

**AGENDA FOR**

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

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

**Councillors** : I Bevan (Ramsbottom), J Daly (North Manor),  
I Gartside (Ramsbottom), D Gunther (North Manor),  
R Hodgkinson (Ramsbottom), K Hussain (North Manor), G Keeley  
(Tottington), I Schofield (Ramsbottom) and Y Wright  
(Tottington).

**Advisory Group Members:**

Alistair Waddell – Greenmount Village Community Group

Dear Member/Colleague

**Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum**

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

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 6 July 2016
<b>Place:</b>	Tottington Methodist Church, Market Street, Tottington
<b>Time:</b>	7.00 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>	<b>Please Note: Representatives from the local Police will be in attendance 1 hour prior to the start of the Township Forum to answer questions in relation to Policing in the three Township Forum Wards.</b>

The Agenda is attached.

Reports are enclosed only for those attending the meeting and for those without access to the Council's Intranet or Website.

The Agenda and Reports are available on the Council's Intranet for Councillors and Officers and also on the Council's Website at [www.bury.gov.uk](http://www.bury.gov.uk) – Agendas, Minutes and Forward Plan.

Copies of printed reports can also be obtained on request by contacting Democratic Services on 0161 253 5133.

## **AGENDA**

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members of the 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 NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Nominations for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Forum are invited at this meeting.

Any person nominated needs to be present and seconded in order for the nomination to stand.

If there is more than one nomination then the matter will be determined by vote.

The positions of Chair and Vice-Chair may be filled by either a core member or an Advisory Group Member.

If the position of Chair is taken by an Advisory Group Member, the position of Vice-Chair must be taken by a core member.

A core member may take the position of Chair or Vice-Chair.

### **4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** (*Pages 1 - 6*)

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 March 2016 are attached.

### **5 MATTERS ARISING** (*Pages 7 - 8*)

### **6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME/OPEN FORUM**

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

### **7 POLICE INTRODUCTION**

An introduction will be given at the Meeting.

### **8 GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK**

The Head of Strategic Planning and Economical Development will report at the Meeting.

### **9 LIBRARY SERVICE REVIEW**

Councillor Sandra Walmsley and relevant officers will be in attendance at

the meeting to report on the current review of library services across the borough.

**10 FUTURE TOWNSHIP FORUM PRIORITIES - ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS**

A presentation will be given at the meeting.

**11 TOWNSHIP FORUM FUNDING UPDATE** *(Pages 9 - 18)*

Report attached.

**12 URGENT BUSINESS**

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

**13 NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting of the Township Forum will be on Tuesday 13 September 2016 at a venue to be arranged.

# Agenda Item 4

**Minutes of:** RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH MANOR  
TOWNSHIP FORUM

**Date of Meeting:** 7 March 2016

**Present:** Councillor D Gunther (in the Chair)  
Councillors I Bevan, J Daly, L Fitzwalter, R Hodkinson,  
K Hussain, Keeley and Y Wright

**Also in  
attendance:**

**Public Attendance:** There were 18 members of the public present at the  
meeting

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor I Gartside

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## **RTNM.778 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

## **RTNM.779 BRENDA HEADLEY**

Councillor Gunther reported that it was with great sadness that she had to inform those present of the recent death of Mrs Brenda Headley. It was explained that Mrs Headley had been a regular attendee and contributor at the Township forum for a number of years. It was also reported that Mrs Headley had been very active in helping people across the borough.

## **RTNM.780 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Township Forum held on 11 January 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **RTNM.781 MATTERS ARISING**

Dave Thomas reported that following the issue raised by Mr Booth regarding the use of drones on Council land at Summerseat Lane South he had spoken with the Assistant Director to seek guidance on the issue. It was explained that the use of drones would be dealt with the same way that radio controlled aircraft were and as such were governed by specific guidelines. If a resident was concerned about the use of drones near to themselves or their property they should report it to the Council on the 0161 253 5353 telephone number.

