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AGENDA FOR

WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH TOWNSHIP FORUM

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**To: All Members of Whitefield and Unsworth Township
Forum**

Councillors: A Audin, K Audin, R Caserta, E Fitzgerald,
J Grimshaw, D Jones, A Matthews, B Vincent and
M Wiseman

Dear Member

Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum

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

Date:	Tuesday, 10 September 2013
Place:	Elms Community Centre, Green Lane, Whitefield, M45 7FD
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 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3 MINUTES *(Pages 1 - 6)*

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2013.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING *(Pages 7 - 10)*

A) Update on Whitefield House - The meeting will be attended by Alex Holland (Head of Property and Asset Management) and Dave Marno (Development Manager) who will provide an update.

B) Core Strategy – A copy of the Township Forum collective response to the Core Strategy is attached for information.

5 FLOOD RISK INFORMATION

Information on the Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy will be available at the meeting.

6 FOSTER CARERS

There will be a stand at the meeting providing information on foster caring.

7 POLICE UPDATES

An update on Policing matters in the Whitefield and Unsworth area will be provided.

8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions are invited from members of the public present at the meeting to ask questions or raise issues of concern relating to the provision of local services.

Approximately 30 minutes will be set aside for Public Question Time if required.

9 UPDATE FROM WHITEFIELD BUSINESS GROUP

Alex Stacey representing the Whitefield Business Group will provide an update at the meeting on the work of the Group.

10 COMMUNITY NOTICES

11 COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE AND FUNDING UPDATE *(Pages 11 - 22)*

A copy of the Community Plan Update and the Funding Report is attached.

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum will take place at 1:00pm on 19 November 2013 at Elms Community Centre, Green Lane, Whitefield.

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- Minutes of:** **WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH TOWNSHIP FORUM**
- Date of Meeting:** 9 July 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 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.
Mrs S Bannister – Jewish Representative Council
- Public attendance:** 19 members of the public were in attendance
- Apologies for absence:** Councillor B Vincent

WUTF .163 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interests were made in respect of any of the items to be considered at the meeting.

WUTF .164 MINUTES

Delegated decision:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

WUTF .165 ITEMS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 4 June 2013

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

PACT Meetings - Mr Lott referred to PACT meetings that use to take place prior to the Township Forum meeting and requested that an update report was still presented by the Police.

It was reported that Sergeant Garland (GMP) was present and would give an update and would ensure that an update was provided at future meetings.

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The Chair stated that she would write to Inspector Kenny to highlight the importance of a police presence at the Township Forum meeting to provide an update on activities within the area and have an input in discussions.

Libraries – the Township Co-ordinator was requested to email information on the outcome of the Cabinet meeting taking place on 10 July which would be considering the Review of Libraries.

Direction Signs to Elms Community Centre – The Chair reported that new direction signage would be installed by Six Town Housing.

It was agreed:

That the update be noted.

WUTF .166 BURY PUBLICATION – CORE STRATEGY NOTIFICATION OF FORTHCOMING CONSULTATION

The Township Forum received a presentation from David Wiggins (Neighbourhoods and Communities Department) regarding the Council's Core Strategy consultation. The Core Strategy will be a key document at the heart of Bury's Local Plan. It will set out the long-term vision for the future development of the borough to 2029 and will contain strategic policies that are required to deliver that vision

The consultation would run from for six weeks (2 August to 13 September 2013) and would be submitted to the Secretary of State (Environment) in December. An examination of the Strategy will take place in March 2014 and it is anticipated that the final Core Strategy would be adopted in September 2014.

The Chair invited questions.

Q - What will be done to reduce damage to the environment and in particular managing air quality produced from vehicles using the M60 and M66?

The Core Strategy would look to reduce the need for travel more often by promoting mixed use developments.

Q – Why is there is no mention of the green belt in the Strategy on the west side of the borough.

There are no proposals to amend any of the green belt in the borough.

Q – Can something be done to address the empty plots at Pilsworth retail-park which would not impact on Bury town centre?

The area has been identified as employment land for offices and other uses.

Q – People living on Croft Lane are very concerned at the volume of traffic that uses the road each day resulting from the access to the M66 and the

employees of the businesses located at the business and retail park. Residential roads are also very busy and the surface of the roads requires improvement.

Any proposals for development would be the subject of assessment on the proposed use of a site as well as the likely traffic flow that it would generate. A judgement would be made on this basis.

