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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/Colleague

### **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:-

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 11 March 2014
<b>Place:</b>	Elms Community Centre, Green Lane, Whitefield
<b>Time:</b>	6.30 pm
<b>Briefing Facilities:</b>	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.
<b>Notes:</b>	

## **AGENDA**

### **1 APOLOGIES**

### **2 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.

### **3 MINUTES** (*Pages 1 - 6*)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2014.

### **4 TOWNSHIP PLAN - UPDATE**

### **5 HEALTHIER TOGETHER PRESENTATION - NHS BURY CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP**

To share the proposed vision around transforming health and care services in Bury, how this could be done and to get early feedback in advance of any public consultation(s).

### **6 JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

A presentation will be given on the draft JSNA and feedback will be invited from the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum.

### **7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Questions are invited from members of the public present at the meeting about the work or performance of the Council or the Council's services relevant to the Whitefield and Unsworth area.

Approximately 30 minutes will be set aside for Open Forum, if required.

### **8 POLICE UPDATE**

A representative from Greater Manchester Police will provide an update on crime related matters.

### **9 COMMUNITY FUNDING REPORT** (*Pages 7 - 10*)

A report from the Programme Support Officer is attached, for information.

**10 BURY 3RD SECTOR DEVELOPMENT AGENCY - UPDATE**

Derek Burke will provide an update for the meeting.

**11 COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Details of events and/or local interest issues relating to Whitefield and Unsworth area will be given.

**12 URGENT BUSINESS**

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

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

**Date of Meeting:** 7 January 2014

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

**Present:** Councillor Grimshaw (In the Chair)  
 Councillors, R Caserta, E FitzGerald, D Jones, A Matthews, and B Vincent and 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.  
 Yvonne Moore – Old Hall Park Residents Assn.  
 Mrs S Bannister – Jewish Representative Council

**Public attendance:** 32 members of the public were in attendance

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors A Audin and K Audin and Mr A Stacey

**WUTF .645 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**WUTF .646 MINUTES**

**Delegated decision:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**WUTF .647 MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING**

With reference to minute number WUTF.531 Mrs Ashcroft stated that the bus service number referred to should be 92 and not 93. Also there was no direct service to take residents from Sunnybank to the Blackford Medical Centre.

**WUTF .648 PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE**

The meeting was attended by representatives from Transport for Greater Manchester (Sam Tysoe and James Lewis) and First Buses (Paul Turner).

Sam Tysoe acknowledged the receipt of a petition regarding the decision to no longer include Pilsworth on the 154 route. The meeting was informed that a postcode check had been made on the location of the petition contributors.

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It was reported that the 154 service could not achieve the set timetable after analysing strong data which indicated that 68% of bus services were not operating on time. It was decided that 8 Minutes were needed to ensure the timetable could be achieved and a section of the service was cut. The analysis of bus service users is detailed taking into account various factors. There were alternatives for residents of the Parr Lane area involving the 92 or 93 services.

The meeting was informed that the cost of maintaining the 154 service would be an additional £85,000.

The Chair invited questions.

- If 68% of the services are not running on time then surely the timetable is wrong and needs reviewing.
  - This was a sample view of bus services taken over a 2 month period.
- Could additional time be added to the route to ensure that all stops are served and arrive at the time specified by TfGM rather than late as at the moment?
  - There are limitations on the services due to budgets reductions and adding time to the timetable is not possible. Two buses must cover the timetable every hour. We are trying to provide the best service possible with the resources available.
- Pennine Care Trust is locating more services to NMGH. The 154 goes to NMGH. As a public service it is important that these services are accessible for Bury residents on one bus journey. Service planners need to look at the bigger picture.
- Residents of Prestwich are unhappy with the loss of the 154 service and have lost direct access to Pilsworth. There is a concern that people travelling to Pilsworth are required to change services in an area without a bus station which is set out in the open. Members of the public are left feeling vulnerable.
- Would it be possible for the 92 service to continue on the 152 service route and use the motorway?
  - will look at this.
- On a Sunday the 98 service is outsourced to another operator from 5pm to 10pm. Service users who have bought a First Travel Saver ticket are being charged again by the other bus company which will not accept the pass. This could result in some people being left in vulnerable position at if they have no money to pay the fare. Is this correct?
  - This is a problem across Greater Manchester. Subsidised routes are tendered on non-profit routes. The subsidised operator is not obliged to accept saver tickets or cards issued by the day time operator. If the service user has a TfGM saver ticket it is acceptable across Greater Manchester, although the cost is higher than that charged by First.
- Is it possible to reroute the 93 to Hollins Brow to Pilsworth and take out Parkhills Road to Market Street, as it was before, to miss out congestion on market days. This would also allow residents of Sunnybank to access Blackford House Medical Centre.

