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AGENDA FOR

PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP FORUM

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To: All Members of Prestwich Township Forum

Councillors: P Heneghan (Chair), N Bayley, J Black, G Campbell, M James, D O'Hanlon, A Simpson, T Pickstone and A Quinn

Advisory Group Representatives:

Mr D Stanley - Prestwich Clough Centenary Committee
Mr S Ashfaq Husain - Simister Village Community Association
Mr C Millington (Young Persons Rep)
Mr T Gribben - Prestwich Heritage Society
Mr P Gresty- Churches Together Prestwich & Kersal
Mr A Smith - Patients Council
Mr F Adam - Manchester and District Jewish Representative Council

Dear Member/Colleague

Prestwich Township Forum

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Prestwich Township Forum which will be held as follows:-

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| Date: | Wednesday, 13 November 2013 |
| Place: | Longfield Suite, Prestwich |
| Time: | 6.30 pm |
| Briefing Facilities: | If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted. |
| Notes: | |

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of Prestwich Township Forum are asked to consider if they have an interest in any matters on the agenda and, if so, to formally declare that interest.

3 MINUTES (*Pages 1 - 6*)

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 12 September 2013 are attached.

4 MATTERS ARISING (*Pages 7 - 10*)

Councillor Bayley will provide an update in respect of Metrolink/Victoria Station

5 PRESTWICH WORKS

Isaac Ginsbury will report at the meeting.

6 PLAN FOR CHANGE 3

A presentation will be given at the meeting.

7 POLICE UPDATE

8 PRESTWICH REGENERATION GROUP - UPDATE

Councillor Black, Chair of the Regeneration Group, will provide an update at the meeting.

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 30 minutes has been set aside for members of the public to ask questions or raise issues of concern relating to the provision of local services.

10 COMMUNITY FUNDING REPORT (FOR INFORMATION) (*Pages 11 - 14*)

Report attached for information.

11 URGENT BUSINESS

Any other business which by reason of special circumstances the Chair agrees may be considered as a matter of urgency.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Township Forum will be held on Monday 3rd February 2014.

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Minutes of: PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP FORUM

Date of Meeting: 12 September 2013

Venue: Longfield Suite, Prestwich

Present:

Councillors: Councillors P Heneghan (in the Chair); J Black; N Bayley; G Campbell; M James; O'Hanlon; A Quinn; and A Simpson

Advisory Group

Representatives: Mr D Stanley - Prestwich Clough Centenary Group
Mr C Millington - Young Persons Representative
Mr S A Husain - Simister Village Community Association
Mr F Adam - Manchester and District Jewish Representative Council

Public attendance: 18 members of the public were in attendance

Apologies for absence: Councillor Pickstone; Mr A Smith; and Mr P Gresty

PTF.346 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PTF.347 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 17 July 2013, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

PTF.348 MATTERS ARISING

A copy of the Action Checklist was submitted. Further to Minute PTF.229 (2) Glen Stuart, Head of Waste Management, attended the meeting to report on the street cleaning regime in Prestwich. An update was given in respect of the frequency of cleaning and the resources available in terms of equipment and staffing levels.

During discussion of this item, the Head of Waste Management responded to questions relating to street trees and requests for additional litter bins.

With regard to the issue of weeds on the streets, Councillor Black explained the spraying schedule that is employed by a sub contractor. Kim Griffiths, Township Co-ordinator, undertook to enquire about the quality assurance measures in place to monitor the contract.

In response to a question from Jenny Edwards, Councillor Bayley undertook to find out who was responsible for cleaning the Heaton Park Metrolink Car Park.

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In response to a suggestion relating to the need to further promote the Street Care Pledge, Dale Haslam of the Bury Times stated that the paper would be happy to publicise the initiative.

Tony Carter requested that Church Lane be flagged up as an area requiring a deep clean. An undertaking was given to pass on the request to the Cleansing Operations Manager.

