

AGENDA FOR

WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH TOWNSHIP FORUM

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

Councillors: P Adams, R Caserta, E FitzGerald,
J Grimshaw (Chair), D Jones, Mallon, A Matthews,
M Whitby 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 March 2015
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 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 AND MATTERS ARISING *(Pages 1 - 12)*

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2015.

4 ELECTORAL REGISTRATION

The Chair will read out a statement regarding the importance of Electoral Registration and the need to ensure residents check that they are registered to vote and what to do if you are not.

5 BUS SERVICES - UPDATE

The meeting will be attended by Dave Longmate (First Bus).

6 POLICE UPDATE

The meeting will be attended by Inspector Ben Cottam GMP.

7 PARKING ISSUES

The meeting will be attended by John Foudy (Parking Manager, Bury Council).

8 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.

9 WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH TOWN PLAN - UPDATE *(Pages 13 - 24)*

A copy of the Whitefield and Unsworth Town Plan is attached.

10 FUNDING REPORT *(Pages 25 - 28)*

A copy of the Funding Report is attached.

11 PUBLIC NOTICES

This is an opportunity to announce any upcoming local events or activities.

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:	6 January 2015
Venue:	Elms Community Centre, Green Lane, Whitefield
Present:	Councillor J Grimshaw (In the Chair) Councillors P Adams, D Jones, J Mallon, A Matthews, M Whitby and M Wiseman
Advisory Group Representatives:	Leonard Lott – Whitefield and Unsworth Homewatch Assn. Marlene Dawson (Victoria Estate TRA) Mrs S Bannister – Jewish Representative Council Mrs T Heyworth (ELMS TRA)
Public attendance:	36 members of the public were in attendance
Apologies for absence:	Councillors R Caserta, E FitzGerald, Pamela Taylor (Hollins Village Community Assn) and Yvonne Moore – (Old Hall Park Residents Assn)

WUTF .558 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made in relation to any items to be considered.

WUTF .559 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2014 were submitted. An update on those matters raised at the meeting was circulated.

Delegated decision:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

WUTF .560 BURY DIRECTORY

The meeting was attended by Heather Hutton and Katie Wood who gave a presentation to introduce the Bury Directory. The Bury Directory is a new 'one stop' online facility for Bury residents to find advice and information about local services and more in Bury from a wide range of providers and organisations. The Directory has been launched in order to bring together links to services which would otherwise mean searching a number of websites. The home page is designed for services relating to either Adults or Children and Families. The service provider links included: Bury Council, NHS Choices, Direct Gov, GMP, local bus services times and real time journey planning.

The Directory is new and is still developing to include further information and services and suggestions on what to include would be welcomed.

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Residents would be able to register as a user and can comments on how well the system/service was operating.

For those residents who did not have access to the internet, arrangements are in place to introduce a number of volunteers to act as 'Digital Champions'. The Council is moving towards a 'digital by default' for Council services and is working with a 3rd Sector Development Agency. The usual public access points will still be remain if home access was not available.

The Bury Directory is available on www.theburydirectory.co.uk and is AAA+ compliant and has multi-language options.

The Chair invited questions.

- Inspector Kenny asked if it was possible to include a facility for residents to be able to report a crime on line.

It was reported that this would be looked at by the working group.

- A question was asked if negative contributions received would be shown.

It was reported that contributions received would be vetted before being placed on the site.

It was agreed:

That Heather and Katie be thanked for their attendance the information and responses provided be noted

WUTF .561 FIRST BUS SERVICES

The meeting was attended by David Longmate and David Rutherage from First Bus to talk about bus services in the Whitefield and Unsworth area. Councillor Noel Bayley also attended the meeting in his capacity as a Council representative on Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM).

The Chair invited questions.

- Why are the bus arrival times in the bus shelters not accurate?

