

Brownhills, Pelsall, Rushall & Sheffield Area Panel

Monday 31st March 2014 at 5.30 p.m.

Sheffield Community Academy, Broad Lane, High Heath, Pelsall, WS4 1BQ

Present

Councillor G Perry (Chair)
Councillor R V Worrall (Vice-Chair)
Councillor O. D. Bennett
Councillor L J Rattigan

Mr. D. Birch MBE, Co-opted Member	(non-voting)
Mr. G. Bradley, Co-opted Member	(non-voting)
Mr. R. Carpenter, Co-opted Member	(non-voting)
Mrs. D. Mundy, Co-opted Member	(non-voting)
Mr. B. Poxon, Co-opted Member	(non-voting)
Mr. I. Roberts, Co-opted Member	(non-voting)

Officers in attendance

Ranjit Kaur – Partnership Manager
Beverley Mycock – Committee Business and Governance Manager

50/14 Apologies

Apologies had been received for Councillor Cassidy and Councillor Longhi and for Co-opted Members Mr. Hodgkinson, Mr. Mayo, Mr. Bassi and Mrs. J Davies.

51/14 Minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2014

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2014, a copy having previously been circulated to each Member of the Area Panel, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

52/14 Declarations of Interest

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

53/14 Local Government Access to Information Act, 1985 (as amended)

The meeting noted there were no items on the agenda which required the exclusion of the public under this Act.

54/14 Funding report

The funding report was submitted

(see annexed)

The Area Manager presented the report. She informed Committee there had been an under spend of £152.10 from financial year 2013/14, and she highlighted the summarised project applications as set out. She then requested Members to consider the three funding applications as detailed at Appendix 2 of the report.

Councillor Worrall enquired if volunteer time had been costed as per previous applications to which the Area Manager confirmed that volunteer time would be used in future applications.

In relation to the CCTV project, the Area Manager reported that there would be seven operators working in shifts.

Councillor Perry **moved** and it was duly **seconded** by Councillor Worrall

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- ii. That £1,500.00 be allocated towards the High Heath Christmas Event to celebrate Christmas collectively working with local partners and organisations to deliver a larger event to benefit the local community residents and businesses;
- iii. That £2,000.00 be allocated towards the funding, maintenance and deployment of CCTV to assist Police and partners to prevent and investigate incidents happening in Brownhills, Rushall, Shelfield and Pelsall;
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55/14 **Area Manager Update**

The report of the Area Manager was submitted

(see annexed)

The Area Manager presented the report and highlighted the salient points therein. She then gave Committee feedback on the project entitled “Enhancing Skills in the Community”, that had been approved at the December Area Panel meeting. The project had consisted of five taster courses and the following attendances had been recorded:-

- Handyman – 2 learners
- First Aid – 15 learners
- Family Cookery – 10 learners
- Beginners ICT - 10 learners
- Hairdressing - 5 learners

Feedback of the sessions offered had been very positive and courses may be expanded for higher lever achievements.

Resolved (unanimous)

That the report be noted.

56/14 **whg Garage sites**

The Chairman introduced Gary Brookes, Head of Housing and Neighbourhood Services.

The Chairman enquired why the request for information in relation to whg garage sites had been deemed private he also enquired about the Wood Lane garages site and possible implications to the access of the back of homes.

In response, the Head of Housing and Neighbourhood Services explained that the initial information provided, i.e. whether sites were empty, to let or sold had been confidential as he had felt not enough information had been made available in relation to whg’s future plans. In relation to Wood Lane, he reported that there were site assembly issues and constraints before a development could be progressed but he stated a consultation would take place with residents.

Councillor Worrall enquired if there would be any partnership working in relation to parking issues over the coming year. In response the Head of Housing and Neighbourhood Services reported the following:-

- Meeting had taken place and whg had put aside match funding for Verge Parking around the Borough with the proviso that whg customers would benefit from the schemes;
- Progress would be made through the Neighbourhood Plan to look at proposals to parcel packages together;
- Some repairs money had been set aside;
- Funding and finance was an issue and whg was committed to sites and hoped development or improvements to sites would soon be visible, albeit garage sites were not always a priority compared to housing developments;
- Timescales – prospective sites are included within a programme of works which would be made available to the Area Panel.

Councillor Worrall enquired whether the three sites in the Rushall area would commence if planning was approved and a query was raised in relation to the number of parking spaces proposed for whg’s canal side development. In response, whg’s Head of Housing and Neighbourhood Services stated the three sites would have to revisit funding bodies and that developments did tend to commence immediately following the granting of planning permission and that he would provide information on the sites. In relation to the canal side development he responded that the application had to comply with planning regulations in relation to parking requirements.

Termination of meeting

The meeting terminated at 6.10 p.m.

Chair:.....

Date:.....