- This suggestion was raised at the last meeting. The area suggested to be included is substantially longer than the area to be taken out and would increase the time to complete the route.

- A petition of 450 signatures has been submitted for the reinstatement of the 154 service to help workers and shoppers get better access to the Pilsworth ASDA store. Workers and shoppers are in some cases required to get 2 buses to get to work. People want the 154 service back.

The Chair thanked the TfGM Officers and representative of First for their attendance and requested them to consider the comments, questions and suggestions made to help improve bus services in Whitefield, Unsworth and Prestwich. The Chair also requested their attendance at a future meeting.

## **WUTF .649 RING AND RIDE SERVICE**

The Chair introduced Chris Berry (Ring and Ride District Manager – Bolton, Bury and Rochdale) to the meeting to explain the Ring and Ride service.

Ring and Ride is a service for those members of the public who find it difficult to travel on public transport. All vehicles are fully accessible and users are invited to register which allows them to book a trip 7 days in advance. This is done through a call-centre which is open between 8am and 4pm Monday to Sunday. The charge is 80p (concessionary rate) and £1.60 (standard rate) and there is no age limit on service users. When registering it is necessary for the individual to state what issue they have with public transport.

The Chair invited questions.

- Since the move to a central call-centre in Manchester, some users have commented that the service is not as good as it use to be.
  - The introduction of a call-centre out of the area was a cost effective measure for the service. The level of local knowledge is reduced as a result. The buses are stationed in Heywood and the drivers are able to help in the planning of journeys and this will improve the service over time.
- A service user who is blind was left at their block of flats on the other side they are usually left by the Ring and Ride driver which resulted in the person not recognising their location.
  - Drivers are trained to escort service users to the door from the pick up point. The matter will be investigated.
- A service user has had difficulty in getting the pick up time they wanted. Also, some drivers don't appear to be familiar with the area and on one occasion a different colour bus was used.
  - Some of the vehicles will be replaced this year and on occasion a bus will be hired.

The Chair thanked Chris Berry for his attendance.

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## **WUTF BURY CAREERS SERVICE** **.650**

The Chair introduced Sheila Blackman from the Carers Service which is based on Silver Street in Bury. Sheila gave a presentation on the services and support offered to carers within Bury. The presentation covered the following areas:

- What is a Carer
- What a Carer is entitled to
- Who we are
- What we do
- How we can help
- Our aim for Carers of Bury
- How you can help

Information packs were circulated for anyone interested in the Carers Service.

The Chair thanked Sheila for her attendance.

## **WUTF POLICE UPDATE** **.651**

Inspector Kenny gave an update on crime within Whitefield. He reported that crime rates had reduced with 32 fewer crimes reported than at the same time last year. The GMP has a proactive leadership approach to policing across Greater Manchester. PACT meetings would be tailored to meet the needs of the community.

The Chair invited questions.

- Has there been a reduction in the number of hate crimes?
  - There has been a reduction in the south of the Borough with fewer anti-Semitic crimes. In these cases an investigation is held and a follow up care plan will be introduced.
- Could a reassurance be given on what the Police are doing to address the issue of child grooming in view of the investigations and prosecutions of individuals in Rochdale.
  - The GMP have learnt lessons from the investigations in Rochdale and will move forward accordingly.
- Can action be taken to address the problem of parents parking on a yellow line on Mersey Close when dropping their children off for school?
  - The contravention of a sign is the Council's enforcement responsibility and the causing of an obstruction is the responsibility of the Police. Forward an email setting out the complaint and we will look at the whole issue.
- How does the GMP police Metrolink Stations and is CCTV used at each station?
  - The police will respond to incidents in accordance with 999 (inprogress) or 101 (if not in progress). CCTV is operated by Metrolink. The GMP also works with Metrolink.



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- Could Metrolink be invited to a future meeting to talk about CCTV at Metrolink stations?
  - We will invite Metrolink to a future Township Forum meeting.

The Chair thanked inspector Kenny for his attendance.