The shelters are owned by TfGM. Bus times are available in real time at the bus depot only and not at the bus shelters. The cost of placing time displays at the 11500 bus stops in Greater Manchester would be extremely high. Also timetables on shelters are sometimes stolen and maybe out of date. It is not always possible to replace these in view of the £7.1million of cuts that have been imposed. The development of apps for phones would be the way forward rather than bus shelter displays.

- Why do buses wait at certain locations?

There are certain spots on a route where the driver needs to be because the bus is being monitored to ensure it stays to its schedule. These spots mean that a driver may wait if they are ahead of schedule so they can be on time. A bus can arrive 1 minute early or be 5 minutes late at a stop. With the

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introduction of new technology it will be possible to better control how buses run so the service operates more efficiently along the route.

- On the 135 route there were three busses all together and then no further buses after them. Why does this happen?

The 135 route is a high frequency route with buses every 7 to 8 minutes. Sometimes it is inevitable that there will be bunching of buses at points along the route due to traffic density and time spent picking up passengers.

- Some bus drivers are rude to passengers?

With all customer facing services it is sometimes the case that there will be a problem driver who does not provide a high level of customer service. In situation like this First Bus asks that you pass on information of your experience.

- Why do drivers not scan passes and not accept them at the time they should?

85% of concessionary passes are now scanned. There were issues with the older passes which were not fit for purpose. Let First Bus know if your pass is not accepted with the details of the bus and time it happened.

- People are complaining about the 92 and 93 services which have changed without the passengers knowing. Will you consult with bus users when you are planning to make changes in future?

There is a reliability issue on both routes. There is a problem from the works being carried out on Croft Lane. Getting workers to the medical centre was the initial focus but getting out of Bury to get to the motorway is now the issue. There are limited resources and the 93 and 92 are not working efficiently. We will consult users on planned changes in the future.

The bus services are hindered by ongoing road works that are taking place in Manchester, Salford and Bury. This slows the traffic flow down and in turn resulted in late buses First Bus cannot control this and as a result cannot provide the service to passengers it wants.

- Why was the 154 service stopped?

This service starts from the Cheetham Hill depot. This was a tendered service and was stopped after a decision was made by TfGM. The service was never on time and the route was then altered.

- Disabled people and older people need time to sit down when they have got on the bus. Sometime drivers set off before they have sat down and it is unsafe.

First Bus are going to distribute PAWS cards for bus users. PAWS means 'Pull Away When Safe'.

- Will First Bus return to a future meeting of the Township Forum to meet service users and answer questions?

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Yes First Bus will attend the March Township Forum meeting.

It was agreed:

That the representatives from First Bus be thanked for their attendance at the meeting and arrangements be made for their attendance at the March meeting of the Township Forum.

WUTF .562 POLICE UPDATE

Inspector Mark Kenny and Sergeant Richard Garland addressed the meeting on the work of the Police in the Whitefield and Unsworth area.

- Mr Boden asked that in view of the violence reported during recent robberies that have taken place, were the police looking to address these through strategies to quickly deal with offenders?

It was reported that operational tactics of the police are constantly assessed to check the efficiency of how it does business. Violent crime is a priority area for the police to deal with. The police will look to adjust its tactics and how it involves its partners in the rehabilitation and /or treatment of offenders.

- How many beat police are there in Whitefield?

There are PCSOs and back office staff who provide a fantastic service in helping the police operate efficiently. Whitefield has 3 beats and 4 beat officers.

It should be noted that that 1400 officers have been lost as a result of cuts to funding and we need to deliver the service with the resources we have.

There has been an increase in burglaries which have taken place in the evening so residents are reminded to make sure that doors and windows are always secured and that a light is on at home. Timer switches are very good at preventing break-ins. Also make sure older neighbours are safe.

Mr Lott encouraged residents to get involved or set up a local Homewatch Group to improve security of your local area and get to know your neighbours better.

It was agreed:

That the update be noted.

WUTF .563 HEALTHWATCH BURY

The Chair welcomed Barbara Barlow (Chair of Bury Healthwatch) and Anna Marie (researcher) to the meeting. A presentation was given on the work of Bury Healthwatch.