PTF.349 FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township Forum received a presentation from Paul Allen, Head of Planning Policy and Projects. The presentation provided an overview of Bury's First Local Flood Risk Management strategy.

The Strategy is a document that contains various policies that will be used as the basis for making decisions on flood risk management. The Document sets out the roles and responsibilities of risk management within the Borough.

The Head of Planning Policy and Projects reported that the Strategy would aim to improve the understanding of flood risk from all sources in Bury and manage the likelihood of flooding within the Borough.

Questions were invited from those present at the meeting and the following points were raised:

- The importance of accessing local and historical knowledge when trying to build up a picture of at risk areas.
- The need to ensure grids and gulleys are kept clear and unblocked where necessary
- David Stanley highlighted the need to investigate areas of Prestwich Clough where sand has been washed down from the drains.

It was agreed:

That Paul Allen be thanked for his presentation.

PTF.350 POLICE UPDATE

PCSO Kerry Hutton provided an update on recent crime figures in Prestwich which highlighted a slight increase in vehicle crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

In response to a longstanding individual case of ASB, raised by a member of the Whitaker Lane Residents Association, the Township Co-ordinator reported that the case had been considered at a multi agency meeting.

A member of the public expressed concerns about ASB as a result of people leaving the Orange Tree Pub. Councillor O'Hanlon reported that he had raised the issue with Inspector Kenny who had advised that the matter was the responsibility of the Landlord under the terms of his License.

In response to a question concerning the attendance of the Police at Forum meetings, it was explained that the Police were not formal members of the Forum and were invited to attend. The Township Co-ordinator reported that a commitment had been given by the Police to attend as many meetings as possible, subject to operational requirements.

During discussion of this item, Members of the Forum expressed concerns that PACT meetings were not taking place in the Sedgley area and highlighted the need for the meetings to be well publicised, held in accessible venues at times which allowed for working people to attend.

It was agreed:

That the views of this Forum, in respect of PACT meetings, particularly in the Sedgley Area, be reported back to Greater Manchester Police.

PTF.351 BURY CARERS CENTRE

The Township Forum received a presentation from Sheila Blackman setting out the services provided by the Bury Carers Centre.

The Centre provides help and support to Carers within Bury. The help and support provided includes:

- One to One support
- Referral for a Carers Assessment
- Carers Support Groups
- Drop in facilities at the centre
- Outreach support across Bury.
- Social events and activities
- Training courses and sessions
- Access to counselling services.
- Information relating to Carers Rights and legislation.
- Relaxation and Holistic therapy.

The Carers Centre is based on Silver Street, Bury with a second information point within Fairfield General Hospital. it was explained that the Carers Centre works in partnership with Bury Council, NHS Bury Clinical Commissioning Group and other voluntary organisations.

During discussion of this item, Members of the Forum highlighted the importance of publicising the work of the organisation through the local media and Department for Work and Pensions.

It was agreed:

That Sheila Blackman be thanked for her presentation.

PTF.352 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair, Councillor Heneghan, invited questions, comments and representations from members of the public present at the meeting. Questions were asked and comments made on the issues detailed below. The Township Forum Co-ordinator undertook to obtain a reply to matters

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which could not be dealt with at the meeting.

- Jay Lieberman expressed concerns about fence banners on the railings at St Mary's Park
- David Stanley enquired about the role of Local in Prestwich within the Town Team and asked what had happened to funding from the Portas bid and Section 106 monies. Councillor Black reported that some funds had been used to purchase banners and brackets for hanging baskets and referred to initiatives being undertaken by the Group.
- Jenny Edwards what the effect on the Bury Line would be when Victoria Station is closed next year. Councillor Bayley undertook to look into the matter and report back to the next meeting.
- Mr Husain requested that temporary speed limit signs be removed from St Margarets Road now that the repairs had been completed.
- Tony Carter enquired about plans for Christmas decorations in Prestwich. It was suggested that business be encouraged to provide decorations and Councillor Black undertook to look at the issue through the Prestwich Regeneration Group.

