

Brownhills, Pelsall, Rushall & Shelfield Area Panel

Special Meeting

Thursday 16th April, 2015 at 6.00 p.m.

Pelsall Village Centre, High Street, Pelsall, WS3 4LX

Present

Councillor G. Perry (Chair)
Councillor O.D. Bennett
Councillor S.R. Craddock
Councillor M. A. Longhi
Councillor S. Wade

Officers in attendance

Laura Terry – Area Manager
Beverley Mycock – Committee Business and Governance Manager

109/15 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor Rattigan.

110/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest for the duration of the meeting.

111/15 Local Government Access to Information Act, 1985 (as amended)

There were no items to be discussed in private session.

112/15 Funding Report

The report of the Area Manager was submitted.

(see annexed)

The Area Manager enlarged upon the report, informing Members that the Special meeting had been called in order that Members consider a funding application entitled Walsall Big Spring Clean which will take place during mid-May to the end June 2015.

The funding will be allocated from the 2015/16 financial year and was required before the next schedule of Area Panels are approved at Adjourned Council on 3rd June 2015. The Area Manager reported that the campaign would involve a range of partners, including Clean and Green and whg, to support local communities in cleaning up identified areas within each Area Partnership. The Area Manager added that all six of the Area Partnerships would be involved in

the campaign, with one Area Partnership per week being 'targeted' and that funding needed to be in place at the commencement of the campaign.

Members discussed a number of areas for consideration which included:-

- Accessible skips located around the area - this had previously been well used and supported by residents
- Litter picking
- No litter / No Dog Fouling signage and leaflets around the area. The Area Manager added that a Project Group was currently looking into the issues around dog fouling
- Education re recycling
- Concerns in Bush Grove - large pile of earth close to bus stop, very untidy due to lack of litter bin (enquire with Centro re funding for a bin)
- Lack of litter bins
- Bollards around Commons side to prevent people pulling up and letting their dogs out of their cars to road freely on the common to foul
- 'Problem' boxes to be placed in community areas, ie library to enable residents to anonymously report any issues they may have

Councillor Craddock requested that the Area Manager update Members regularly on the project spend.

Councillor Longhi added that it was imperative that the campaign was well advertised around the Wards.

Councillor Perry **moved** and it was duly **seconded** by Councillor Craddock:-

That funding in the sum of £2,000 for the 'Walsall Big Spring Clean' be granted

Members voted unanimously.

Termination of meeting

The meeting terminated at 6.30pm

Chair

Date: