

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, 19 November 2013
Place:	Elms Community Centre, Green Lane, Whitefield, M45 7FD
Time:	1.00 pm (Please note start time)
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 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3 MINUTES AND UPDATE FROM OPEN FORUM *(Pages 1 - 8)*

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 10 September 2013 (copy attached).

An update from the issues raised during the Open Forum is attached.

4 FIRST BUS UPDATE

Paul Turner from First Bus will be attending the meeting to provide an update on Bus Services in the Whitefield and Unsworth area.

5 PLAN FOR CHANGE

A presentation will be given at the meeting.

6 OPEN FORUM

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.

7 POLICE UPDATE

8 DRUG AND ALCOHOL TEAM QUESTIONNAIRE

Representatives from the Drug and Alcohol Team will be present at the meeting for input into a questionnaire.

9 "I WILL IF YOU WILL" IMPROVING WOMEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE

Representatives will be in attendance at the meeting.

10 COMMUNITY FUNDING REPORT *(Pages 9 - 12)*

To receive for information a report providing an update on community funding within Whitefield and Unsworth.

11 COMMUNITY NOTICES

Details of events and meetings of interest to the Whitefield and Unsworth community.

Minutes of:	WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH TOWNSHIP FORUM
Date of Meeting:	10 September 2013
Venue:	Elms Community Centre, Green Lane, Whitefield
Present:	Councillor A Audin (In the Chair) Councillors K Audin, B Caserta, J Grimshaw, D Jones, A Matthews, B Vincent and M Wiseman
Advisory Group Representatives:	Leonard Lott – Whitefield and Unsworth Homewatch Assn. 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:	30 members of the public were in attendance
Apologies for absence:	Councillor E FitzGerald

WUTF .314 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

WUTF .315 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 .316 ITEMS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 9
JULY 2013**

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

(A) Whitefield House, Whitefield

The meeting was attended by Dave Marno (Head of Development – Planning) and Alex Holland (Head of Asset Management) to update the Township Forum on the latest information regarding Whitefield House.

The meeting was provided with a brief summary of what had taken place following the purchase of Whitefield House by the present owners. This included applications for planning permission for a nursing home, the proposed purchase of land from the Council and the inclusion of the site

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within a conservation area. The planning inspectorate is currently considering an appeal by the owner regarding a proposal to demolish what remains of Whitefield House. This appeal has remained undecided for 18 months. It was reported that the owners architect had made contact regarding a change of scheme, although no detail had been submitted.

(B) Core Strategy

The Township Forum was informed of the response made to the Core Strategy consultation following a productive meeting held with the planning officer and members of the Township Forum.

It was agreed:

That the update be noted.

WUTF .317 FLOOD RISK INFORMATION

The Chair reported that a consultation had started to allow the public to make comments on the Flood Risk Strategy for Bury.

It was reported that Whitefield and Unsworth was a low risk flood area.

It was agreed:

That the report be noted.

WUTF .318 FOSTER CARERS

The meeting was attended by officers from the Bury Council Fostering and Adoption services regarding the need for more foster parents within Bury to provide a home for Bury children. It was reported that support and training would be provided to anyone interested in fostering as well as financial assistance. Fostering is open to all areas of the community and there was no upper age limit for those wishing to find out more.

The training for prospective foster carers takes place over an eight month period to improve the skills and knowledge of the individual.

Anyone interested in fostering is welcome to contact the Family Placement Team at Bury Council for further information.

The Chair invited questions from the Township Forum and members of the public present.

It was agreed:

That the presentation made be and the officers from the Family Placement Team be thanked for their attendance.

**WUTF
.319** **POLICE UPDATE**

An update was given by Inspector Mark Kenny (GMP) on Policing issues within Whitefield and Unsworth.

The meeting was informed that changes to the Greater Manchester Police were ongoing in the way its service was delivered, however 3000+ incidents were taking place across Greater Manchester on a daily basis.

The police had introduced Integrated Neighbourhood Policing Teams across Bury with a view to working closely with communities. It was reported that the new Chief Superintendent for Bury (Tim Forber) had introduced an expectation that officers should be Personable, Professional and Proud in the manner they conduct themselves in their duties.

The Township Forum was reminded to take extra care to ensure they protect their homes and belongings with darker evenings approaching. There was usually an increase in crime such as burglary. There would be advice available to residents as part of the 'Darker Nights' operation currently ongoing.

The Chair invited questions.

Alex Stacey: Are Police Cadets still used by GMP or they to be disbanded?
Inspector Kenny: I will check and let you know.

Derek Boden: Can something be done using electronic signs regarding the speed of vehicles using Thatch Leach Lane rather than cutting back trees?

Inspector Kenny: The Police take speed reduction very seriously and there are officers specialising in speed detection. A sign was used on Sunnybank to reduce speed successfully. Local police will be contacted to take action on this matter.

**WUTF
.320** **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 Marshall requested consideration be given to remarking the road on the roundabout located on Bury New Road (junction 17 M60) for the reason that the present markings were confusing to drivers. Reference was made to the markings at the Heap Bridge roundabout and efficiency of the system used. The Township Co-ordinator undertook to raise the matter with the Traffic Section.

Councillor Bayley asked for action to address the problem of taxi vehicles parking on bus lanes on Bury New Road and the problems caused to the flow of traffic this causes. Parking bays were available close to the taxi-office that are not used. The problems were taking place outside of the Tandra taxi office.