PTF.353 PRESTWICH REGENERATION GROUP – UPDATE

Councillor Black, Chair of the Prestwich Regeneration Group, provided a verbal update on the work of the Group. It was reported that the terms of reference for the Group looked at regeneration in a broad way which concentrated on Prestwich as a whole.

The following key ideas had been suggested for the long term work of the Group:

- Bury New Road traffic /highway issues
- The need for dialogue with the owners of the Longfield precinct
- The need to proactively work with local independent traders and public service providers

It was agreed:

That the update be noted.

PTF.354 PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP ACTION PLAN (FOR INFORMATION)

Kim Griffiths, Township Co-ordinator, submitted a copy of an updated Prestwich Action Plan.

It was agreed:

That the report be noted.

PTF.355 COMMUNITY FUNDING REPORT (FOR INFORMATION)

A copy of the Community Funding report for Prestwich was submitted, setting out details of funding allocations to date in support of the work of local voluntary and community groups.

It was agreed:

That the report be noted.

COUNCILLOR P HENEGHAN

Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 6.30 pm and ended at 9.30pm)

**PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP FORUM
ITEMS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM: 12th SEPTEMBER 2013**

| | Raised by | ITEM RAISED AT OPEN FORUM | Action by | Action |
|---|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Jay Lieberman | Fencing around St Mary's Park. Full of banners, out of date information and some fly posters | Parks/ Recreational services | <p>Details and photograph sent to Mike Bent, Parks manager:</p> <p>We are looking at how we can regulate this & bring in some income at the same time, some are part of the councils civic buildings adverts for use of the civic buildings & we actively promote them as do we promote stuff happening in parks.</p> <p>I will have a look & remove the ones that need to be removed, including the Festwich banner</p> <p>Update 18th October: Just an update on banners</p> <p>I have been working on this one for sometime now & have recently been informed that Planning will not support a planning application for commercial advertising due to some outstanding prosecutions for illegal banners.</p> <p>So in light of this, I have asked Civics to rationalise their banners on our railings, they will also try & affect Longfield Live adverts, I will need to review the long term issues of banners in terms of numbers & sizes as they are getting out of hand, this will happen over winter so we have a policy on how to deal with it</p> <p>Regards Mike Bent Parks & Countryside Manager</p> |

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| 2 | Prestwich resident | Traffic on Bury New Road- increasingly difficult to get along road from 3pm Can parking restrictions be lifted at certain times | Dealt with in open Forum-referred to highways for information | Regeneration group will be looking at this with a view to long term solution to suit everyone. This is a long standing issue that will need a lot of thought and planning |
| 3 | Jack Barratt | No yellow lines between Butterstile Lane and End of shops. (on Bury New Road) Cars park all around the bus lanes causing mayhem | AS ABOVE | AS ABOVE |
| 4 | Prestwich resident | Metrolink have stated that Victoria Station will be closed to trams coming from Bury from next year. | Cllr Bayley | Cllr Bayley will seek clarification and feed back to next township forum meeting |
| 5 | Ashfaq Husain | St Margaret's Road- recently undergone repairs. Now sign up with 10mph speed limit, due to skid risk. But there is no risk and speed limit way too slow | Highways | Can highways please check why the speed limit is at 10mph in this area? Message received 8 th October This is a temporary sign erected following spray injection patching works. I have ask the are Highway Inspector to remove it as soon as possible. Many Thanks Regards P.Stokes Principal Engineer Network Maintenance |
| 6 | Prestwich resident | Will there be any seasonal decorations/ lights in Prestwich centre this year | Dealt with in open forum | Council can no longer fund lights in any part of the Borough, except trees. Lights that are up are funded by local businesses (eg Bury, Tottington and Ramsbottom centres) |

