

AGENDA FOR

**RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH
MANOR TOWNSHIP FORUM**

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**To: All Members of Ramsbottom, Tottington and North
Manor Township Forum**

Councillors : I Bevan (Chair), S Carter, J Columbine,
J Daly, L Fitzwalter, I Gartside, D Gunther K Hussain,
and Y Wright

Dear Member/Colleague

Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Ramsbottom, Tottington
and North Manor Township Forum which will be held as follows:-

Date:	Thursday, 12 September 2013
Place:	Ramsbottom Civic Hall, Market Place, Ramsbottom, BL0 9HT
Time:	7.00 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 FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor 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.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING *(Pages 1 - 4)*

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2013 are attached.

4 DRAFT LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

A presentation will be given at the meeting.

5 POLICE UPDATE

Bryn Williams has been invited to update the Forum on police issues across the three Township wards.

6 TOWNSHIP PLAN - UPDATE

The updated Township Plan will follow

7 OPEN FORUM

Members of the public are invited to ask questions or raise issues of concern relating to the provision of local services.

8 TOWNSHIP FORUM FUNDING REPORT *(Pages 5 - 8)*

The Township Forum funding report is attached for information.

Minutes of:	RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH MANOR TOWNSHIP FORUM
Date of Meeting:	11 July 2013
Venue:	Christ Church Walmersley
Councillors:	Councillor I Bevan (Chair); Councillors S Carter, J Columbine, J Daly, L Fitzwalter, I Gartside, D Gunther and K Hussain
Advisory Group Representatives:	Dr Falmai Binns - BRIF/Hawkshaw Residents' Association Emily Kay – Youth Representative
Public attendance:	16 members of the public were in attendance
Apologies for absence:	Councillor Y Wright and Gina Ball (Ramsbottom Traders Association)

RTNM.200 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

RTNM.201 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**It was agreed:**

That the last Meeting of the Township Forum held on 5 June 2013 be approved as a correct record.

RTNM.202 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Further to Minute RTNM.65, "Nomination of Chair and Vice –Chair", the Forum passed a Vote of Thanks to Councillor Gunther who had been Chair during 2012/13.
- (ii) Further to Minute RTNM.64, "Vintage Markets at Ramsbottom Civic Hall, Councillor Columbine provided an update following a meeting involving key personnel. There would be an increase in the number of permitted markets from one to two, but requests for further such markets had met with resistance from Bury Market.

Local Councillors would pursue the matter and a Freedom of Information Request had been made in order to obtain sight of the Market Charter.

It was agreed:

That a Council representative be requested to attend the next meeting of the Forum to discuss the matter further.

RTNM.203 BURY PUBLICATION CORE STRATEGY

David Wiggins, Principal Officer for Development Planning, gave a presentation to the Forum on the forthcoming consultation on Bury's Core Strategy. Following approval of the document for consultation at Council on 3 July 2013, the consultation period would now run from 2 August to 13 September 2013. Any comments made at this stage would be submitted to the Secretary of State in December 2013 and considered at an Examination which was anticipated to be March 2014, with adoption in September 2014.

In response to questions invited from those present the following issues were raised:-

- A question was raised as to whether a petition being organised in Hawkshaw against wind turbines could be submitted as part of consultation on the Publication Core Strategy. David Wiggins stated that this could be done.
- That previous comments made by Walmersley residents had not been responded to by the Council. David Wiggins stated that previous submissions made by the Walmersley Residents Action Group have been specifically responded to in various Responses Reports and comments made at the Second Draft Stage will also be responded to in a similar Responses Report that will be available when consultation on the Publication Core Strategy commences.
- It was felt essential to integrate the Core Strategy with policies being developed by AGMA regarding the siting of wind turbines. David Wiggins responded that he had investigated the existence of an AGMA policy on wind turbines but was informed that no such policy existed. However, he would be happy to receive any information on any such policy and would investigate the matter further.

RTNM.204 CONSERVATION AREAS

David Marno, the Council's Development Manager, informed the Forum as to the Conservation Areas which existed within the Borough and how planning applications within such areas may require additional consents over and above planning permission due to such areas being safeguarded under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act.

In response to an invitation to ask questions the following issues were raised:-

- A draft list existed of buildings of local interest but this held no statutory weight.
- Officers within the Planning Division are qualified and are capable of

dealing sensitively with applications within Conservation areas such as Holcombe.

- In March 2012, the Government issued the National Planning Policy Framework, replacing all previous planning guidance issued in PPG's and PPS's. The effect of this is that national guidance is far less prescriptive than previously, leaving the level of requirements in terms of depth and detail to be locally determined. Decisions are based on Planning Law, national and local policy.
- Statutory consultations are provided on reasonable request but were not available for the public to see on-line.
- Applications in respect of shop frontages in a Conservation Areas were dealt with on their own merits.

RTNM.205 TOWNSHIP PLAN – FEEDBACK FROM THE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

David Thomas, Township Forum Manager, gave a presentation on the outcome of June Discussion Groups in shaping the Township Plan. The following key themes had emerged and the development of these was considered:-

- Employment / Worklessness / Training
- Crime & Perceptions of Crime
- Health & Wellbeing
- Rural Issues / Promoting Outlying Areas
- Community Cohesion & Integration
- New Priorities

The next steps would now be to meet with Advisory Group representatives, elected members and key partners; to identify 4 or 5 key priorities for inclusion in the refreshed plan; and to present a new plan at the September Township Forum.

It was reported that Inspector Williams had been unable to attend tonight's meeting but would be present at some future meetings.

Keith Conley of Ramsbottom Rotary explained projects undertaken with local schools which would complement the aim of the Township Plan.

RTNM.206 OPEN FORUM

- Kevin Winch of Care for Elderly informed the Forum as to the aims of his organisation in tackling dementia in the elderly.
- A meeting was being held in Ramsbottom Library on 20 August 2013 to discuss the launch of a credit union.

RTNM.207 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was reported that the next meeting of the Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum would be held on 12 September 2013 at Ramsbottom Civic Hall.

COUNCILLOR I Bevan

Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 7.00pm and ended at 8.40pm)

Title:	Community Funding Report
To:	Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum
Date:	12 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

North Manor

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Tottington Holiday Playscheme	To continue the holiday playscheme	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 1,016.67

Ramsbottom

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
No applications approved		
Fund Remaining		£ 1,266.67

Tottington

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Tottington Holiday Playscheme	To continue the holiday playscheme	£ 250.00
Affetside Choir	To buy a keyboard case	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 766.67

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 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 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
		Total allocated	£ 28,600

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