Police Sergeant Angela Freudenberger explained that there were specific distances that drones should comply with which were 50 metres away from a house, vehicle or structure. Sergeant Freudenberger asked that residents report breaches of the guidelines to the Police 101 number so that regular breaches could be investigated.

## **RTNM.782 PENSION WISE**

Claire Whittle from Pension Wise attended the meeting to explain the Pension Wise service that was available to all 50 year olds and over. It was explained that Pension Wise was a Government scheme that was being provided by the Citizens Advice Bureau. Trained, qualified advisers were available to discuss pension issues with anybody that required it.

The service was impartial and strictly confidential and helped people in all different circumstances understand the different options available to them with regards to their pension options. They would also signpost to different financial services that were available and help customers feel more confident with their pension choices.

It was also explained that the service alerted people to the different scams that were being carried out in relation to early release of funds.

The service was available on an individual one to one basis or information could also be provided to groups.

The Pension Wise website also contained a lot of useful information and could be accessed through [www.pensionwise.gov.uk](http://www.pensionwise.gov.uk)

Those present were given the opportunity to ask questions or make comments and the following points were raised:-

Sergeant Freudenberger suggested that a session should be provided to the Police so that they were aware of the scams that were being carried out and could advise their customers on this.

### **RTNM.783 POLICE UPDATE**

Sergeant Angela Freudenberger and PCSO Graham Lee attended the meeting to give an update on the work of the Police across Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor wards.

PCSO Graham Lee reported that since 1 February 2016 there had been 24 cases of criminal damage reported over the three beats, 12 of which were damage to vehicles. There had been 12 reports of burglaries to dwellings and 16 burglaries other. Most of the incidents reported were due to people leaving windows open and doors unlocked.

Sergeant Freudenberger reported that there had been significant work carried out in relation to a specific group of youths and it was hoped that she would be able to report a positive outcome to this at a future meeting.

Those present were given the opportunity to ask questions and the following points were raised:-

Councillor Gunther referred to illegal parking around local schools and asked if anything could be done about this as it was dangerous.

Sergeant Freudenbereger asked which schools were having the most issues and stated that she would ask that the police officers in those areas carry out enforcement at the schools in question.

**It was agreed:**

That Sergeant Angela Freudenberger and PCSO Graham Lee be thanked for their update and their attendance at the meeting.

**RTNM.784 FUNDING FOR ARTWORK/ SCULPTURE IN RAMSBOTTOM**

Dave Thomas reported that there was £30,000 available from Section 106 money to fund a piece of contemporary sculpture or artwork in Ramsbottom. The piece must contribute to the visitor economy.

It was explained that an artist selection panel would be established to consider the piece.

Consultation would be undertaken and all views were welcomed.

Those present were asked for their thoughts on the location of the piece should and what it should be.

Councillor Hussain asked that whatever it was it should have a capacity to earn money which could then be put back into Ramsbottom.

Councillor Fitzwalter stated that it should be something that reflected the heritage of the town and could possibly have links to Dickens or the Dickens Trail. Councillor Fitzwalter stated that this would definitely be something that would bring in more tourists.

Mr Farlow stated that a feature had been made of a chimney at Worsley Green which was a tourist attraction. He suggested that something similar could be done with the Chimney at the site of the old Ramsbottom Paper Mill. This would show links to the industrial heritage of the town.

Dave asked that any suggestions be e-mailed to him and he would pass onto the relevant officer.

**RTNM.785 OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Kate Slingsby, a resident of Ramsbottom explained that extremely large HGVs were regularly using the town as a cut through to the motorway and causing serious damage to the highways and possible structural damage to the buildings.

The vehicles were so large that they were taking up the whole junction at the top of Bridge Street to get around the corner. Kate asked whether it would be possible to consider banning HGVs through the town except for access. It was also stated that Bridge Street would be closing for repairs during the summer and it would be possible to install a weight restriction at this time.