Healthwatch is the new consumer champion for both health and social care in England which is available at local and national levels. Healthwatch is an independent company and plans to become an influential and effective voice

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of the public to help shape and improve the services the public use. Healthwatch finds out what people think of health and social care services and presents the information to the people who plan and run services. Statutory powers allow Healthwatch to approach the Care Quality Commission and service providers in cases where there is evidence and information to suggest a service is poor, or people are at risk in any way.

Healthwatch Bury will be undertaking visits and studies to various local organisations and service providers. Anyone wishing to be involved can contact Healthwatch at:

Healthwatch Bury, 3 Manchester Road, Bury, BL9 0DR.

Telephone: 0161 253 6300, Website: www.healthwatchbury.co.uk

or Email: info@healthwatchbury.co.uk

The Chair invited questions.

How is Healthwatch funded?

The Government give money to the Council and the Council then allocates funding locally.

How is confidential information stored?

Information is stored on a database and confidentiality statements are signed by staff and representatives.

It was agreed:

That the presentation be noted and Barbara Barlow and Anna Marie be thanked for their attendance.

WUTF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME .564

The Chair invited questions from the members of the public present about the work or performance of the Council or Council's services relevant to the Whitefield and Unsworth area.

There is hogweed growing on the river bank at Springwater Park. There are signs up to notify this. United Utilities were working in the area before it appeared. What is being done about this?

There is currently no funding available to remove the hogweed. At his time the Council is monitoring the area and ensuring signs are in place to notify the public.

Councillor Mallon undertook to raise this with Environmental Services officers. There was also Japanese Knottweed present in the park and information was needed on the areas affected. Park groups are available for local people to join and improve their local park. Getting people to take back their parks will prevent parks becoming no go areas.

Trolleys are being dumped following a decision by Morrisons to stop the £1 returnable deposit for their use.

The Township Co-ordinator asked for the local of trolleys and would contact the stores they belonged to for their removal.

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There is an un-adopted road off bank Street in Whitefield behind the Porada Restaurant where cars are being parked and this is extending to the small piece of land adjacent to it. Could something be done to address this in view of the conservation area status?

The Township Co-ordinator would look into the matter.

Sunnybank Woods footpaths are in a bad state and have never been maintained.

The Township Co-ordinator would look into the matter.

The parking at Unsworth Pole is causing a problem because drivers are ignoring the double yellow lines and there is a potential for an accident to happen. Also outside Tandra on Bury New Road.

The Township Co-ordinator would look into the matter and contact NSL and the Police to take action.

WUTF .565 WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH TOWNSHIP ACTION PLAN UPDATE

It was agreed:

That the Township Plan be noted.

WUTF .566 COMMUNITY FUNDING REPORT

Consideration was given to a Community Funding report which provided an update on the levels of funding available in the Whitefield and Unsworth wards for 2014/15.

It was agreed:

That the report be noted.

WUTF .567 COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Chair invited attendees to give any dates of events taking place in the Whitefield and Unsworth area.

COUNCILLOR J GRIMSHAW Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 1:00 pm and ended at 3.40 pm)

Whitefield & Unsworth Township Forum: Issues raised 06/01/15

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	Lydia Kirkham	<p>Giant Hogweed at Springwater Park. Has been fenced off by the edge of the water, but what is being done to eradicate?</p> <p>If the hogweed seeded due to the earth being dug up by United Utilities, should they be made to remedy rather than the Council?</p>	Parks	<p>The presence of Giant Hogweed and Japanese Knotweed at both Springwater and Close Parks predates the work carried out by United Utilities.</p> <p>We have had a programme of spraying in place for about six years. However, this can only be described as fire fighting. Each year new Giant Hogweed seeds and Japanese Knotweed cuttings are washed down stream and new plants establish themselves.</p> <p>In Springwater Park we have fenced off the area most heavily infested with Giant Hogweed to try and exclude members of the public and pets.</p> <p>Graham Schoon Countryside Officer</p> <p><i>*see page 6 for further information on invasive plants*</i></p>
2	Cllr John Mallon	<p>Cllrs need to know in advance what plans are in place regarding the invasions of Knotweed and Giant Hogweed.</p> <p>Perhaps need to look at local parks groups to undertake some projects?</p>	Parks	<p>Springwater Park and Close Park were two of the twenty-seven sites that were included in the 2014 invasive weed spraying programme. There is no specific budget allocated for the control of invasive species. I would hope to include both parks in the 2015 programme. However, this will depend on funding being available.</p> <p>Graham Schoon Countryside Officer</p>

