

Willenhall Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 27th February 2007

LNP Funding

Summary of report

The purpose of this report is to inform the LNP on the progress of the projects the LNP have agreed to fund to date from their £33,000 resource allocation for 2005/2006 and £15,000 allocation for 2006/2007

Recommendations

The LNP is asked to:

1. To note progress on projects
2. That project champions feedback progress at the next LNP meeting

Funded projects 2005-2006

Activity	Allocated	Spent
Christmas Lights for 2005	£11000	£9496
Community Safety	£5160	£0
Youth Engagement	£11000	£0
Summer concerts	£855	£855
Christmas lights for 2006	£4985	£4985
Totals	£33000	£15336
Total amount remaining to spend - £17664		

Youth Engagement/Consultation

Youth services are currently having weekly meetings with a group of young people who are planning the conference scheduled for 24th March 2007 and will also be putting together a questionnaire and undertake video interviews in Willenhall. The group meets every Tuesday at Willenhall Sports College at 4,30pm all young people welcome to join the group.

The video questionnaire which will involve the youth group interviewing a number of young people across Willenhall will take place between 19th to 26th February.

Youth services also have two residential taking place, these residential will offer young people an opportunity to say what they would like to see in Willenhall. These residential will take place on:

- 13th to 15th February and;
- 16th to 18th February

The centre event for the consultation is taking place on 24th March 2007 at Pool Hayes. This youth conference will deliver a number of consultation exercise's gauging opinions of young people in Willenhall.

Funded projects 2006-2007

Activity	Allocated
Short Heath/Lane Head - improve War Memorial on High Road	£5000
Willenhall South - improve War Memorial on Little London which will enhance the current investment to improve the monument;	£5000
Willenhall North village green - improve open space adj. to Rugeley Avenue going onto Forest Gate/Lichfield Road	£5000
Totals	£15000

Short Heath/Lane Head - improve War Memorial on High Road

Environmental regeneration officers will very soon be organising a site visit to the memorial, inviting Streetpride and relevant councillors to discuss works required to enhance the site.

Willenhall South - improve War Memorial

The contractor will begin works on site week commencing 19th Feb. A photo call announcing the works beginning is planned for 21st Feb. Work is due to be completed in March.

Willenhall North village green - improve open space adj. to Rugeley Avenue going onto Forest Gate/Lichfield Road

- Project Update Feb 07

Following on from the consultation at the Christmas fair/switch on Groundwork has also carried out a door-to-door survey for the piece of open space. The questionnaire used was commented on by the project steering group before the survey took place.

The door-to-door questionnaires were carried out on the 25th January 07 from 5pm-7pm. Residents were contacted approximately a week beforehand with the date, time and reasons behind why the questionnaire was taking place. It was done at this time to enable Groundwork to speak to as many people as possible. Approximately 90 households were approached from Lichfield Road, Rugeley Avenue, Huntington Road, Brereton Road and Forest Close.

The questionnaire constructed provided residents with the opportunity to comment on various potential issues for the site and a list of possible solutions. If residents were not at home when the consultation was carried out, a survey with a pre-paid envelope was posted for the resident to return.

Groundwork received 33 completed questionnaires which is a response rate of almost 37%, which provides an in depth insight into the views of the local area on the proposed improvements to the site.

A draft consultation report has been written based on the results and is out for comment with the project steering group. An update meeting with this group will hopefully be held within the next couple of weeks to discuss the results and the next steps.

The sketch designs are also to be drawn up over the next few weeks and will be displayed at the community centre for local residents to comment on. This will be advertised through leaflets and a press release.

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