Councillor Fitzwalter explained that she had discussed this issue with the Assistant Director over highways and she would follow this up. Councillor Fitzwalter also explained that she would set up a meeting with Councillors, Officers and residents to discuss a way forward.

Alistair Waddell suggested that a referendum could be carried out regarding the issue if it was felt necessary.

A member of the public asked why the 481 Rosso bus service through Ramsbottom on a Saturday had stopped running.

Dave Thomas stated that he would contact the bus company about this issue.

A member of the public explained that they were aware that Bury Council were selling off playing fields across the borough. None in Ramsbottom, Tottington or North Manor had been sold to date and she asked that this remain the case. It was also questioned how the Council were allowed to do this when some of the land had been gifted to the Council.

Mr Booth reported that the poles for the proposed traffic calming measures in Summerseat had been installed but the signage was still missing. He also asked when the speed humps would be installed.

Hazel Badjie explained that she had attended the last meeting of the Township Forum to report flooding issues on Manchester Road. Since then she had received a lot of support from the Council and they had committed to undertake investigation work in the summer. Hazel thanked the Council for the positive response she had received.

Mr Farlow referred to the issue of Ramsbottom having its own Town Council and asked whether this would be happening.

Councillor Bevan explained that for this to be adopted there would have to be a local referendum on the issue.

A resident of Peel Brow asked for an update on issues around the Boxing Day floods in Ramsbottom.

Councillor Fitzwalter explained that work was ongoing and it could take around 6 months. It was also reported that grants were still available for residents to apply for.

Councillor Gunther reported that Kay Bridge in Summerseat should be open for pedestrians by Easter. This would help with children walking to the primary school as this was currently an issue when accessing from the other side of the bridge.

#### **RTNM.786 TOWNSHIP PLAN - UPDATE - FOR INFORMATION**

Dave Thomas presented the Township Plan for information.

#### **RTNM.787 TOWNSHIP FORUM FUNDING REPORT**

Dave Thomas reported that 5 applications for funding had been received.



The panel had confirmed that all 5 of the applications had been granted.

**COUNCILLOR D GUNTHER**  
**Chair**

**(Note: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.50 pm)**

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# Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum:

## Issues raised 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

	<b>Raised by</b>	<b>Item Raised at Open Forum</b>	<b>Action by</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	Kate Slingsby	<p>Explained that large HGVs were regularly using the town as a cut through to the motorway and causing serious damage to the highways and possible structural damage to the buildings.</p> <p>Resident asked whether it would be possible to consider banning HGVs through the town except for access. It was also stated that Bridge Street would be closing for repairs during the summer and it would be possible to install a weight restriction at this time.</p>	Cllr Fitzwalter / Township Forum	Councillor Fitzwalter explained that she had discussed this issue with the Assistant Director over highways and she would follow this up. Councillor Fitzwalter also explained that she would set up a meeting with Councillors, Officers and residents to discuss a way forward.
2	Resident	Asked why the 481 Rosso bus service through Ramsbottom on a Saturday had stopped running.	Township Coordinator	Rosso invited to a future forum meeting in 2016/17
3	Mr Booth	Reported that the poles for the proposed traffic calming measures in Summerseat had been installed but the signage was still missing. He also asked when the speed humps would	Township coordinator	Highways representative to be invited to a future forum meeting in 2016/17

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		be installed.		
4	Resident	A resident of Peel Brow asked for an update on issues around the boxing day floods in Ramsbottom.	Cllr Fitzwalter	Councillor Fitzwalter explained that work was ongoing and it could take around 6 months. It was also reported that grants were still available and residents could apply.

**David Thomas (Township Co-ordinator)**

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

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 received to date including the February 2016 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 the Township Forums before the applications had to be approved.

