

AGENDA FOR

BURY WEST TOWNSHIP FORUM

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To: All Members of Bury West Township Forum

Councillors : M Hankey, J Harris, S Kerrison, S Nuttall,
Susan Southworth and R Walker

Co-opted Members: Mr T Eastland, Mr P Jones and Reverend K Selby

Dear Member/Colleague

Bury West Township Forum

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Bury West Township Forum which will be held as follows:-

Date:	Thursday, 23 March 2017
Place:	The Elton Centre, Alston Street, Bury
Time:	7.00 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:	Representatives from Healthwatch Bury will be in attendance at the Elton Centre from 6pm to answer questions and advise on their services.

AGENDA

1 WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Bury West 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.

4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING *(Pages 1 - 8)*

The Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Bury West Township Forum held on 17 January 2017 are attached.

5 MATTERS ARISING

6 LIBRARY REVIEW UPDATE

A presentation will be given at the Meeting.

7 OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

8 HIGHWAYS SUB GROUP *(Pages 9 - 12)*

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Highways Sub Group held on 13 March are attached.

9 TOWNSHIP FORUM FUNDING REPORT *(Pages 13 - 20)*

The Township Forum Funding Report is attached for information.

10 URGENT BUSINESS

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

Minutes of:	BURY WEST TOWNSHIP FORUM
Date of Meeting:	17 January 2017
Present:	Councillor J Harris (in the Chair) Councillors Susan Southworth, R Walker, s Kerrison and J Harris
Also in attendance:	Mr T Eastland- Tottington and Bury West Rotary Club Mr P Jones – Brandlesholme Residents Association
Public Attendance:	26 members of the public were present at the meeting.
Apologies for Absence:	Councillor S Nuttall and Councillor M Hankey and Reverend K Selby

BWTF.482 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

BWTF.483 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 19 September 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

BWTF.484 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Harris referred to the issue raised by Mrs Marshall at the last meeting regarding Homewatch groups and reported that the issue had been resolved.

Councillor Harris stated that the Bury West Township should be a non political meeting and asked that elected members keep party politics out of the discussions.

Councillor Harris referred to the issue that had been raised regarding the street lighting at Connaught Street and reported that she had been informed that the lighting would be replaced in April.

BWTF.485 BUDGET BRIEFING 2017 - 2020

Councillor Jane Lewis, Deputy Leader of the Council and Chief Executive Mike Owen attended the meeting to consult with those present on the budget options for the coming three years.

It was explained that the main objectives were to lead, shape and maintain a prosperous Bury that was fit for the future.

Bury Council was the biggest employer and provider of services in the town with a £448 million turnover.

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Mike Owen set out where the Council's money came from and explained that there had been a reduction of £65 million in Government funding since 2010 with a further £32 million cut up to 2020.

It was explained that if Bury had been funded per head to the same level nationally it would have an extra £9 million and if it had been funded per head to the same level as Greater Manchester there would be £18 million extra.

How the Council spent its money was explained:-

- Adult Social Care £46.8 million
- Looked after Children £10.6 million
- Waste Disposal £12.5 million
- Highways £6.4 million
- Refuse Collection £4.0 million
- Libraries £2.4 million
- Parks & Open Spaces £2.2 million
- Sports & Leisure £1.2 million

It was also explained that there were other demands such as the population living longer but needing added support in later life.

It was also explained that there were unknown variables to consider such as inflation, rises in energy prices and other levies.

The Council were constantly looking for efficiency savings and were planning to transform services across the three Council Departments:-

Resource and Regulation – Proposed cut of £7m

Children, Young People and Culture – Proposed cut of £7.7m

Communities and Wellbeing – Proposed cut of £17.7m

It was explained that for Resource and Regulation there would be more collaborative working with other organisations and providers, further income generation, Investment in the highways network to improve the network and reduce the repair bill, joint enforcement, further treasury management in relation to property investment and back office service reconfiguration

For Children and Young People there will be optimisation of external funding, development of the Early Years Provision, development of the fostering and looked after children service, service reviews, a management restructure and changes to school funding regime.

