

WALSALL SOUTH AREA PANEL

Monday, 19th July, 2016 at 6.00 p.m.

Conference Room 2, Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor K. Hussain
Councillor E. Russell
Councillor A. Ditta
Councillor H. Sarohi
Councillor N. Gultasib
Councillor G. Sohal
Councillor R. Martin
Councillor A. Nawaz

Officers in attendance

Paul Gordon – Head of Business Change
John Morris – Area Manager
Nikki Gough – Democratic Services Officer

01/16 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor S. Ditta and Councillor A. Nazir.

02/16 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record.

03/16 Declarations of interest

The following declarations were received; -

- Councillor H. Sarohi declared an interest as a member of the Pleck Temple.
- Councillor G. Sohal declared an interest as a member of the Sikh Temple.
- Councillor R. Martin declared an interest as a member of the Park Hall Residents Association.

04/16 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

None.

05/16 Area Manager's Report

The Area Manager introduced the report and stated that to seek to inform Elected Members for the Walsall South Area Partnership of some of the work carried out within the local area. Members held a discussion on working together as Elected Members to

promote schemes that benefited the Walsall South Area. It was suggested that it may be of benefit to include roads which needed work within the report. The Area Manager stated that pages 12 and 13 of the report contained highway maintenance.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

06/16 Funding Report

The Area Manager provided information on how the Area Panel had operated in previous years. That was that the available funding was split between the four wards in the area. If this approach was agreed this year each ward would receive £7,500. Members agreed to this approach and acknowledged the funding constraints.

The Area Manager suggested that the applications for Sikh Hunters Football Club and Slovak Club if funded were done across all wards. Members were also informed that the Drop in Cafe for new Communities would receive £2,500.00 from the Community Cohesion and Engagement Office. Members considered the following applications; -

Migrant Community Project

Members stated that this group had not approached the Panel before and suggested that the amount of £2,500.00 was funded from across all Wards, with £2500.00 match funding from the Council. Members acknowledged the good work that the group did in the area.

The application was proposed and seconded.

It was agreed that each ward would contribute £625.00 to fund this project. The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

St. Matthew's Bangladeshi Cultural Event

The Area Manager ran through the application. Members agreed that this was a good project which would benefit the community.

It was proposed and seconded that £1500.00 was awarded to the project. The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

Music and Musical Instruments Class

Councillor Sohal left the room whilst the application was discussed.

Members agreed that they would like to support this application as it had been successful in previous years.

It was proposed that £750.00 from St Matthews Ward and £750.00 from Paddock Ward this application was used to fund this project. This was seconded. The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

Keep Safe Assembly Project

The Project Lead informed the Panel that this project aimed to educate children about the risks of running away it included protection behaviours and signposts. Concern was raised that this should be a service funded through the Council's mainstream budget or through other statutory bodies. The Project Lead stated that the organisation already worked with people who had been sexually exploited but the prevention side of child sexual exploitation was not funded. The Project Lead confirmed that she had regular meetings with Children's Services.

It was proposed that £1,500.00 was allocated to the project. The motion was lost 5 votes to 3, with one abstention.

Kumak Project

A representative of the Project introduced himself and gave the background to the project. The Area Manager informed Members that the Council was willing to match fund the project. Members spoke positively about the project and proposed that it was given funding of £2,000.00. It was agreed that £1,500.00 would be funded from St Matthews and £500.00 from Palfrey. The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

Season of Change Health Project

The Area Manager outlined the project. Members stated that with regret they were unable to support this project due to pressures on their funding. The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

Walsall Black Sisters Collective Development & Sustainability Project

A representative from the group informed the Panel that this application was to meet a shortfall in their funding. If this application was granted it would mean that they would be a sustainable organisation in the long term. Members expressed concern that there was not enough funding to support this application but recognised the excellent work the organisation did. It was proposed and seconded that Palfrey, Pleck and St Matthews provided £500.00 each to this application (£1,500.00 in total). The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

Improvements to security to Caldmore Community Garden

A representative spoke on behalf of the project. She described the activities that took place in the garden and the difficulties it faced due to anti-social behaviour. It was proposed that £2,000.00 was awarded to the project. It was proposed and seconded that St Matthews contributed £2,125.00 and Palfrey contributed £ 500.00. The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

Places of Welcome

The Area Manager described the project. Members proposed that the Panel agreed the application of £500.00. This was seconded. The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

Palfrey Park Table Tennis Project

The Project was introduced by the Area Manager. The Panel agreed to award £1,500.00 towards this project. The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

Allotment Start Up

A Community Volunteer described the impact on the community and described future aspirations. It was proposed and seconded that the Panel would award £1,000.00 funding towards this project.

The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

Health, Drugs & Grooming Awareness

The Area Manager ran through the application. Members discussed the good work that this organisation had completed. It was proposed and seconded that £2,700.00 was awarded to the project. The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

Kick Start Football Project

The Panel were made aware that this organisation had not made an application previously. It was proposed and seconded that £2,500.00. The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

Keep Safe Project

The Chair proposed and seconded that £1,675.00 from the Pleck funding was awarded to the Keep Safe Project. The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

Chuckery Pocket Park Community Garden

A representative from the group gave the Panel information about the organisation and their objectives. It was proposed and seconded that the Panel awarded £373.00 to the organisation. The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

Park Hall Pool and Open Space.

The Area Manager described the application. It was proposed and seconded that the Panel awarded £750.00. The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

Sikh Hunters Football Club

A representative from the group informed the Panel of their intention to expand the club and bring in children from all sectors of the community. It was proposed and seconded that the Panel awarded the Club £1,268.75. The motion having been put to the vote was declared and carried.

Members discussed remaining funding available to them and how it should be utilised. Members were also asked to e-mail the Democratic Services Officer with any items for future meetings.

Resolved that

- Available funding was split between the four wards in the Area;
- The following awards were made;

St Matthews Bangladeshi Cultural event	£1,500
Music and Musical Instruments Class	£750 (Paddock) £750 (St Matthews)
Keep Safe	£1675 (Pleck)
Kumak Project	£1,500 (St Matthews) £500 (Palfrey)
Season of Change Health Project	none
WBSC Development and Sustainability Project	£500 (Palfrey) £500 (Pleck) £500 (St Matthews)
Improvements to security to Caldmore Community Garden	£2125 (St Matthews) £500 (Palfrey)
Places of Welcome	£500
Palfrey Park Table Tennis Project	£1500
Allotment Start Up	£1000
Health, Drugs and Grooming	£2,700
Kick Start Football Project	£2,500
Chuckery Pocket Park Community Garden	£373
Park Hall Pool and Open Space	£750
Migrant Community project	£2,500 - £625 (Each Ward)
Sikh Hunters FC	£1,268.75 (Paddock)

08/16 Date and venue for next meeting

Termination of meeting

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: