

Errata - Chairman's Interim Report Dated 11th April 2017

I understand that in future the CC will receive a list of the applications to be presented to the FP but not the detail which is understandably confidential at that time.

In the past we have benefited from the fact that with the exception of the application from the Bowling Club in January 2016 all (as I recall) applications were submitted by organisations that had representatives on our CC. The CAA application was discussed at a public meeting as they had stated that it was approved by ourselves and it seemed appropriate to do that publicly. Our application was discussed at a public meeting. The application from the Bowling Club was submitted and approved in between our meetings, although I did report its outcome. All others were submitted by the CVE and the CVV, and, as I recall, they were brought to the attention of our CC by Lorraine O'Shea and received a positive response. Many applications are, due to timescale limitations, dealt with under Standing Order 63 by email, and the result not distributed until the next meeting, which is not ideal. The applicants can, at their discretion, choose to present their application to our CC, however with the exception of the CAA they have chosen not to. The agenda for the funding panel meetings are generally, if not always, received after the reports for our meetings have been circulated. Should in the future our CC not already be aware of the applications submitted for funding in Colinton the receipt of the list may be beneficial, albeit that by that time it would be too late to have any input to them.

I strongly resent the Chair's offensive and ignominious assertion that both myself and our Secretary have "misled" our community council, I can assure the remaining members that I have at no time misled our CC and I would be very much surprised if a man of integrity such as our Secretary would have done so either.

In fact both myself and our Secretary have repeatedly corrected the regularly quoted misconception that our CC is represented on the funding panel. It is regrettable that this appears to still be getting repeated to date, e.g. "*Colinton CC clarifies the remit of its representative*". This misconception was, as I understand it, also pointed out to our Chair in a telephone conversation with the Chairman of a neighbouring CC and also in emails in November 2016 from the CEC containing such lines as "*There (are) no links to the role of the community councils in the FP remit*" and "*The partnership position is clear and I have nothing more to add. Your interpretation regarding the reps role is incorrect*".

I have supported all the applications for funding in Colinton and have spent considerable effort, often requiring significant persuasion, to secure the funding. Up until recent events I have enjoyed great success in doing this. It is a matter of record that Colinton has benefited from funding being granted in full, or nearly in full, for all applications up until 8th Nov 2016. It is with regret and surprise that, despite the efforts of myself and another member of the panel, the CVV application, considered

on the 8th Nov 2016, was considerably less successful than I had both hoped and expected. The other panel members just didn't seem open to persuasion on that day.

I appreciate that some community councillors may be of the opinion that some of these applications should not have been funded. There is an argument that by not funding one group's application money could be held back for future applications, albeit by the same group, which may be considered to be more worthy. However, as the future is unknown, that attitude may well result in less benefit to the Colinton community.

I have much more important things to do with my time than to deal with this nonsense. This is my final comment on this issue.

Gordon Neill
9th April 2017

Secretary's Note.

I fully support the views of Gordon Neil in this Erratum. I too resent and rebut the Chair's unjust and incorrect criticism of myself and Gordon Neill in his report.

David K R Bewsey
Secretary
Colinton Community Council
10th April 2017