### Bury East

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Date approved</b>
Beasties Junior Youth Club	Big Jubilee Lunch	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	23.06.15
New Springs Community Project	Community awards evening	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	05.10.15
Openshaw Greens Park	maintenance	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	14/03/2016
Chesham Fold	Running cost	£ 250.00	declined	
SupportiveStem Community	Family Easter Event	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	14/03/2016
Association of Bury Allotments	Cost towards Coach trip to flower show	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	14/03/2016
		<b>£1500.00</b>	<b>£1250.00</b>	
		<b>Available</b>	<b>£6500</b>	

### Bury West

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Date approved</b>
Peoples Voice	To improve site sensory garden and beds	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	23.06.15
Walshaw Park Football Club	Junior Team Kit	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	23.06.15
Brandlesholme Residents Association	Welcome signs North & South boundaries	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	17.11.15
		<b>£ 750.00</b>	<b>£ 750.00</b>	
		<b>Available</b>	<b>£7250</b>	

**Prestwich**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Date approved</b>
Prestwich Carnival	Carnival Event Insurance	£ 250.00	-	
Village Greens Community Co-op	To increase chillers area for provision	£ 250.00	-	
Big Knit	Purchase wool	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	23.06.15
Albert Avenue Allotments	Setting up bee hives	£ 250.00	-	
Seaforth Explorer Unit	Purchase new tents and pans	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	17.09.15
St Margaret's Bowling Club	Update Kitchen facilities	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	17.09.15
Simister Village Community Assoc.	Hold family social event for all the village	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	17.08.15
Prestwich Methodist Youth Association	Youth Workers	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	12.11.15
Bailey Street Bowling	Petrol powered grass trimmer	£ 188.00	£ 188.00	10.03.2016
		£ 2188.00	£ 1438.00	
		<b>Available</b>	<b>£6562</b>	

**Radcliffe**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Date approved</b>
Withins Community Association	To purchase raised planters & soil	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	16.09.15
Radcliffe Heritage Society	Promotional Calendars History of Radcliffe	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	16.09.15
The Rotary Club of Radcliffe	Annual over 70's Christmas Party	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	18.11.15
Radcliffe Business Group	Servicing for tree LED lights for 2 years	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	18.11.15
Red Bank Tenants	Good quality soil	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	18.11.15
Radcliffe Lights	Festive Event	£ 250.00	-	
Chapelfield Village Association	Planting tree package	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	07.03.16
		£ 1550.00	£ 1300.00	
		<b>Available</b>	<b>£6450</b>	



**Ramsbottom Tottington and North Manor**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Date approved</b>
Tottington & District Townswomen's guild	Organised Speakers at events	£ 250.00	-	
Soroptomist	Provide a Tea Party for Ramsbottom elderly	£ 250.00	-	
Tottington Park Bowling and Social Club	Purchase new equipment	£ 250.00	-	
Greenmount Village Community	Signage	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	26.11.15
Nangreaves Residents Association	Towards repairs of wall	£ 250.00	-	
Tottington & District Townswomen	Speakers or room hire	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	07/03/2016
Bury Rural Inequalities Forum	Promote West Pennine Way	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	07/03/2016
Ramsbottom Heritage Society	Restore paint on urban crest	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	07/03/2016
South Royd Street Allotment	Repair communal path on allotments	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	07/03/2016
Affetside Society	Repairs to storage shed	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	07/03/2016
Bury Archeological Group	hire of machinery and fencing	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	07/03/2016
Greenmount Village Pre School	Provision of healthy snacks	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	07/03/2016
		£ 3000.00	£ 2000.00	
		<b>Available</b>	<b>£6000</b>	

**Whitefield and Unsworth**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Date approved</b>
Whitefield Community Graveyard	Purchase equipment & Soil	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	
Victoria Youth	Job Club	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	23.06.15
North M/c Ladies Jewish Drama Grp	Drama piece for the group	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	08.09.15
Bill Lane Improvement Scheme	Improvements & clean up on Bill Lane	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	17.11.15
		£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	
		<b>Available</b>	<b>£7000</b>	

