

## **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, D Jones (Chair), 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:-

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 7 July 2015
<b>Place:</b>	Whitefield Methodist Church, Elms Street, Whitefield, M45 8GQ, 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 AND MATTERS ARISING** *(Pages 1 - 4)*

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2015.

### **4 POLICE UPDATE**

To receive an update on policing issues within the Whitefield and Unsworth area.

### **5 TOWN PLAN UPDATE**

### **6 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.

### **7 FUNDING REPORT** *(Pages 5 - 8)*

### **8 URGENT BUSINESS**

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

<b>Minutes of:</b>	<b>WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH TOWNSHIP FORUM</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	2 June 2015
<b>Venue:</b>	Whitefield Methodist Church, Elms Street, Whitefield
<b>Present:</b>	Councillor D Jones (In the Chair) Councillors P Adams, R Caserta, E FitzGerald, J Grimshaw, J Mallon, A Matthews and M Whitby
<b>Advisory Group Representatives:</b>	Leonard Lott – Whitefield and Unsworth Homewatch Assn. Marlene Dawson (Victoria Estate TRA) Pamela Taylor (Hollins Village Community Assn) Yvonne Moore (Old Hall Park Residents Assn) Mrs T Heyworth (ELMS TRA) Mrs S Bannister – Jewish Representative Council
<b>Public attendance:</b>	38 members of the public were in attendance
<b>Apologies for absence:</b>	Councillor M Wiseman

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**WUTF.16 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR****Delegated decision:**

1. That Councillor Jones be appointed Chair of this Forum for the Municipal Year 2015/16.
2. That Councillor Fitzgerald be appointed Deputy Chair of this Forum for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

**WUTF.17 APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS****Delegated decision:**

That the following Advisory Group Members be re-appointed to serve on the Forum for a 2 year period:

Leonard Lott – Whitefield and Unsworth Homewatch Assn.  
Marlene Dawson (Victoria Estate TRA)  
Pamela Taylor (Hollins Village Community Assn) Yvonne Moore (Old Hall  
Park Residents Assn)  
Mrs T Heyworth (ELMS TRA)  
Mrs S Bannister – Jewish Representative Council

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## **WUTF.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **WUTF.19 MINUTES**

### **Delegated decision:**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **WUTF.20 POLICE UPDATE**

The meeting was attended by PC McCondichie who provided information on Policing matters in the Whitefield and Unsworth area. It was reported that 124 crimes had been recorded within the month of May across the 3 wards of the Township Forum. During discussion of the crime figures a request was made to provide comparative figures from the same period last year.

David Moore expressed his dissatisfaction regarding the irregular receipt of crime reports for Homewatch Groups. PC McCondichie undertook to feed the issue back to the Inspector.

In response to concerns relating to Anti Social Behaviour on the Metrolink, PC McCondichie referred to new dispersal powers due to come into effect under new legislation.

### **It was agreed:**

That the update be noted.

## **WUTF.21 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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.

- John Knight, Bill Lane Homewatch Co-ordinator, raised a number of questions relating to inconsiderate parking on Bill Lane from non residents which results in restricted access for refuse and emergency vehicles. Mr Knight referred to the lack of enforcement in respect H bars and yellow lines. The Chair highlighted the problems associated with un-adopted roads and undertook to look into the legalities over enforcement issues.
- Mrs Hill highlighted a lack of action after reporting pot holes and referred to particular problem roads, namely Manchester Road; Mersey Drive; Calder Crescent and Hollins Lane.

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- Pam Taylor highlighted that action promised on Melton Drive had still not take place. The Chair, Councillor Jones, undertook to ensure the issue is raised with the Highways Department.
- John Levermore raised the issue of a potential wind turbine planned for the Golf course, adjacent to Park Lane. Concerns were highlighted about insufficient sound testing and the suitability of having a 45m turbine in a suburban area. The Chair reported that at present no planning application had been received by the Authority.
- In response to a question from Marlene Dawson, Councillor Fitzgerald confirmed that improvement works would be carried on the Victoria Lane Park.
- In response to questions concerning the ownership of land next to Porada, the Chair confirmed that the Council and the Restaurant were currently in dialogue about the issue.
- Sharon Bannister raised concerns about taxis from Tandra parking outside the taxi office on double yellow lines. An undertaking was given to raise the issue with the Parking Manager.
- A local resident highlighted the issue of speeding traffic on bury New Road opposite the Mormon Church and requested that a speed camera be sited in the area.

