

Willenhall North/Willenhall South/Short Heath Area Panel

Tuesday, 4 March, 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

Conference Room, Council House, Walsall

Present:

Councillor I. Shires (Chair)
Councillor D. Barker (Vice Chair)
Councillor Cook
Councillor S. Coughlan
Councillor Creaney
Councillor Mrs D. Shires
Councillor Woodruff

In Attendance

Jo Lowndes	Partnership Manager
Neil Picken	Senior Committee Business and Governance Manager

42/13 Apologies

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor D. Coughlan.

43/13 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Coughlan registered a personal and prejudicial interest in item 6 as he was directly involved with Willenhalls Got Talent.

44/13 Local Government Access to Information Act, 1985 (as amended)

The Panel noted that there were no items on the agenda which required the exclusion of the Public.

45/13 Minutes

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January, 2014, a copy of which had been previously circulated.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January, 2014, a copy having been previously circulated, be approved as true and accurate record.

46/13 Willenhall Specific Participatory Budgeting

The Chair welcomed individuals that were in attendance to provide presentations on proposed projects. He explained that the Panel would formally receive the applications which would then be put to public consultation for comments. Following consultation, each project would then be considered for final approval at a meeting of the Panel, scheduled to be held on 20 March, 2014.

The Panel then received presentations on the following projects:-

Project	Description	Organisation
Pathways Upgrade, Fibbersley Local Nature Reserve	The aim of the project is to improve pathways at Fibbersley Local Nature Reserve from the current muddy/rough ones with hard paths to allow all year round access to all users and encourage more people to use the site.	Friends of Fibbersley Local Nature Reserve
Willenhall Wild Nights	The Willenhall Wild Nights will deliver a series of 12 FREE events for the public aimed at recording nocturnal wildlife at Fibbersley Local Nature Reserve, engaging the public in wildlife events and teaching local children and families about the importance of urban nature reserves for mammals and amphibians. There is a noticeable lack of the use of Fibbersley LNR by the public, and we hope to encourage more local people to visit the reserve. We want to raise awareness of the countryside and encourage children, adults and families to get out and experience nature, and also to promote Willenhall & Short Heath membership of the Friends of Fibbersley.	Clean & Green Services Walsall Council
Sell Your Self to Achieve	The aim of the project is to target long term unemployed residents within the Short Heath area by giving them an opportunity to come along to drop in twilight sessions to be offered support in CV writing, how to prepare for an interview and interview skills. The sessions will also give these residents the opportunity to learn basic PC skills. The delivery of the sessions would be weekly 2hr sessions over an 8 week period.	Pool Hayes Community Association
Get Up & Go	The aim of the project is to target older people (65+) who are living on their own who could be deemed as at risk of becoming isolated from their peers, not accessing local facilities within their community and excluding themselves from activities. They would provide a Saturday morning club for older people offering a range of activities. The delivery of the sessions would be weekly 2hr sessions over an 8 week period.	Pool Hayes Community Association

Let Us Entertain You – Social Nights	The aim of the project is to target older people (65+) who are living on their own who could be deemed as at risk of becoming isolated from their peers, not accessing local facilities within their community and excluding themselves from activities. They would provide a Saturday morning club for older people offering a range of activities. The delivery of the sessions would be to offer fortnightly evening events with a support worker.	Pool Hayes Community Association
Strive To Achieve	The aim of the project is to identify and target key cohorts of children from within the Pool Hayes Arts & Community School who at their expected age of learning is below the governments national expected target and offer the appropriate support by providing rigorous booster groups. The delivery of these would be weekly 4 hour sessions over a 8 week period.	Pool Hayes Community Association
Fun For All – Family Learning	The aim of the project is to identify and target a specific year group and their parents from within the cluster of Primary Schools that reside within the Willenhall area and offer a family learning experience where parents will be asked to come into school to work alongside their child on the school curriculum to develop home skills to enable them to support their child at home when they are not at school. The delivery of the sessions would be weekly 2hr sessions over an 8 week period.	Pool Hayes Community Association
Back To Basics	The aim of the project is to up skill long term unemployed residents within the Short Heath area by giving them an opportunity to gain level one certification in literacy and numeracy. The delivery of the activity would be to offer weekly classroom based 2 hour sessions over a 8 week period. The overall aim is to progress people onto level 2 courses.	Pool Hayes Community Association

Resolved

That the following projects be received and publicised for public consultation:-

Project	Organisation
Pathways Upgrade, Fibbersley Local Nature Reserve	Friends of Fibbersley Local Nature Reserve
Willenhall Wild Nights	Clean & Green Services Walsall Council
Sell Your Self to Achieve	Pool Hayes Community Association
Get Up & Go	Pool Hayes Community Association

Let Us Entertain You – Social Nights	Pool Hayes Community Association
Strive To Achieve	Pool Hayes Community Association
Fun For All – Family Learning	Pool Hayes Community Association
Back To Basics	Pool Hayes Community Association

47/13 Funding Report

Councillor S. Coughlan, having declared an interest in this item, left the meeting prior to consideration of any applications submitted and did not return.

The Panel considered a report setting out project applications for determination by the Area Panel.

Members considered each application as detailed within appendix 1 of the report [annexed] and;

Resolved

That the following awards be granted:-

Project	Award
New Invention Notice Board	£464.00
Willenhall Youth Programmes	£620.00
Willenhalls Got Talent	£300.00
Physical Activities For All	£1075.00

Termination of Meeting

The meeting terminated at 7.00 p.m.