3	Cllr John Mallon	<p>If anyone wants to get involved in the Friends of Whitefield & Unsworth Parks group, please contact:</p> <p>Cllr John Mallon J.Mallon@bury.gov.uk 0161 796 8788</p> <p>Cllr Mary Whitby M.Whitby@bury.gov.uk 0161 773 6665</p> <p>Cllr Joan Grimshaw J.Grimshaw@bury.gov.uk 0161 766 3369</p>	For info	Noted.
4	Lydia Kirkham	<p>Through StreetLife, a local social media website, I have 4 people interested in organising a litter pick due to the recent complaints about dog mess and litter lately. I have spoken to Talat Afzal in Waste Management, but need assistance to get it off the ground.</p> <p>For info www.streetlife.com</p>	Friends of Whitefield & Unsworth Parks group	<p>It was agreed this would be a great project for Friends of Whitefield & Unsworth Parks. Lydia to liaise with committee members Cllr Mallon, Cllr Whitby, Cllr Grimshaw.</p> <p>Ruth Shedwick Township Co-ordinator</p>
5	Theresa Heyworth	<p>A lot of Morrisons trolleys are being dumped in the local area now that they no longer require the £1 deposit. Seen in Dunkirk Park and Elms Close.</p>	Morrisons	<p>Reported issue to Morrisons (Salesforce Case ID: 02126858) via customerservice@morrisonsplc.co.uk</p> <p>Ruth Shedwick Township Co-ordinator</p>
6	Theresa Heyworth	<p>Trams are packed and there is no longer a service to Piccadilly, is this permanent?</p>		<p>This is only temporary until works are finished in Spring.</p> <p>Cllr Paul Adams</p>

7	Christine	<p>Concerns regarding Bank Street (unadopted road running parallel to Bury New Road).</p> <p>Does Porada restaurant own the land?</p> <p>Has Porada bought the land?</p> <p>Is there a planning application to extend the car park?</p> <p>An expanding car park will not look nice in a Conservation Area.</p>	Estates Planning	<p>The unadopted road is not registered at Land Registry, only the tunnel part is registered under the unadopted road, assumed with the GMPTE (TfGM).</p> <p>We hold a sublease on the land to the side of Porada's restaurant at the corner of Church Lane and Bury New Road. There are two titles that cover the restaurant and the corner plot that the council has sub lease on, one freehold (LA324971) and one Leasehold (MAN188861).</p> <p>Does Porada Restaurant own the land? The ownership of the land the restaurant occupies does not extend to Bank Street itself.</p> <p>Has Porada bought the land? So far as the Land Registry records show there are no ownership details for Bank Street and nothing has been lodged with the land registry in regard of its purchase/registration.</p> <p>We are unable to progress further at this stage as we do not have a budget available. Members of the public may contact Land Registry on 0844 892 1111 or online and they would be able to provide them with copies of the register for any described area of land or buildings. Cost is £3 per register copy. They can also get title plans, which give the extent of peoples ownership, which again will cost £3 each.</p> <p>Michael Beswick Land Records Systems Officer</p> <p>At present we do not have any planning applications to extend the car park.</p> <p>Sharon Yeates Technical Support Officer, Development Control</p>
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8	Peter North	Water is flowing over many paths and not being maintained in Sunnybank Woods (behind the play area).	Parks	<p>We have investigated Sunnybank Woods and note there is 10ft of path flooded. We will look to do some temporary remedial work to alleviate some of the water build up but more extensive work will have to be looked at for prioritising against other work pressures due to cuts to budgets.</p> <p>Mike Bent Parks & Countryside Manager</p>
9	Resident	Parking outside the Co-op on Parr Lane is becoming problematic. People ignoring double yellows by the post office. Lots of 4x4 parked picking up children between 3-3.30pm. This area seriously needs monitoring and enforcing.	Parking	<p>I will forward this to NSL for additional enforcement. However there are 2 caveats:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School times are listed for most of the schools in the Borough so returning to the schools in the short term is very difficult & the problem returns in no time at all when NSL move on to other schools • Historically the taxi issue is more of an evening problem when we have limited resources AND the drivers are usually in the office & move the taxi during the CEOs (Civil Enforcement Officer) observation period. <p>These issues are always on our radar and are good examples that we cannot resolve problems long term if motorists persist in parking in contravention of restrictions when fully aware of the highway code restriction.</p> <p>John Foudy Car Parking Manager</p>
10	Resident	Parking on double yellow lines outside taxi rank (Tandra) opposite Morrisons causing build up of traffic and obstructions when parked half on pavement. This needs monitoring.	Parking	<p>These issues are always on our radar and are good examples that we cannot resolve problems long term if motorists persist in parking in contravention of restrictions when fully aware of the highway code restriction.</p> <p>John Foudy Car Parking Manager</p>