Communities and Wellbeing were focussing on bringing together health and social care services with joint commissioning, review of operational services, review of leisure and wellbeing services, review of the organisational structure and transport arrangements.

It was explained that the Council will still have to deliver statutory services but would also want to have aspirations to tackle inequalities and support life chances.

It was also explained that the Council could not raise the Council Tax by more than 2% and the Social Care Precept by more than 3%.

It was reported that some Councils had stated that they would be using their reserves to help balance their budgets. Council reserves were there to help out in extreme situations and once they were used they were gone. The Council could use its reserves but wouldn't want to.

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

- A member of the public referred to Looked After Children and asked whether this included children in care as well as children with additional needs.

It was explained that this referred to all children who required any kind of support. The issue was that where there was the demand, the Council was statutorily obliged to offer support in some cases. If demand grew it would cost the Council more and this would mean taking funds away from non statutory services.

- A member of the public asked how the academisation of schools would affect Council finances?

It was explained that the money received from Government for schools was given straight to schools after the Council received it. When a school became an academy they were no longer under the Council's control and were self managed. The Council would offer to provide services to the schools if the schools wanted to buy them.

- A member of the public asked why the Council could not provide services to schools without charging them.

It was explained that this was not financially viable. The Council had to provide a wide range of services so would have to cut other services in order to do that.

- A member of the public referred to SEN and the travel provided during respite and asked why this was excluded.

It was explained that the statutory services that the Council provided would be delivered but not all services were statutory and these would be reviewed.

- It was asked whether borrowing money to repair the highways was the right decision.

Mike Owen explained that if borrowing didn't save money in the long run the Council wouldn't do it.

It was also explained that improving the highways network would make Bury more attractive to businesses and therefore help raise Council income from business rates.

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- Councillor Harris referred to the properties that the Council owned and asked how this worked.

It was explained that if the money was sat in the bank it would be earning 0.5% interest but the investments that the Council had were earning 6.5%.

Councillor Harris stated that Bury was a nice place to live and the Council staff worked hard to ensure that this continued and they were a credit to the Council and this should be recognised.

It was reported that comments and suggestions could be submitted in the following ways:-

- Submitting feedback online at www.bury.gov.uk/Budget201720
- Emailing at Budget201720@bury.gov.uk
- Writing to: Budget201720, Bury Council, Knowsley Street, Bury, BL9 OSW
- Telephoning: 0161 253 5696
- Completing a Township Forum Exit Survey

It was agreed:

That Councillor Lewis and Mike be thanked for their presentation.

BWTF.486 PERSONA STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

Eddie Cheung, Quality and Customer Experience Lead at Persona attended the meeting to explain the work of Persona and to ask for local residents to get involved in the way that Persona provides its services.

It was explained that Persona was a local authority trading company providing social care to older people and adults with learning disabilities.

It was explained that Persona operates across a range of community settings including day and residential care centres.

Persona's Purpose was explained:-

Quality - Delivering high quality services.

Involvement - Working with local communities and key partners to think creatively and innovatively.

Listening - Listening to what people have got to say about us and learning.

Responsive - Responding to the needs of local communities.

Communication - Keeping in touch with all our partners and communities

Eddie explained that most people will have an interest in social care at some point in their lives whether it be through a friend or relative or for themselves.

It was reported that Persona currently have an employees forum where employees could raise any issues and make suggestions in relation to the services provided and the way that future services could be provided. It was now hoped that a Stakeholders Forum could be established to allow for current service users and future service users to have an input in service provision.

It was explained that here will be several ways for members to get involved in the stakeholder forum and Persona want to hear from a people who have a passion for making a difference:-

Face-to-Face: meetings, workshops, events, mystery shopping

Virtual: Facebook, twitter, you tube, LinkedIn

Informal: Email, surveys, telephone surveys

If anybody required more information they could contact Persona the following ways:-

- Telephone on 0161 253 6000
- Website at www.personasupport.org
- Email at info@personasupport.org

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

- Yvonne Creswell asked how many staff Persona employed.

It was reported that there were around 350 staff employed by Persona, most of who had transferred over from the Council when Persona had been established.