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| | | <p>Matter Raised outside open forum (as a matter arising)</p> <p>With regard to the issue of weeds on the streets, Councillor Black explained the spraying schedule that is employed by a sub contractor. Kim Griffiths, Township Co-ordinator , undertook to enquire about the quality assurance measures in place to monitor the contract.</p> | | <p>Hi Kim</p> <p>We don't have any formal QA measures for monitoring the weed spraying contractor. However, we receive daily reports from the contractor which state the areas complete to date and the area currently being sprayed. Our Highway Inspectors are made aware of the presence of the contractor and carry out informal random checks that the weed spraying is being carried out.</p> <p>Many Thanks</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>P.Stokes Principal Engineer Network Maintenance Engineering Design & Construction Group</p> |
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Kim Griffiths – Sept/ October 2013

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|------------------------|---|
| Title: | Community Funding Report |
| To: | Prestwich Township Forum |
| Date: | 13 th November 2013 |
| Contact Officer | Liz Saunders Bury Council Programme Support Officer 0161 253 6357 e.saunders@bury.gov.uk |

1.0 Introduction

The Council has allocated £1,000 per ward to support the work of voluntary and community groups. The application funding decisions will be made by the relevant ward councillors. Individual grants to the **"ward" fund** are available for a maximum of £250. Additionally, a borough-wide allocation of £13,000 is available for **"cross-ward"** applications from third sector organisations, with a maximum individual grant of £750.

2.0 Ward Funding 2013/14

Holyrood

| <i>Group</i> | <i>Details</i> | <i>Allocated</i> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| No applications awaiting approval | | |
| | | £1,366.66 |

Sedgley

| <i>Group</i> | <i>Details</i> | <i>Allocated</i> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| The Big Knit | To purchase wool to knit blankets | £200.00 |
| Fund Remaining | | £1,166.66 |

St. Mary's

| <i>Group</i> | <i>Details</i> | <i>Allocated</i> |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Prestwich & Whitefield Heritage Society | To purchase a digital projector | £250.00 |
| Fund Remaining | | £1,116.66 |

3.0 Cross Ward Funding 2013/14

| <i>Group</i> | <i>Details</i> | <i>Allocated</i> |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Eden Garden Allotment Association | To purchase a garden shed for the allotment | £ 750.00 |
| Prestwich Carnival | To organise the carnival | £ 750.00 |
| Bury Society for Deaf | To purchase a baby changing unit | £ 750.00 |
| Girlguiding Whitefield and Radcliffe | To purchase a projector | £ 750.00 |
| Redeeming Our Communities | To purchase refreshments for a course | £ 750.00 |
| Radcliffe Traders | To organise the Radcliffe Dance off | £ 750.00 |
| Iranian Education and Culture Group | To pay for room hire | £ 750.00 |
| The Mosses Thursday Group | To pay for room hire | £ 750.00 |
| Whitefield Business Group | cost towards Halloween festival | £ 750.00 |
| Rotary Club of Ramsbottom | fund a laptop and printer | £ 750.00 |
| Events by us | 3 Day charity event at Burrs | £ 750.00 |
| Prestwich Clough Centenary Group | Bands for Prestwich Clough | £ 750.00 |
| Prestwich Clough Centenary Group | Marquee for Prestwich Clough | £ 750.00 |
| Prestwich British Legion | To revamp one of the community rooms | £ 750.00 |
| Unsworth Football club | Football Goal posts | £ 750.00 |
| Whitehead Park Community Café | To update the Whitehead Park Pavilion | £ 750.00 |
| 25th Prestwich and Whitefield Scouts | To upgrade building security | £ 750.00 |
| | | |
| | Fund Remaining | £ 250.00 |

4.0 Small Grants Panel 2013/14

Bury Council has an annual allocation of £84,100 plus any residual funding from the previous years Community Fund (for 2012/13 £4,646.41) for the Small Grant's Fund. The current funding priority is to encourage and support grass-root community activity. This means small, community-based and locally controlled groups that manage themselves, encourage active participation from volunteers, and have minimal cash reserves and limited access to funding support.