Ruth Shedwick, Township Co-ordinator
9 January 2015

FURTHER INFORMATION ON INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES

Non-native plant species such as Himalayan Balsam, Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed are present throughout the Borough on both Council and private land. There are also non-native animals present on some parks sites including mink and signal crayfish.

Himalayan Balsam

Himalayan Balsam grows from seed each year. It can have a negative effect on native species but rarely causes economic damage and does not present a danger to human health. Control is either by uprooting plants just before they set seed or by using a herbicide. Either process needs to be repeated over several years until all the seeds have germinated and no further seeds are produced.

Japanese Knotweed

Japanese Knotweed is spread by cuttings. It does not produce seeds in this country. If left untreated it can damage structures and cause problems securing a mortgage on a property that has Japanese Knotweed growing on or near it. Japanese Knotweed also prevents access to rivers by anglers and canoeists. The most cost effective control of Japanese Knotweed is with herbicide. The herbicide is applied in late Spring and early Autumn. Complete control usually takes a number of years as small amounts of re-growth need to be treated with follow up applications of herbicide for up to five years.

Giant Hogweed

Giant Hogweed is spread by seeds. Once germinated the seeds grow for one or two years before flowering and producing seeds. After flowering the plant then dies. Typically, the seeds are transported by streams and rivers where they germinate on the banks.

The plant can cause serious injury to humans and pets. If sap from the plant comes into contact with skin, blisters can form when the area is exposed to sunlight. This can cause permanent scarring and the sensitisation of the skin to direct sunlight can last for several years. Giant Hogweed also prevents access to rivers by anglers and canoeists.

Control is by applying herbicide during the growing season together with the removal of any flower heads before flowering. Complete control is very difficult unless the source of seeds is irradiated. In the case of the River Irwell, Giant Hogweed is well established from North of Burrs as far down stream as Liverpool. This provides a large seed bank to colonise new stretches of riverbank. A sustainable control regime would rely on starting at the upstream extent of the infestation and working methodically down stream treating all the plants over a period of years. This would require the cooperation of all the landowners.