- Yvonne Creswell asked whether Persona offered a seven day service.

Eddie explained that some services were 24/7 where as some were 9 – 5 depending on need.

It was agreed:

That Eddie be thanked for the presentation.

BWTF.487 DAISYFIELD CLEAN UP EVENT

Rob Trueblood representing Sustrans attended the meeting to inform those present of the forthcoming clean up day at the Daisyfield area of the route 6 cycle path which runs through Bury.

It was explained that Sustrans is a charity which promoted and enabled people to travel safely and easily by foot, bike and public transport.

Sustrans work with families, communities, policy makers and partner organisations to improve and redesign routes to enable safe access to them.

Rob reported that Sustrans had arranged a clean-up event at the Daisyfield Viaduct area of the route. The event was due to take place on Tuesday 24 January from 10am to 2.30pm and all were welcome to attend. Equipment would be provided and volunteers were asked to meet at the Cygnet Hospital just before 10am.

It was agreed:

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That Rob be thanked for his presentation.

BWTF.488 OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- A member of the public referred to the consultation that had been carried out regarding the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework. The consultation had been relating to provision of land for houses and employment and the possible infringement on greenbelt land.

It was explained that the consultation had now ended and the comments received would be reviewed. A further consultation would be held once all of the information had been collated and the infrastructure needs had been reviewed.

BWTF.489 HIGHWAYS SUB GROUP

Councillor Harris reported that the Highways sub group had met in October and would meet again in March.

Councillor Harris had attended a site visit with officers at the bus lane at the bottom of Bolton Road near to Lidl. The officers had noted the issues and had stated that the area would be reviewed to see what options were available.

Councillor Southworth reported that the roundabout on Woodhill Road had been inspected and she was waiting to hear whether any work would be undertaken.

Councillor Southworth also reported that Ken Asquith had confirmed the Birks Drive scheme would go ahead once funding was available.

Councillor Walker referred to the proposed scheme on the Seddons Farm estate and asked why the police would not support due to traffic travelling on average at 24 miles per hour or more. Councillor Walker felt that this did not make sense.

BWTF.490 TOWNSHIP PLAN **FOR INFORMATION**

It was agreed:

That the contents of the report be noted.

BWTF.491 TOWNSHIP FORUM FUNDING REPORT **FOR INFORMATION**

It was agreed:

That the contents of the report be noted.

BWTF.492 NEXT MEETING

It was reported that the next meeting of the Bury West Township Forum will be held on Thursday 23 March at The Elton Centre from 7pm.

COUNCILLOR J Harris
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 7.00pm and ended at 8.40pm)

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Minutes of: **BURY WEST TOWNSHIP FORUM – HIGHWAYS SUB GROUP**

Date of Meeting: 13 March 2017

Venue: Irwell Room, Bury Town Hall

Present

Councillors: Councillor J Harris (In the Chair); Councillor Susan Southworth

Advisory Group Representatives:

Trevor Eastland – Brandlesholme residents Association

Officers:

Ken Asquith – Principal Engineer - Road Safety
Andrea Tomlinson – Democratic Services

Apologies:

Christine Maksymowski – Township Co-ordinator

BWTF-HSG.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

BWTF-HSG.2 MINUTES

It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 22 February 2016 be approved as a correct record.

BWTF-HSG.3 20MPH SPEED LIMITS ON STREETS WITHIN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Ken Asquith, Principal Engineer (Road Safety) explained that during summer 2016 the Chief Executive had put a freeze on the 20mph street safe schemes. This may have affected some of the planned schemes in Bury West.

It was reported that initial indications were that the schemes that had been ordered through the depot prior to the freeze would be allowed to progress. This was now reported as not being the case. All 20mph schemes had been halted and wouldn't now be progressed.

This included the following schemes

- Hunstanton Drive area – 20mph Zone featuring physical traffic calming measures
- Goodlad Street – 20mph speed limit scheme
- Kingsley Street – 20mph speed limit scheme

Ken explained that the scheme consulted on in Birks Drive area of had had 90% support following informal consultation with residents.