### **WUTF.22 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS TO REVITALISE THE WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH TOWNSHIP PLAN**

There are currently 5 key thematic priorities contained within the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Action Plan for 2015/16:

- Improved Employment Opportunities
- Community Safety
- Improved Health and Wellbeing
- Improved Educational Attainment/Learning Opportunities
- Community Pride and Involvement

All those in attendance at the meeting were invited to take part in roundtable discussions on each of the key priorities contained within the Plan. It was reported that all of the ideas raised at the meeting would be collated, written into the draft Plan and presented at the next scheduled meeting of the Forum.

#### **It was agreed:**

That the suggestions and ideas raised be collated and reported to the next meeting of this Forum.

**COUNCILLOR D JONES**  
**Chair**

(Note: The meeting started at 6:30 pm and ended at 8.35pm)

# Bury Council Township Forum Report



The Council has allocated £8,000 to each Township Forum to be allocated through a sub group of the Township forum four times a year in June, September, November and March. A maximum of £250 individual grant is available for formally constituted organisations.

Additionally, a borough-wide allocation of £8,000 is available for "cross-ward" applications for activity that takes place across more than one ward. The "cross-ward" applications are determined by the Council's Small Grants Panel.

Organisations applying for funding should be running projects which address at least one of the following priorities or one of those detailed in the Township plans:

- Improved employment opportunities
- Improved Community and Safety
- Improved Health and Well being
- Learning Opportunities for local residents
- Community Cohesion, Community Pride and belonging
- Environmental improvements

This report details the applications for the June round of funding. The first round of applications was approved by the Small Grants Panel as there was insufficient time to form sub group of each Township Forum before the applications had to be approved.

**Bury East**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Beasties Junior Youth Club	Big Jubilee Lunch	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	01/07/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£ 250.00</b>	

**Bury West**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Peoples Voice	To improve site sensory garden and beds	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	01/02/2016
Walshaw Park Football Club	Junior Team Kit	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	01/09/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£ 500.00</b>	

**Prestwich**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Prestwich Carnival	Carnival Event Insurance	£ 250.00	£ -	01/07/2015
Village Greens Community Co-op	To purchase a freezer	£ 250.00	£ -	01/08/2015
Big Knit	Purchase wool	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	01/04/2015
Albert Avenue Allotments	Setting up bee hives	£ 250.00	£ -	01/07/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£ 250.00</b>	



**Radcliffe**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£ -</b>	

**Ramsbottom Tottington and North Manor**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Tottington & District Townswomen's guild	Organised speakers at events	£ 250.00	£ -	01/05/2016
Soroptomist	Provide a tea party for Ramsbottom elderly	£ 250.00	£ -	01/07/2015
Tottington Park Bowling and Social Club	Purchase new equipment	£ 250.00	£ -	01/08/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£ -</b>	

**Whitefield and Unsworth**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Whitefield Community Graveyard	Purchase equipment & soil	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	01/09/2015
Victoria Youth & Community Assoc	Job Club	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	01/08/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£ 500.00</b>	

**Cross Township**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Eden Garden Allotments	Equipment & items for area in allotments	£ 500.00	£ 300.00	01/07/2015
Tottington Holiday club	Provision of holiday club and activities	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	01/09/2015
Bury Archaeological Group	Member training, Newsletter & Excavations	£ 500.00	£ -	01/03/2016
Tottington Sports Club	Tottington's 'Big Day Out'	£ 500.00	£ -	01/07/2015
Prestwich Book Festival	Event for book lovers	£ 400.00	£ 300.00	01/09/2015
Hard of Hearing	Tutor and room hire	£ 500.00	£ 265.00	01/01/2016
Bury Widows	Towards cost of railway lunch & day out	£ 500.00	£ -	01/09/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£1,365.00</b>	

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