[provided by Graham Schoon, Countryside Officer: Bury Council Parks & Countryside]

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Whitefield & Unsworth Town Plan

2012 - 2015



PERFORMANCE REPORT: March 2015

Section	Page	What it contains?
Introduction	3	A background to the Township Action Plan and Performance Report
Improved Health and wellbeing	4	An overview of successes achieved for this theme in 2013/14
Improved Employment Opportunities	5	An overview of successes achieved for this theme in 2013/14
Educational Attainment / Learning	6	An overview of successes achieved for this theme in 2013/14
Community Safety	7	An overview of successes achieved for this theme in 2013/14
Community Pride and Belonging	8	An overview of successes achieved for this theme in 2013/14
Summary	9	A breakdown of the progress made by Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum over the course of 2013/14
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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 Ruth Shedwick 0161 253 5327.

Outcome: Improved Health and Wellbeing

IMPROVED HEALTH AND WELLBEING	
Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)	Project Updates
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take health to communities - improve self care. Improve awareness of appropriate use of doctors appointments and A&E • Support for a pharmacy in Besses Ward • Forum support for Healthwatch and the Patients Cabinet - identify health Champions • Reduce childhood obesity - encourage healthy eating • Make Unsworth a Dementia Friendly Community <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public meetings and representations made to health and Wellbeing board in support of pharmacy • Sent Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment consultation information out to database and on social media. • Promote IWIYW activities widely. Introduced sport activator for I Will If You Will to Township Forum and Health and Inequalities Group • Promote Little Bill energy efficiency programme to community • Support for and Promotions of Dementia Friendly Communities and promotion of Dementia Cafes. 	<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness activities being delivered in a number of venues across the area • The Changing Lives Project delivering ESOL workshops at Besses CC, 10 parents. Requests to support people with healthy cooking courses. The project continues to work with the Health and Inequalities group to support the local action plan • Pharmacy provision document altered in support of a pharmacy for Besses. • Dementia Friendly Communities workshops, carers support and workshops, businesses approached & signed up <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue support for Pharmacy. Await outcome of consultation. • Promote IWIYW encourage groups to apply for funding. • Continue support for Dementia Friends.

Outcome: Improved Employment Opportunities

IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES	
Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)	Project Updates
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Children's centre • Funding identified for training opportunities - Changing Lives Project via Bury College 	<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiation with TfGM and First bus ongoing with regard to bus routes for all people in the area. Presentations and discussions with residents at township Forum meetings. • Computer course for beginners starting at the Elms in January via Changing lives project successful rolling out again in April. • As part of the Connecting Provision Trainees, 1 trainee from Whitefield/Unsworth successfully completed the initial 6 week placement and went onto 6 month paid placement with Bury Council. • Promotion of Job Clubs through community. <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .

Outcome: Improved Educational Attainment/Learning

IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT / LEARNING	
Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)	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 Beses Ward • I Will If you Will taster sessions being provided at a variety of community venues. <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.

Outcome: Improved Community Safety

IMPROVED COMMUNITY SAFETY	
Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)	Project Updates
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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" <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up Joint Engagement Team (JET) 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. • Successful delivery of BSafe BCool project to all year 9 pupils over a three week period during October 2013. • Promote Scam Awareness Month via database and social media. 	<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Engagement Team (JET) meeting weekly to tackle areas of low level crime, antisocial behaviour on a partnership working basis • Street Safe schemes installed at Egerton Road and Hamilton Road. Clyde road area in progress and ready for an operative order • Through the active promotion of May's Scam Awareness Month a resident had come forward about a scam they had been targeted with which is now registered on the national Action Fraud database. • ASB team actively assessing troubled areas tackling targeted areas in conjunction with Police & Six Town Housing. • Successful Bury Homewatch Conference October 2014 <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue work of JET. • Bury South officers to attend Speed Awareness course to enable them to use the speed recording equipment and conduct speed prevention days throughout Bury South area. • Parking officers to attend Township Forum 10 March 2015.