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Councillor Caserta reported that matter will be raised with the taxi Licensing Enforcement Officer.

Councillor Vincent asked if more bus services could be provided for Bury Old Road which has one service (135)

It was reported that a representative from First Bus would be attending the meeting of the Township Forum in November.

Councillor Bayley reported that Bury New Road had been allocated as the main route into Manchester. Previously TfGM had been asked to run the 137 and 138 services.

Alex Stacey - Can action be taken to re-instate the double yellow lines outside of the NatWest Bank.

Mrs Blunt – What is the position regarding the future of the Whitefield Health Centre and the Uplands. The information provided by the health centre and the Bury Time is misleading regarding the refurbishment.

Councillor Vincent reported that contrary to the story published by the Bury Time the Health Centre was not closing down.

Could action be taken to address the noise and public health issues resulting from people leaving the Old Bulls Head premises late in the evening which is open until 2am.

Councillor Jones reported that the police require residents to provide information on establishments before they can take action against the licence holder. For this reason residents are requested to report issues to the police so information can be recorded. The police will also make the licence holder aware of any issues and the police will monitor the premises or take appropriate action.

John Mallon suggested that a review take place of the Whitefield area to look at the issue of businesses and car parking and general planning and development of the area.

Councillor Jones reminded the meeting that the Council was in the process of a consultation period for the production of the Core Strategy which was considered at the previous Township Forum. The consultation was open until 20 September 2013. The Strategy will consider all aspects of planning within the borough.

WUTF .321 UPDATE FROM WHITEFIELD BUSINESS GROUP

Alex Stacey gave an update of the work of the Whitefield Business Group. The meeting was informed that the role of the Whitefield Business Group was to support business and encourage footfall within the Whitefield area through regular meetings and organising events to raise the interest of the public such as markets and festivals.

The upcoming Halloween Festival on 27 October which would be a covered this year in case of bad weather and would appeal to all age groups.

The Business Group were also working with the Police to help promote 'Operation Treacle' in the lead up to Halloween and bonfire night.

WUTF COMMUNITY NOTICES
.322

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

WUTF COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE AND FUNDING UPDATE
.323

An update on the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Action Plan and a report of the Programme Support Officer was submitted providing details of ward funding for 2013/2014 was submitted.

It was agreed:

That the report be noted.

COUNCILLOR A Audin
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 6.30pm and ended at 8.15 pm)

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ITEMS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM: 10th SEPTEMBER 2013

	Raised by	ITEM RAISED AT OPEN FORUM	Action by	Action
1	Mr Marshall	Approach to roundabout from Whitefield across to Prestwich at Junction 17-3 lanes, left turn only, right only and middle lane straight on or right. Lots of instances of people being "cut up" when trying to turn right into Tesco. Would like highways to consider changing the road marking to match Heap Bridge which seems more sensible Sharon Bannister replied that she did not agree. She travels to Heap Bridge each morning and the new markings have caused chaos and more traffic queues.	Highways	For consideration and response?
2	Councillor Noel Bayley	Taxi car parking issues outside taxi rank opposite Morrisons. On yellow lines	Traffic management Licensing	Councillor Caserta said that he has looked into complaints about this issue and has contacted the licensing office who will be visiting the Taxi rank and speaking to them about this. Reply from Licensing Unit Manager, Bury Council I can confirm that Dave Mortimer has spoken with Councillor Jones. He has also spoken with parking services and they have agreed to put it as a hot spot and he has also spoken with the operator at Tandra to advise him of the problems.
3	Councillor Caserta/	Councillor Caserta is pressing for 2 hour parking restriction on one side of Hamilton Road to free up parking space in the area.	Highways/ Traffic management	

4	Alex Stacey	Yellow lines opposite Nat West bank have worn away and reinstating.	Highways	
5	Councillor Vincent	Is there any chance of resurrecting additional bus services along Bury old Road as only one bus route, 135, goes along there	Dealt with in open forum	First Bus are attending the next Township Forum on 19 th November at 1pm
6	Resident of Devon Drive	Bulls Head now changed ownership – now Monte Cristo. Licensed until 2am. Issue with noise as people leave the premises and also public urination in people’s gardens.	Dealt with in Open Forum	Cllr Jones strongly recommended that issues affecting residents should be reported to the police and licensing authority. The police can not only patrol but will be able to bring issues to licensing and can even object to licenses. Inspector Kenny agreed and said that he would be happy to take details of complaints and that he and his officers will be keeping their eye on the business as it new to the area.
7	John Mallon	Car parking has been an issue for some time. There is space behind some of the businesses for parking but roads are unadopted and need resurfacing. Thinks there needs to be a review of what is going on in the area and sensible planning about how new business impacts on local residents.	Noted	Core strategy consultation still open for comments and suggested that these comments should be fed into the consultation. Alex Stacey said the business group have looked very closely at parking opportunities- especially where this is limited for example metro station and Morrisons
8	Whitefield resident	Bury times reported that the Uplands would be closed whilst being refurbished but this is not the case, building being used as normal and signs up to say so on the building. Bury times should retract their story	Press officer	Bury times informed about the error

Kim Griffiths
September 2013

Title:	Community Funding Report
To:	Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum
Date:	19 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

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
Whitefield Comm Graveyar	purchase materials	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 1,050.00

Unsworth

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

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

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