Q – The Core Strategy refers to strengthening Whitefield District Centre. How could this be achieved because there is no room for further development.

There is a national policy 'Town Centre First' which has been introduced to help retain local businesses and prevent them from being drawn away from town developments. Whitefield District Centre could be strengthened by maintaining the status-quo in terms of existing development or considering development opportunities that could improve the area as they arise.

Q – Why is the consultation taking place over the summer period instead of September/ October when more people could respond?

The consultation is over a six week period and this is not all within the summer-holiday period.

Q – How do people make a comment on the Core Strategy?

There is an explanatory leaflet which the public can use to write a response to the consultation which is freepost. The Core Strategy is also available on the Bury Council web site and comments can also be made on-line.

The Township Co-ordinator asked the meeting if there was any merit in setting up a representative group to meet with officers and put forward comments and suggestions for the Whitefield and Unsworth area.

David Wiggins agreed to attend the meeting.

Pamela Taylor asked if the comments submitted regarding the village design statement would remain in the Core Strategy. David reported that the comments were still in the Core Strategy.

Councillor FitzGerald referred to the size of the Core Strategy document and suggested that help and guidance was needed to help people find their way around it. In particular, an explanation was required of the language used and the generic phrases.

Q – Where does Whitefield fit in the grand scheme and does Bury have priority over other areas?

Bury has a Sub-Regional category, Radcliffe and Ramsbottom are Town Centres and Whitefield and Unsworth is a District Centre.

It was agreed:

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1. That the presentation on the Core Strategy be noted.
2. That David Wiggins be thanked for his attendance.
3. That arrangements be made to hold a meeting to consider the impact on Whitefield and Unsworth within the Core Strategy consultation period and David Wiggins be invited to attend.

WUTF .167 WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH AREA PLAN

The Township Co-ordinator gave a presentation on the Whitefield and Unsworth Area Plan following the work of the Township Forum at its previous meeting.

Mr Marshall asked why there was no mention of the Environment in view of the importance of issues such as the old Whitefield Town Hall and Pilsworth sites. Would these be included in the Core Strategy?

Pamela Taylor stated that it was important to protect the environment and there was a strong history of getting involved with successful outcomes when structured arguments were presented.

The Township Co-ordinator stated that Environment issues could be added to the Area Plan.

Councillor FitzGerald referred to the tools that were available to the public such as the Localism Bill that would allow areas and buildings to be listed as community assets. There was also the opportunity of having the first option to purchase a community asset.

Alex Stacey referred to the importance of encouraging the public to invest in the environment in different ways such as viewing waste as a resource.

It was agreed:

That the presentation and Whitefield and Unsworth Area Plan 2012-2015 be endorsed.

WUTF .168 POLICE UPDATE

An update was given by Sergeant Richard Garland (GMP) on Policing issues within Whitefield and Unsworth.

Criminal activity included 2 robberies, 16 burglaries, 3 stolen vehicles, 8 theft from vehicles (including theft of number plates).

An arrest had been made of an individual responsible for a number of burglaries and there had been a number of drug raids in the area.

It was reported that the new Chief Superintendent of the Bury Division is Tim Forber who had been relocated from Oldham Division.

Copies of the 'Big Book of Little Scams' were left for residents to pick up.

A Homewatch meeting would be held on 24 July at 7:30pm at St Georges Church.

It was agreed:

That the update be noted.

**WUTF
.169 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Chair invited the members of the public present to ask questions or raise items of concern relating to the provision of local services.

Mr Wyatt referred to the road junction at Elms Street/ Morrisons store exit/ Bury New Road and the speed of vehicles turning on to Elms Street and the likelihood of a collision.

It was reported that the 20mph policy was currently being introduced to areas across the borough. The Police were aware that this was a fast junction and would monitor it.

Councillor FitzGerald asked for an update on the old Whitefield House site. It was reported that the site was currently the subject of legal proceedings.

Councillor Wiseman stated that the Council had responsibility for the condition of the pond on the site.

A request was made that an officer attend the next meeting of the Forum to answer questions, provide an update and, where possible, background information on the proposals for site, in view of the legal proceedings that were ongoing.

**WUTF
.170 COMMUNITY NOTICES**

The Chair gave notices of forthcoming events that would be taking place within Whitefield and Unsworth.

**WUTF
.171 COMMUNITY FUNDING REPORT**

A report of the Programme Support Officer was submitted providing details of Ward Funding for 2013/2014.

It was agreed:

That the report be noted.

**COUNCILLOR A Audin
Chair**

(Note: The meeting started at 6.30pm and ended at 8.30 pm)

**WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH TOWNSHIP FORUM
ITEMS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM: 9th JULY 2013**

	Raised by	ITEM RAISED AT OPEN FORUM	Action by	Action
1	Councillor Vincent	Wingate Drive- trees overgrown all along Wingate- whole area needs inspecting for trees/roots issues	Trees/ woodland manager	Les Beardwood to inspect week beginning 10 th June Request for update for September meeting
3	Mr Wyatt	Junction at Morrisons in Whitefield dangerous due to speeding traffic coming along main road and down the hill at Church Lane turning left onto Bury New Road. Can anything be done to slow down the traffic?	Traffic managem ent	
4	Mr Gremson	Heavy traffic and poor condition of highway on Stand Lane from Whitefield and into Radcliffe. Causing vibration to properties. Request for speed and weight restrictions (complaint received by email outside of meeting- will also be taken to Radcliffe Township Forum)	Highways	Response from Highways- Further investigative work required that will be fed back to residents in due course with regard to vibrations, weight of vehicles and traffic speed. This issue dealt with at Radcliffe Township forum alongside closure of Ringley Bridge.
5		Can township Forum have update on Whitefield House and what is happening to the site	Property services	Officer update on Whitefield House will be delivered to township Forum at September meeting

**Kim Griffiths
July 2013**

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RESPONSE TO CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION 2013

(This is a collective response of the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum to the Bury's Core Strategy Consultation Aug-September 2013)

The Whitefield and Unsworth Township Area Plan makes reference to several issues that also appear in the Core Strategy.

Encourage new business to the Pilsworth site:

This is a major issue for the Core Strategy, stating that the Pilsworth site has potential to accommodate approximately 15% of the Borough's total future supply of employment land.

However any development of land needs to take into account the impact on increased traffic and congestion that this may cause in the area, especially on Croft lane which is already very congested at peak times. Connectivity needs to be of high importance, with good integrated public transport systems, travel plans and infrastructure in place.

Improvements to the bus services have been made in the last twelve months, but this has been due to the work of local councillors, the township Forum and good partnership working with the bus company, and not due to corporate strategic action.

The Forum would therefore agree that Pilsworth site is extremely important and businesses need to be encouraged, however they would like to see specific reference to traffic implications in the core strategy.

Park 17 is another important site with scope for development, protection of this site is important for future employment locally. In considering sustainable economic growth and reducing the congestion and need to travel, it is important to employ people as locally as possible. This would assist with deprivation issues around unemployment, especially for the Besses area.

Future House Building

The core strategy states that approximately 5% of proposed house building across the Borough up to 2029, will be accommodated in Whitefield. This is approximately 350 new homes in the area. The intention is to infill existing space.

In consideration of the deprivation in certain areas of the area (especially Besses Ward) the strategy needs to ensure that a proportion of the houses being built are affordable housing.

There is a question of education needs and it is acknowledged by the township Forum that many schools in the area are already working to capacity, and that more houses and therefore people moving into the area may ultimately put strain on demand for school places. This should be a consideration in the strategy.

Protection of Green Belt area

Although there have been assurance given to the Township Forum that all green belt areas are to be retained, the core strategy specifically says that Green belt designations will be “Predominantly in the Unsworth area to the east of the M66 and Parr Brook/ bury Golf Club area.” The forum would specifically like this to be addressed to state specifically that ALL green belt areas in Whitefield and Unsworth will be protected, this to take into account the areas around the Pilkington Park ward.

Hollins Village Design Statement

To continue to be considered in any planning application in the area

July 2013

Whitefield & Unsworth Township Action Plan

**2013-14:
Performance Report
September 2013**

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report outlines the performance of the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum and the progress on each of the themes contained within the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Action Plan for 2013-14. The information provided has been gathered from a number of qualitative and quantitative sources including Bury Insight, Index of Multiple Deprivation, Area Profile Data and various local community intelligence.
- 1.2 There are currently 5 key thematic priorities contained within the Whitefield and Unsworth Action Plan for 2013/14:
- Improved Health and Wellbeing
 - Improved Employment Opportunities
 - Educational Attainment and Learning
 - Improved Community Safety
 - Improved Community Pride and Belonging

This report provides a summary of the overall performance for each of the themes and the projects which contribute to their delivery.

