

**Minutes of: WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH  
TOWNSHIP FORUM**

**Date of Meeting:** 4 June 2013

**Venue:** Elms Community Centre, Green Lane, Whitefield

**Present:** Councillor A Audin (In the Chair)  
Councillors K Audin, B Caserta, E FitzGerald,  
J Grimshaw, D Jones, A Matthews, B Vincent and  
M Wiseman

**Advisory Group  
Representatives:** Leonard Lott – Whitefield and Unsworth Homewatch  
Assn.  
Theresa Heyworth – ELMS TRA  
Marlene Dawson – Victoria Estate TRA  
Pamela Taylor – Hollins Village Community Assn.  
Alex Stacey – Whitefield and Unsworth Business  
Group  
Yvonne Moore – Old Hall Park Residents Assn.

**Public attendance:** 26 members of the public were in attendance

**Apologies for  
absence:** Mrs S Bannister,

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**WUTF .34 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR**

Core Members and Advisory Group Members of the Township Forum were invited to make nominations for Chair and Deputy Chair of the Township Forum.

Councillor FitzGerald proposed Councillor Ann Audin as Chair of the Township Forum. This was seconded by Councillor Grimshaw.

Councillor FitzGerald proposed Councillor Joan Grimshaw as Deputy Chair of the Township Forum. This was seconded by Councillor Matthews.

**Delegated decision:**

1. That Councillor Ann Audin be elected as Chair of the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum for 2013/2014.
2. That Councillor Joan Grimshaw be elected as Deputy Chair of the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum for 2013/2014.

**WUTF .35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor FitzGerald declared a personal interest in item number WUTF.40 Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum 2012-2013 Performance Report for the reason that she is the Chair of Governors for Whitefield Primary School.

**WUTF .36 ELECTION OF ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS**

The Township Forum Core members considered the appointment of Advisory Members.

**Delegated decision:**

That approval be given to the appointment of the following representatives as Advisory Group Members of the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum for the period 2013 - 2015:

- Leonard Lott (Whitefield and Unsworth Homewatch Association)
- Alex Stacey (Whitefield and Unsworth Business Group)
- Pamela Taylor (Hollins Village Community Association)
- Sharon Bannister (Manchester Jewish Representative Council)
- Theresa Heyworth (ELMS Tenants and Residents Association),
- Marlene Dawson (Victoria Estate Tenants and Residents Association)
- Yvonne Moore (Old Hall Park Residents Association)

**WUTF .37 MINUTES**

**Delegated decision:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**WUTF .38 ITEMS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2013**

The Township Co-ordinator submitted a report on the action taken on issues raised at the last meeting of the Township Forum.

Councillor Vincent referred to Item 2 and the ongoing issue of tree roots that were damaging the pavement and underground cables and asked if more could be done to address this than just the individual matter that was raised.

Mr Boden raised the matter of addressing the danger caused by speeding vehicles on Thatch Leach Lane/Oak Lane following the removal of trees.

Councillor FitzGerald reported that the Council was in the process of introducing a 20mph policy for the Borough. A meeting would be arranged to take place with residents, representatives from the Council's Transport Section and herself during June.

**It was agreed:**

That the update be noted.

**WUTF  
.39 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr I Haig referred to an issue previously raised regarding the condition of double yellow lines at Unsworth Pole which had not improved.

Councillor Jones reported that he had raised the matter with the Highways Section and he would pursue the matter further.

A member of the public requested the installation of new signs to correctly direct members of the public to Elms Close. The current signage had created confusion.

An update was given on the proposed new location of the library on Sunnybank Road. It was reported that a public consultation was taking place.

**WUTF  
.40 WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH TOWNSHIP ACTION PLAN 2012-2013 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

A copy of the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Action Plan 2012-2013 was submitted which provided progress on each of the themes listed in the Plan.

In order to update and refresh the direction of the Plan the attendees at the meeting were invited to take part in roundtable discussions to provide ideas suggestions and amendments to the plan.

The themes discussed were:

- Improved Health and Wellbeing
- Improved Employment Opportunities
- Improved Educational Attainment/Learning
- Improved Community Safety
- Improved Community Pride and Belonging

**It was agreed**

1. That the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Action Plan Performance Report 2012-2013 be noted.
2. That the suggestions provided be collated and produced in a draft form for submission to the next meeting of the Township Forum.

**WUTF  
.41 CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP**

It was reported that an advert had been placed by the Clinical Commissioning Group Patient Cabinet seeking applications for the appointment of a resident representative from the Whitefield and Unsworth area.

**WUTF  
.42 PROPOSED COUNCILLOR WARD SURGERY MEETINGS PRIOR TO MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP FORUM**

The Chair made the suggestion that as it appeared that the PACT meetings which had previously took place just prior the meeting of the Township Forum had stopped. Would there be support for a half hour Councillor's Surgery involving a ward member from each of the three wards in Whitefield and Unsworth.

If this was something which local residents would consider as a useful tool in reporting and discussing matters with their elected members they should contact the Township Co-ordinator.

**WUTF .43 OPEN DAY 2 HEYCROFT WHITEFIELD**

The meeting was informed and invited to take part in the open garden event taking place at 2 Heycroft, Whitefield during the weekend between 11am and 4pm in order to raise funds for local Bury Charities.

**COUNCILLOR A Audin  
Chair**

(Note: The meeting started at 6.30pm and ended at 8.20 pm)