Outcome: Community Pride and Belonging

COMMUNITY PRIDE AND BELONGING	
Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)	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 • Promote volunteering to ensure delivery of key events <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly community event email updates and positive promotion via events, publicity • Funding for Elms in Bloom via various local authority sources, and Six Town Housing • Promoting Friends of Whitefield & Unsworth Parks recruitment drive and volunteer sign up • Promote/advertise volunteers for Hillock Estate Youth Club • Update community members on Croft Lane roadworks • Promote community funding available. 	<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of local events and activities at township forum meetings and via email/social media • Successful Hollins Go Wild Day September 2014 • Hollins Vale Local Nature Reserve environmental improvement funding from Veolia Environmental Trust • Successful funding bids for various community projects • Hillock Estate Youth Club delivery through Hillock & Oakgate Residents association <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate ways that events can be delivered locally • Future of Boz Park steering group to be addressed in conjunction with other community groups currently operating in the local area • Promote community funding and encourage engagement

Summary of Township Forum in 2014 - 2015

Area Plan

Over the past year, Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum produced a Township Plan, to identify priorities where, by working together with local councillors, community representatives, residents, local groups, and partner agencies, they can make a difference to improve life for all residents. The Township Plan includes an annual action plan that has been reported on at Township Forum meetings throughout the year. This action plan includes the key projects and actions to be delivered over the coming year which contribute towards delivery of the over arching local priorities agreed by the Township Forum.

The Township Plan was developed through active engagement and discussions with Township Forum members - including both Councillors and Advisory Group members. `Round table` discussions were held to provide an opportunity for wider community representatives, partner organisations and residents to get involved in agreeing local priorities. This will be repeated for 2015-16.

Attendance

Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum figures for attendance are below.

July 2014	September 2014	November 2014	January 2015	March 2015	TOTAL	Average
40	48	45	37			

Advisory Group involvement

Each Township Forum appoints Advisory Group members to contribute and speak on relevant issues. They help to improve the range of knowledge and expertise on the Township Forum and provide an inclusive approach to improving the outcomes for each area. In particular, they champion or lead projects within Township Plans.

Presentations / Consultation with Township forums

The value of the Township Forums is recognised in major public consultation exercises. During 2014/15 this has included:

- Presentations on major changes to health services in the borough (Clinical Commissioning Groups and Health and Wellbeing Board)
- Recycling and waste management collection changes/updates
- Council Budget 2015/2016
- Children's Centres proposals
- Croft Lane closure/roadworks

Community Fund

The Council continues to allocate £1,000 per ward each year to support the work of voluntary and community groups. 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. Small grants funds are also available for grants of up to £12,000. The Sports England I will if you will funding of £1,000 is made available for sports related activities. In 2013/2014 a total of £8,480 was allocated to Whitefield and Unsworth community groups.

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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 2014/15

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<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Prestwich & Whitefield Townswomen	Mini bus hire cost towards speakers	£ 250.00
Hollins Village Community Assoc	Welcome sign on Boundary	£ 191.43
Hollins Village Community Assoc	Supply & erect Picnic tables	£ 250.00
Whitefield Community Graveyard	Mower with collecting box	£ 250.00
Whitefield Painting Group	Art sessions & Room Hire	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 308.57

Pilkington Park

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
The Big Knit	Purchase wool	£ 250.00
Hollins Village Comm Assoc Bowling Green	Ongoing maintenance for facilities	£ 250.00
Little Britain Anglers	Tools to repair access along riverside	£ 250.00
Whitefield Community Graveyard	Mower with collecting box	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 500.00

Unsworth

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Eden Gardens Allotments Assoc	Chem toilets x 2	£ 250.00
Rotary Club of Prestwich & Whitefield	Promoting Rotary to provide services	£ 250.00
Elms Comm Centre	Elms in Bloom competition	£ 250.00

Hollins Vill Comm Assoc Bowling Green	Ongoing maintenance for facilities	£ 250.00
Hollins Village Community Assoc	Welcome Sign on Boundary	£ 191.43
Hollins Village Community Assoc	Supply & erect Picnic Tables	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 58.57

