessions as well as providing additional staffing hours.</p> <p>A further £5,000 is available for collaborative work with the library that enhances the visitor experience, with the provision of competitions, walks, events, activities etc. Officers have held a very productive meeting to discuss ideas for 2025 that will involve others in Kingswood Park, the Park Centre and further afield.</p>	<p>Partnership Collaboration Innovation Community Civic Pride</p>	<p>Budget £30,000 No spend in year one.</p> <p>Budget agreed for 2025/26: £14,000</p>
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<p>Children and Young People Provision</p> <p>In partnership with Kings Oak Academy, Commissioning Manager for Children and Young People at SGC, Early Help Partnership Strategic Lead, Creative Youth Network, The Reach Foundation. Police, NHS, and many more.</p>	<p>SLA signed to create a three-way partnership between SGC and Creative Youth Network to deliver the following, alongside the existing youth activities that are provided by SGC:</p> <p>We The Thirty-Three Conference. This was held on 28th November 2024 and an update on outcomes will be provided at the February 2025 meeting.</p> <p>Youth Voice - a monthly workshop with young people to discuss issues and concerns in the area.</p> <p>Mobile Detached Youth Sessions (Doris) The Youth Van. This is now deployed on a weekly basis, and a report will be provided at the February 2025 meeting.</p> <p>A separate Grant Agreement is being finalised with Creative Youth Network with oversight from SGC, for the delivery of two new full-time positions, managed by CYN and funded by KTC.</p> <p>Full Time Wellbeing Practitioner: As CYN train individuals to become qualified wellbeing Practitioners they have recruited a recent graduate, who will receive supervision from one of their most experienced practitioners. They are in post and have started to take referrals.</p> <p>Full Time Youth Worker: Selection process for this role in January 2025 and an appointment has been made, starting at the end of February 2025.</p> <p>In addition, it is hoped that a quarterly working party will be established from the partners on the left, who will have oversight of the above, to ensure that it is aligned and achieving its targets. Cllr Rabone has volunteered to the KTC rep, along with the town clerk.</p>	<p>Partnership Collaboration Innovation Community Diversity Inclusion Engagement</p>	<p>Budget £360,000 Spend to date £10,000</p> <p>Committed Expenditure this year: £152,156 (£46,112 for FTYW £49,112 for FTWP £20,396 for Doris £20,000 for session based activities £6,536 for We the 33)</p> <p>Whilst agreements are in place to start delivering the above, activity is based on recruitment of staff: some will start late in this financial year, or in the new financial year. Underspend to be placed in Community Building reserve and committed expenditure to be placed in Youth Earmarked Reserve.</p>

	<p>New Family Hub, opening in the Spring 2025. Delays with the project, due to converting a private dwelling into a property more suitable for public facing activities; Kings Oak School have done the upgrade work (doors, carpet, decoration, fire safety, asbestos, new fencing etc) KTC has funded £10,000, with Kings Oak, SGC and the Reach Foundation funding the remainder £40,000. Above new staff will be based in the Hub once a week, KTC staff will attend once a week, and arrangements are being made now for service delivery: breastfeeding clinic, parenting support, school nurse sessions, mental wellbeing sessions, signpost drop in sessions being arranged. Soft launch will be organised in Spring by KTC.</p> <p>Case Studies: Town Clerk has been invited to talk about this project in Kingswood to representatives from Telford and Wrekin Councils, with officers from SGC, Thornbury Town Council and Patchway Town Council: National Youth Agency has recognised that our approach is pioneering and is using the model as a case study for others to make enquiries about.</p>		Budget agreed for 2025/26: £185,000
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Events	<p>Library Craft Workshops: £282 Lantern Parade – Sunday 3rd November 2024: £2578 Remembrance Parade – Sunday 10th November 2024: £1098 Christmas Event - Tuesday 19th November 2024: £550 Wreath Making workshop – Sunday 8th December 2024: £150 Grant for Black History Month: October 2024 £86 grant awarded Grant for Armed Forces Day 2025: £500 grant awarded Grant for Big Green Week: £320 grant awarded</p> <p>A separate event report will be brought to full council meetings in advance of new events. This report will summarise what has taken place and the cost.</p>	<p>Collaboration Partnership Community Sustainability Inclusion Innovation Heritage</p>	<p>Budget £55,000 Committed to year end £9,000</p> <p>Budget required in 2025/26 £33,300</p>
Project			
Christmas Lights	<p>Work to 4 new lampposts: £800 Hire and installation of 27 Christmas motifs: £8,467</p> <p>For 2025/26 Budget To install a further 4 lampposts lights Plus lights in trees in Regent Street Plus Christmas tree (real or artificial)</p>	<p>Community Civic Pride Partnership</p>	<p>Budget £15,000 Spend: £9,268</p> <p>Budget agreed for 2025/26: £22,000</p>
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Community Grant Scheme	<p>Scheme launched in May 2024 Meeting one outcome:</p>	<p>Innovation Collaboration</p>	Budget £50,000

<p>In partnership with local community groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,250 to Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School • £5,000 to Whitfield Tabernacle • £10,000 to Kingswood Heritage Museum Trust. <p>Meeting two outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £4,980 to We are BS15 • £600 to The Brightwell • £1,039 to South Gloucestershire Youth Accommodation • £5,000 to Kingswood Rugby Football Club • £387.19 to Friends of Holy Trinity Church <p>Meeting three to be held on 25th February 2025. Dates for 2025/26 to be agreed. The staff held a workshop held on 17th October attended by 7 people, for those considering applying to the scheme.</p>	<p>Partnership Community Sustainability</p>	<p>Committed expenditure £28,256 from first 2 meetings.</p> <p>Budget agreed for 25/26: £50,000</p>
<p>Community infrastructure Levey Projects</p>	<p>Contribution towards Play Equipment at Deerswood Park Request from SGC for £15,000 for a new aerial wire – see agenda</p> <p>Support to Tennis Courts in Kingswood Park in conjunction with SGC – agreed to commit £37,100</p>	<p>Collaboration, Heritage Pride Inclusivity Partnership</p>	<p>CIL receipt from 2024/25 £81,164</p>