The final round of funding for this financial year closes on 6th January and the Panel will meet on 24th January 2014. Application forms for the new round of funding in January are available from Liz Saunders 0161 253 6357 or e.saunders@bury.gov.uk

Small Grants Fund

| Applicant | | Requested | Decision |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------|------------|
| Tottington Holiday Club | To run a holiday play scheme | £ 3,000.00 | £ 1,000 |
| Chesham Fold | Running costs for the TRA | £ 5,563.52 | £ - |
| Openshaw Park Green | For double glazing on the Pavilion | £ 4,200.00 | £ 1,400 |
| The Attic | To run 2 work programmes in The Attic | £ 9,000.00 | £ - |
| Deaf Society | To provide a disabled toilet | £ 12,000.00 | £ 4,000 |
| Relate | To provide a bursary to subsidise those using the service | £ 12,000.00 | £ 6,000 |
| Eagles Wing | Core funding for Solidarity | £ 12,000.00 | £ 6,000 |
| Inspire 1 | Midsummer Sing 2013 | £ 6,075.00 | £ - |
| Inspire 2 | To fund the first year of the new Community Choir | £ 2,297.95 | £ 1,800 |
| Evolve | To fund an eco stage at the Ramsbottom Festival | £ 12,000.00 | £ - |
| Project 29 | To provide basic level training on film making | £ 12,000.00 | £ - |
| Culture Well | To offer creative activities for health and wellbeing | £ 3,355.00 | £ - |
| Topping Fold TRA | To organise various community trips | £ 7,604.80 | £ 2,500 |
| ADAB | To run an employment and training course | £ 11,874.48 | £ 4,000 |
| Prestwich and Whitefield Heritage | To fund the heritage museum in Prestwich library | £ 3,500.00 | £ 1,000 |
| Radcliffe Traders Group | To organise Radcliffe Dance Off | £ 1,816.90 | £ 900 |
| Rotary Club of Radcliffe | Organise the over 70's Christmas party | £ 2,000.00 | £ 2,000.00 |
| B-Muzik | Holiday teenage project to reduce ASB | £ 11,857.00 | £ 5,928.50 |

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| Whitefield Business Group | Whitefield Halloween Festival | £ | 10,000.00 | £ | - |
| Higher Road Allotment | Install drainage and remove trees | £ | 11,500.00 | £ | 4,185.50 |
| Chesham Road Community Centre | Running costs for the Centre | £ | 3,000.00 | £ | 3,000.00 |
| Super Mum Project | Office rental and miscellaneous items | £ | 11,947.00 | £ | - |
| Diabetic Support Group | Run information sessions | £ | 6,000.00 | £ | 3,000.00 |
| Victoria TRA | Mortgage payments | £ | 10,000.00 | £ | - |
| Outwood TRA | General equipment and insurance for the youth club | £ | 3,519.00 | £ | 3,519.00 |
| Chapelfield Grow Your Own | Expand the Grow Your Own initiative | £ | 4,335.00 | £ | 4,335.00 |
| Community Café for Bury | Restoration of Whitehead Park Pavilion | £ | 12,000.00 | £ | - |
| Healthier Communities Project | Health education and promotion activities | £ | 12,000.00 | £ | - |
| Local In Prestwich | Ongoing LIP promotion | £ | 12,000.00 | £ | - |
| Well Arty | Website design and BIG Social event | £ | 4,032.00 | £ | 4,032.00 |
| Withins Community Association | To improve and maintain Withins Brook | £ | 3,500.00 | £ | - |
| Sumerseat Village Community | To improve and maintain Sumerseat Island | £ | 12,000.00 | £ | - |
| | Total | | | £ | 58,600.00 |