## **WUTF .652 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.

- Could action be taken to address the problem caused by uneven paving stones in Whitefield where members of the public have tripped and been injured as a result? In particular: Wingate Drive, the area outside the Forts of India Indian Restaurant on Bury New Road. An Officer from the Council did visit the site outside the restaurant but could not take action because the paving stones were not judged uneven enough to relay them. Councillor Isherwood has been emailed with this complaint. Can the Council undertake surveys of these areas?
- Yvonne Moore reported that one of her neighbours had raised the matter of leylandii trees growing in a garden that were now so big they were damaging a boundary fence. The Council requires a deposit of £400 for a tree surgeon survey. Why is this so expensive?
  - The Council will charge the £400 fee before undertaking a survey. Action will then be taken to retrieve the sum from the owner and then refund it.
- A street light at Top of the Fields needs attention.
  - The Council needs to be aware of the post number.
- What is the position of the 'Hit the North' cycling event usually held in Philips Park which was cancelled this year due to access issues?
- Can action be taken to address a drain located at 34 Elms Close which has caused flooding to the adjacent properties over the last three and a half years.
- How can the Elms Community Centre get funding for the website that has been created to promote the centre?
  - Apply for Community Funding.

## **WUTF .653 COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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

## **WUTF .654 PRESENTATIONS**

The Chair reported that Mrs Yvonne Moore had received British Empire Medal for Service to the Community in the Queens New Year Honours list. Mrs Moore was presented with a bouquet on behalf of the Township Forum.

The meeting was also informed that Kim Griffiths would be moving on from her role as Township Co-ordinator following her successful interview for a Recycling Enforcement Officer post.

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Kim was presented with a bouquet on behalf of the Township Forum and thanked by the Chair for her work and commitment.

**COUNCILLOR J Grimshaw**  
**Chair**

(Note: The meeting started at 1:00 pm and ended at 3.15 pm)

<b>Title:</b>	Community Funding Report
<b>To:</b>	Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum
<b>Date:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2014
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Liz Saunders Bury Council Programme Support Officer 0161 253 6357 <a href="mailto:e.saunders@bury.gov.uk">e.saunders@bury.gov.uk</a>

## 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
Victoria TRA	to purchase selection boxes	£ 250.00
Whitefield Painting Group	Room hire/model fees	£ 250.00
<b>Fund Remaining</b>		£ 300.00

### Pilkington Park

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Victoria TRA	To purchase a PA and speakers	£ 200.00
Whitefield Comm Graveyard	purchase materials	£ 250.00
Prestwich & Whitefield Explorer Unit	Equipment Tents & Stoves	£ 250.00
<b>Fund Remaining</b>		£ 800.00

### 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
Cornerstone Coffee Shop	to purchase fridge , Hoover	£ 250.00
Whitefield Painting Group	Room hire/model fees	£ 250.00
<b>Fund Remaining</b>		£ 390.00

## 3.0 Cross Ward Funding 2013/14

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<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
Bury Fair Trade	Bury Fair Trade Fortnight	£ 250.00
<b>Fund Remaining</b>		<b>£ 0.00</b>

#### 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.

Application forms for the new round of funding in May are available from Liz Saunders 0161 253 6357 or [e.saunders@bury.gov.uk](mailto: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	£ -
Summerseat Village Community	To improve and maintain Summerseat Island	£ 12,000.00	£ -
Hunters Hill TRA	To help fund a play area	£ 12,000	£ 3,354.00
Victoria TRA	Running costs	£ 8,170	£ 3,354.00
Hard of Hearing Support Group	To fund weekly meetings for hard of hearing	£ 1,298	£ 1,298.00
Radcliffe Town FC	To compete improvements to the club house	£ 1,000	£ 1,000.00
Solidarity	To continue monthly activities and social events	£ 12,000	£ 3,354.00
Azamran Youth Club	Easter and summer play schemes	£ 9,538	£ 4,769.00
Jitahidi	To develop the group with meetings and events	£ 8,103	£ 3,354.00
Five Stars Appeal	Pilot project to offer skills training to volunteers	£ 6,000	£ -
Ramsbottom Business Group	To help fund Ramsbottom Chocolate Festival	£ 7,300	£ 3,563.00
Summerseat Village Community	To improve Summerseat Island	£ 12,000	£ 6,000.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£ 88,646.00</b>