- 1.3 Where possible both quantitative and qualitative data sources have been used to demonstrate the progress that has been made by the Township Forum on each theme.
- 1.4 The detail of this performance report can be viewed on the Township Forum web pages at www.bury.gov.uk/townshipforums. If you require copies of the report please contact Kim Griffiths on 0161 253 6349

IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

Project Updates

What We Promised

- Bring work to people- regular and reliable bus service now in place to Pilsworth- explore possibility of re routing of 154 for Sunnybank Road and residents
- Encourage new businesses to set up in Pilsworth
- Promote "Backing Young Bury" with local businesses
- Explore possibility of job clubs/fairs and raise awareness of opportunities- monitor success of job Club at Besses Children's Centre
- Literacy and numeracy training-identify venues for training

What We Did

- First Bus to attend Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum meeting in November for feedback on services and suggestions for the future.
- Besses Children's centre have job club set up on site. Member of staff trained to deliver the job club, help people write CVs etc.
- Volunteer working also from Childrens centre
- Funding identified for training opportunities -Changing Lives Project via Bury College. See below

Successes to Date

Areas of Concern/Next Steps

-
- Promote Job Club and volunteering opportunities and try to get people back to work
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IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT/LEARNING	
Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)	Project Updates
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve information sharing between local community and central organisations re learning needs locally • Deliver more learning opportunities in the community and make learning more accessible • Ensure children are school ready-support for parents and encourage early reading • Lifestyle and fitness- especially women and girls so they are fit and ready to learn <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Learning partnership has representative member from the Township Forum to relay key messages and represent local area on community learning issues 	<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and inequalities group met with Bury College staff – Changing Lives Project- delivering community learning to enable readiness for work- target area Besses Ward <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish sessions and build confidence in new provision to get good use from it, engaging the most hard to reach families.

IMPROVED COMMUNITY SAFETY

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

What We Promised

- Continue partnership work
- Proactive work with young people- raise awareness of ASB/ personal safety/ crime amongst school children
- Speeding traffic. Streetsafe 20mph zones in residential areas
- School parking issues- encourage schools to participate in "Safer School Parking Charters"

What We Did

- Set up Partner Action Group (PAG) to deal with emerging issues of crime and ASB and also to concentrate on known perpetrators of crime and vulnerable victims in the area. Multiagency group with relevant partners on board.
- Delivery of BSafe BCool project to all year 9 pupils planned for two weeks during October 13

Project Updates

Successes to Date

- Streetsafe- 20mph zones. Consultations completed on Hamilton Road area, Clyde Avenue area and Egerton Road area. Recommended that these schemes continue.

Areas of Concern/Next Steps

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IMPROVED COMMUNITY PRIDE AND BELONGING	
Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)	Project Updates
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Environmental Education and Awareness • Promote Whitefield as a nice place to live • Encourage participation to new and existing community groups- encourage local events and clean up days • Support parks events- Boz park fun day, Halloween festival • Promote volunteering to ensure delivery of key events <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive promotion via events, publicity • Funding for Elms in bloom via various local authority sources, and six town Housing • Halloween Festival being planned for 2013 	<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic in the park day at Boz Park- relatively low turn out in spite of event being widely advertised, but was arranged at short notice. • Promotion of local events and activities at township forum meetings <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future of events and support for events due to changes and reduction to ranger service. Community led events will have to be supported in other ways- investigate ways that events can be delivered locally • Young people need a strong focus to keep them engaged- facing negativity due to current cuts etc and soon became disillusioned

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Title:	Community Funding Report
To:	Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum
Date:	10 th September 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

Besses

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Prestwich & Whitefield Townswomens guild	To pay for a mini-bus for days out	£ 250.00
Victoria TRA	To purchase a PA and speakers	£ 200.00
Eden Garden Allot Assoc	Purchase items - planks & topsoil	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 800.00

Pilkington Park

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Victoria TRA	To purchase a PA and speakers	£ 200.00
Fund Remaining		£ 1,300.00

Unsworth

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Victoria TRA	To purchase a PA and speakers	£ 200.00
Elms Community Centre	To purchase prizes for Elms in Bloom Comp	£ 250.00
Elms Community Centre	To purchase 2 playpens for the playgroup	£ 160.00
Elms Community Centre	To purchase 2 playpens for the playgroup	£ 160.00
Fund Remaining		£ 890.00

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

3.0 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 next meeting of the Small Grants Panel will be 1st October 2013. 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 Pavillion	£ 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
		Total allocated	£ 28,600

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