Councillor Southworth reported that she had been informed by the Leader that five schemes in Elton would be going ahead.

It was suggested that clarification on the status of the schemes be sought.

It was agreed:

The Principal Engineer be thanked for the update.

BWTF-HSG.4 HIGHWAYS ISSUES WITHIN BURY WEST

Councillor Harris referred to the bus lane located at the bottom of Bolton Road and explained that she had attended a site visit with Dave Giblin and Dave Fowler where she had raised her concerns regarding the bus lane. Councillor Harris had asked that a review be undertaken with the possibility of removing that small section of the bus lane.

Ken explained that TFGM had carried out some work locally with regards to bus lanes and the one on Rochdale Road had been suspended. Ken also explained that a Town Centre Review was due to be carried out which would look at a range of issues including parking and traffic issues.

It was suggested that more information relating to the Town Centre Review be sought.

Councillor Southworth reported that the roundabout on Woodhill Road was still in a bad state of repair and was in need of resurfacing as it was crumbling.

Councillor Southworth explained that she had been contacted by two business owners who had shops on Brandlesholme Road just before Garside Hey Road. There are parking bays located on the road outside the shops which allow customers to stop at the shops. The ladies had informed Councillor Southworth that people were parking in the bays and leaving their vehicles there all day. This was causing an issue as it meant that customers were unable to park and would continue up the road to the Vernon Road shops or Holcombe Precinct.

Councillor Southworth asked whether the bays could be made time limited up to maybe 2 hours to allow for hair appointments etc.

Ken explained that he would pass this information onto colleagues in engineers who would review the options.

Ken stated that he would provide feedback to Members on these issues.

BWTF-HSG.5 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was agreed:

That the next meeting of the Highways Group would meet in September 2017.

COUNCILLOR J Harris
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 4.50pm and ended at 5.30pm)

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Bury Council Township Forum Report for March 2017

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/July, September, January and March. A maximum of £500 individual grant is available for formally constituted organisations from a Township.

Additionally, a borough-wide allocation of £8,000 is available for “cross-township” applications for activity that takes place across more than one Township. These 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 for the past three rounds of funding for financial year 1st April 2016 – January 2017.

This will be the final round of meetings for this financial year the approved applications for March will be included in the year end final report.

Bury East

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Thursday Group (parents group)	Hire of room/contribution to trip	£ 500.00	£ 400.00	30/06/16
The Women's Aid Group	Contribution to Crèche fees	£ 500.00	£ 400.00	30/06/16
B'easties Youth Club	Provide hot meals for socially isolated	£ 500.00	£ 400.00	30/06/16
Openshaw Veterans Bowling Club	Maintenance & Veterans Bowling Club	£ 500.00	£ 400.00	30/06/16
New Springs Community Project	Community Awards joint initiative	£ 500.00	£ 400.00	30/06/16
Attic Project	Christmas Lunch for isolated people	£ 320.00	£ 320.00	08/09/16
Seedfield TRA	Supplies for cake decorating class	£ 280.00	£ 280.00	08/09/16
Bury Asian Women's		£ 500.00	Deferred for information	At 21/01/17
Walshaw Park Wasp FC	Equipment	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	21/01/17
Chesham Fold TRA	Printing Cost & Utilities	£ 500.00	Deferred for information	At 21/01/17
		£ 4600.00	£ 3100.00	
		Available	£4900.00	

Bury West

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
All Saints Amateur Operatic Society	Update gents toilets and kitchen	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	07/07/16
Fusiliers Court Residents Assoc.	Improvements to Close & Celebration	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	07/07/16
		£ 1000.00	£ 1000.00	
		Available	£7000.00	

Prestwich

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Big Knit	Wool and labels	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	30/06/16
Azamrah Youth Club	Summer Play scheme	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	30/06/16
Prestwich & Whitefield Heritage	Maintenance of flower beds	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	12/01/2017
		£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00	
		Available	£6,500.00	