**Cross Township**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Date approved</b>
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Eden Garden Allotments	Equipment & items for area in allotments	£ 500.00	£ 300.00	23.06.15
Tottington Holiday club	Provision of Holiday club and activities	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	23.06.15
Bury Archaeological Group	Member training, Newsletter & Excavations	£	-	23.06.15
Tottington Sports Club	Tottingtons 'Big Day Out'	£ 500.00	-	23.06.15
Prestwich Book Festival	Host Event for book lovers, £300 returned	£ 400.00	£300.00	23.06.15
Hard of Hearing	Tutor and room hire	£ 500.00	£ 265.00	23.06.15
Bury Widows	Towards cost of Railway lunch & day out	£ 500.00	-	
Bury and Districts Home Watch	Annual Home Watch Conference	£ 500.00	£ 200.00	15.09.15
Unsworth Cricket Club FC	Full size foldable goal post	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	15.09.15
Bury Carers Group	To run variety of activities for carers	£ 500.00	rejected	
Little Britain Anglers	Lawn mower	£	deferred	
Buddy's for Children with Autism	fixtures and fittings for new shop	£ 500.00	rejected	
The Rotary Club of Ramsbottom	Trip for young carers to Blackpool	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	17.08.15

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Date approved</b>
Bury Diabetic Support Group	To organise information events	£ 500.00	rejected	
Bury Archaeological Group	Equipment	£	rejected	
Well Arty	Too match fund music pilot for young people	£ 500.00	rejected	
SupportiveStem Community Growth	Marketing Campaign to raise awareness	£ 470.00	rejected	
Its Time 4 Change	Room Hire for Breakfast Club	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	17.11.15
Bloco Ashe	Marketing & room hire for workshops	£ 500.00	£ 240.00	17.11.15
Bury Voluntary Ranger Service	To line and insulate container for storing tools	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	17.11.15
Langley Allotments	Part payment for replacement building	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	17.11.15
Whitefield Horticultural Society	Centenary event	£ 480.00	£ 250.00	17.11.15
Bury Diabetic Society	Running costs	£ 500.00	withdrawn	
Little Britain Anglers	Lawn mower	£	deferred	
Radcliffe Swimming & Water Polo	Towards new equipment	£ 500.00	£300	08/03/2016
Jigsaw Link	Volunteer Expenses & Promotional Materials	£ 500.00	£500	08/03/2016

Little Britain Anglers	Lawn Mower	£ 450.00	£450	08/03/2016
Communic8te Bury	Training cost for volunteers	£ 500.00	£500	08/03/2016
Greenmount Village	Already applied this financial year			
The Rotary Club of Bury	purchase soft furnishings for families in crisis	£ 500.00	£500	08/03/2016
Whitefield Painting Group	Room Hire and insurance	£ 500.00	£500	08/03/2016
Creative Living Centre	Fridge and Freezer for centre	£ 500.00	£500	08/03/2016
Brandlesholme Warriors Juniors	Drainage of pitch	£ 500.00	£500	08/03/2016
2nd Ramsbottom Scout Group	New stoves	£ 482.00	£482	08/03/2016
Tottingtons Sports Club	Tottingtons Big Day Out	£ 500.00	£ -	
Contact Bury Ind Living	Volunteers expenses , travel, activities	£ 500.00	£500	08/03/2016
Brandlesholme Scarecrow Fest	Scarecrow Festival & Family Fun Day	£ 500.00	£500	08/03/2016
Bury Somali Youth Group	Pitch hire , bibs and footballs <b>not sent funds</b>	£ 500.00	<b>£500</b>	08/03/2016
Incredible Edible	Project Beds x 3	£ 500.00	£500	08/03/2016

Speakeasy	lap top and projector	£ 488.00	£500	08/03/2016
Prestwich Clough Centenary	Marquee Hire	£ 500.00	£500	08/03/2016
		£ 17,782.00 Applied	£ 11,787.00 Awarded	
			<b>£800 returned</b>	

On the last round of Small Grants there was an under spend throughout the financial year and the Panel were able to award over the £8000. A further amount £5995 was approved but of the awarded figure there was £800 returned.