3.0 Cross Ward Funding 2014/15

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
PUPILS	Encourage Independent living trip	£ 750.00
Making Space	Further Develop Choir	£ 750.00
Bury Society for Blind	Develop a sensory garden	£ 703.06
Hard of Hearing	Tutor classes	£ 750.00
Bury Dragons Diving Club	Diving Event	£ 750.00
The Enterprise Centre	Purchase stone & hire of tractor & labour	£ 500.00
Unsworth South Social Club	Signage and posters	£ 723.00
Bury District Angling Society	Plywood sheets & roofing sheets	£ 250.00
23 rd Prestwich & Whitefield Scouts	Tents, benches, pans & utensils	£ 750.00
Tottington Sports Club	Tottington Big Day Out Event	£ 750.00
Langley Gardening Club	Replace weather boards of shop	£ 470.00
Churches Together	Family fun day in Whitehead Park	£ 750.00
Brandlesholme Scarecrow Festival	Scarecrow Festival & Harvest family fun day	£ 750.00
Bury Parents Forum Ltd	Run seminars to empower Parents who have children with additional needs & disabilities.	£ 750.00
Prestwich & Whitefield Heritage Society	Restore Memorial Stone	£ 450.00
Prestwich Carnival Comm (Xmas Fair)	To put on a Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto	£ 750.00
Whitefield Horticultural Society	Folding display tables for horticultural events	£ 750.00
Home Watch Conference	Hire of Elizabethan Suite	£ 600.00
Friends of Bury Young Carers	Youth event	£ 750.00
Radcliffe Carnival Committee	Radcliffe Christmas Lights	£ 250.00
Bury Voluntary Rangers	Towards planning application for container	£158.95
Fund Remaining		£00.00

4.0 Small Grants Panel 2014/15

Bury Council had an annual allocation of £46,200 for the Small Grant's Fund for 2014/15. 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 round of funding for this financial year closed on 13th January and The Panel met on 3rd February to agree the final allocation of funding for the year.

Applicant	Project	Requested	Decision
SOLIDARITY	Monthly social activity for Asylum Seekers	£ 5,000.00	£ 2,102.00
Highfield Road Allotments	Drainage & Restoration	£ 5,000.00	£ 1,800.00
Hard of Hearing Support Group	Room Hire and Tutor	£ 5,000.00	£ 600.00
Azamrah Youth Group	Easter & Summer Play schemes	£ 4,912.50	£ 1,500.00
Bury Gateway	Run Pilot Project Animal Related Therapy (ART)	£ 4,382.00	£ 1,500.00
Bury People First	To set up a Forum run by Adults with learning disabilities	£ 1,140.00	£ -
New Springs Community Group	12 months Community room hire 2 lots	£ 2,536.00	£ 2,450.00
Greenmount Village pre school	ICT equipment for pre school	£ 1,537.00	£ 480.00
Bury Broncos Rugby League Club	Contribution to cost of maintenance of Pavilion	£ 3,957.00	£ 1,000.00
Holcombe Society	To purchase and fit defibrillator	£ 1,500.00	£ 250.00
Langley Allotment Holders Association	Purchase porta cabin to be used on the allotments	£ 4,200.00	£ 1,800.00
Bury District Angling Association	Materials to provide safe access and walkways	£ 5,000.00	£ 2,300.00
Sudanese Community	To play regular football on a hired pitch and kits	£ 3,872.00	£ 500.00
Greenmount Village Community Group	To establish the 'West Pennine Way' circular walk	£ 4,000.00	£ 1,368.00
Victoria TRA	Set up IT classes, homework clubs and Job Searching	£ 3,480.00	£ -
Victoria Community Building	Cover cost of Insurance and energy bills	£ 5,000.00	£ 2,350.00
Chesham Fold	Running cost for the building	£ 3,910.00	£ 2,450.00
Victoria TRA	Rent for Youth club for 12 months	£ 4,320.00	£ 500.00
First Light Project	To fund a regular film club in Chesham Fold.	£ 4,659.00	£ -
		Total allocated	£ 22,950.00