Radcliffe

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Abbey Court Residents Assoc	Raised Beds for vegetables	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	05/07/16
East Lancashire Paper Mill Cricket	Family Fun Day & raise awareness of club	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	05/07/16
Friends of Radcliffe Manor	Promoting Radcliffe tower	£500.00	£ 500.00	13/09/16
ROC	Purchase equipment for Cinema Club	£500.00	£ 500.00	13/09/16
Radcliffe Business Group	Maintenance of Radcliffe Lights	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	10/01/2017
		£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00	
		Available	£5,500.00	

Ramsbottom Tottington and North Manor

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Greenmount Village Community	Create a cafe for people with Dementia	£ 500.00	£ 400.00	06/07/16
St Marys School, Hawkshaw	Gardening equipment for children	£ 500.00	£ 400.00	06/07/16
Tottington Holiday Play scheme	Summer holiday activities	£ 500.00	£ 400.00	06/07/16
Rotary Club of Tott & Bury West	Improvements to St Johns Graveyard	£ 500.00	£ 400.00	06/07/16
Brambles Residents Association	Kitchen equipment & Implement Bingo	£ 500.00	£ 400.00	06/07/16
Hewlett Court	Comm event celebrate 300yrs free Masons	£ 500.00	No priorities met	
Friends of Nuttall Park	Fencing to protect wildflower patch	£ 485.00	£ 485.00	13/09/16
Ramsbottom Running Club	Branded Gazebo	£ 475.00	£ 475.00	10/01/2017
Greenmount Village Pre School	Structured physical activities	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	10/01/2017
Bury Rural Inequalities Forum	Equipment for maintenance	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	10/01/2017
Tottington Park Bowling & Social	updating kitchen and appliance	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	later date
		£ 5,460.00	£ 4,460.00	
		Available	£3540.00	

Whitefield and Unsworth

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Eden Garden Allotments	Summer open day	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	05/07/16
Elms Community Centre	Elms in Bloom Competition	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	05/07/16
Whitefield Graveyard Comm Grp	Improve pathways	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	05/07/16
Elms Community TRA	Maintenance of green house & tools	£ 490.00	£ 490.00	20/09/16
Hollins Village Bowling Club	Maintenance items & stationary	£ 485.00	£ 485.00	20/09/16
Nipper Lane Allotment Assoc	fencing to make pond safe	£ 500.00	Declined as pond was going to be filled in at a later date	
Besses o'th Barn United Reform Church	Signage & information boards	£ 500.00	£500.00	17/01/17
		£ 3520.00	£ 2975.00	
		Available	£5025.00	

Cross Township

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Friends of Bury Young Carers	Activities	£ 750.00	£ 750.00	28/06/16
The Urban Cycle Centre CIC	Setting up workshop facility @ Phillips Park	£ 750.00	Didn't meet priorities. Wanted further info	Invited to re apply
The Eagles Wing	Beginners English Group	£ 750.00	£ 750.00	28/06/16
Little Britain Anglers	HD Camera's x 2	£ 370.00	£ 370.00	28/06/16
Prestwich Carnival Committee	Hire of stage for Carnival	£ 750.00	£ 750.00	22/06/16
Langley Allotments	Provide disabled access to communal area	£ 750.00	£ 750.00	28/06/16
Bury East Sports Association	Annual party in the park	£ 750.00	£ 400.00	28/06/16
Women of Worth	Various running cost & Volunteer travel	£ 750.00	£ 750.00	28/06/16
Radcliffe Swimming & Polo Club	Senior water polo goals	£ 750.00	£ 750.00	30/08/16
Speakeasy	Leaflets to inform people with Aphasia	£ 750.00	£ 750.00	30/08/16

Bury Voluntary Rangers	various tools for maintenance	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	30/08/16
Victoria Comm & Youth Centre	Rental of centre & football net	£ 750.00	£ 400.00	30/08/16
Hard of Hearing Support Group	tutors to provide support	£ 480.00	£ 380.00	24/01/2017
Bury Fairtrade Steering Group	promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade fortnight	£ 500.00	£ 100.00	24/01/2017
Communic8te	Equip IT centre windows 10 and earphones	£ 750.00	£ 600.00	24/01/2017
		£ 10,100.00	£ 8000.00	
		Available	<i>nil</i>	