



Constituency Committee - Wirral South

Date:	Thursday, 15 October 2015
Time:	6.00 pm
Venue:	Mayer Hall, The Village, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 7PL

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE (Pages 1 - 10)

To approve the accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 June 2015.

4. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - CO-OPTIONS

The Representative Selection Panel (one Member from each ward) has met (but after this agenda was published) to consider applications from Community Representatives who would like to be co-opted onto the Committee. These recommendations will be shared at the meeting and the Committee will be asked to agree who to co-opt for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

5. WIRRAL SOUTH UPDATE REPORT (Pages 11 - 18)

This report by the Constituency Manager details the impact of the Wirral South Constituency Committee's various funding and priority activities throughout 2014/15 including details of budgetary spend.

6. UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

To receive an oral report from the Station Manager.

7. UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE

To receive an oral report from the Neighbourhood Inspector.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION (APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES)

Although it is possible to forward pre-notified questions to the Constituency Manager, questions will also be answered on the night via the Chair.

9. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR

To consider any business that the Chair accepts as being urgent.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee is reminded that its next meeting will be held at 6pm on Thursday, 4 February 2016 at Mayer Hall, Bebington.

CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE - WIRRAL SOUTH

Thursday, 18 June 2015

Present:

Councillors	C Carubia	C Povall
	P Gilchrist	W Smith
	A Hodson	Sutton
	D Mitchell	A Sykes
	C Muspratt	J Walsh
	S Niblock	Ward
	T Pilgrim	I Williams
		KJ Williams

In attendance:

Co-optees

L Longshaw Parr
MA Craig
WA Ward

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kathy Hodson and Les Rowlands and Mr M Wright.

2 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Christina Muspratt declared a personal interest in Item No. 4 – Wirral South Impact Review 2014/15 as she was a member of a community group – The Friends of Mayer Park. (Minute No. 5 refers.)

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

4 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

It was proposed and seconded and

RESOLVED unanimously: That

- (1) Councillor Jerry Williams be elected Chair of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year; and**
- (2) Councillor T Pilgrim be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.**

5 WIRRAL SOUTH IMPACT REVIEW 2014/15

A report by the Constituency Manager reviewed the work carried out by the Committee throughout 2014/15. The report broke down all the elements of work carried out (e.g. grants funds, priority based projects etc.) and detailed the impact it had on the residents of Wirral South. The report also set out the budget spent in relation to each strand of work carried out.

The Committee considered its 2014/15 budget as follows:

- £50K Wirral South Health & Wellbeing Fund
- £38,720.50 core budget rolled over from 2013/14 (allocated £10k per ward)
- £50K Core budget allocated to three main priorities
- £77,750 Road Safety Money
- £35K “Your Wirral” funding
- £10k “Love Wirral” funding

It was noted that one of the Committee’s priorities was to improve open spaces and to increase the number of green flag parks in Wirral South and the main judging criteria for the Green Flag Award was as follows:

- A welcoming place
- Healthy, safe and secure
- Well maintained and clean
- Sustainability
- Conservation and heritage
- Community involvement
- Marketing
- Management

The Committee also considered the following list of progress made so far as follows:

- Park management plan revised
- Application for green flag submitted
- A brand new main entrance sign erected
- A secondary entrance sign erected at Ellen’s Lane entrance
- Lines of sight improved by reducing height of existing hedges
- New flower beds dug and planted up

- Dead trees removed
- New litter bins throughout
- Work carried out on offending vegetation in roof of Mayer Hall/Pennant House
- Stonework repaired on Mayer Hall/Pennant House
- Stumps removed (Parks)
- A new fence at Ellen's lane
- Replacement of rose bed in Ormerod gardens
- Edging of all paths throughout
- Disabled access swing installed
- 'Legacy Kit' donated to Friends Group consisting of tools etc.
- New play equipment installed

It was reported that the 'Park's Priority Task and Finish Group' had been set up to focus on Mayer Park. Progress made had included the following:

- Park management plan revised
- Application for green flag submitted
- A brand new main entrance sign erected (Beb Cllrs Core Budget)
- A secondary entrance sign erected at Ellen's Lane entrance
- Lines of sight improved by reducing height of existing hedges (Friends)
- New flower beds dug and planted up (Beb Cllrs Core Budget)
- Dead trees removed (Parks)
- New litter bins throughout (Constituency Budget)
- Work carried out on offending vegetation in roof of Mayer Hall/Pennant House (Asset Management)
- Stonework repaired on Mayer Hall/Pennant House (Asset Management)
- Stumps removed (Parks)
- A new fence at Ellen's lane (Constituency Budget)
- Replacement of rose bed in Ormerod gardens (Beb Cllrs Core Budget)
- Edging of all paths throughout (imminent Friends)
- Disabled access swing installed (Constituency Budget)
- 'Legacy Kit' donated to Friends Group consisting of tools etc. (imminent Constituency Budget)
- New play equipment installed (teen see-saw and nest swing)

The Constituency Manager informed that the green flag judging of Mayer Park had taken place but no formal decision had yet been received. He invited Mr Dennis Boyd of the Friends of Mayer Park to report on the proceedings of the judge's visit. Mr Boyd provided the detail of the judge's visit and informed that she had been very impressed with Mayer Park and that as a result, he was hopeful that Mayer Park would be awarded a green flag which would demonstrate how well everyone was working together to improve facilities in the Park. Mr Boyd thanked the Constituency Manager for all of his help and

the Committee for its bold decision to invest in the Park and for the trust it had in the Friends Group.

RESOLVED:

That the progress made by the Committee throughout 2014/15 and detailed in the report be noted.

6 WIRRAL SOUTH PROPOSALS REPORT 2015/16

A report by the Constituency Manager set out in great detail for Members' information on proposed projects for 2015/16 and their associated budgetary spend.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Constituency Manager be requested to continue to work with colleagues in parks, (the "Friends of Dawstone Park and the Wirral South Parks Task and Finish Group) to progress the improvement works in the chosen location as expediently as possible (this includes delegated authority to spend the relevant park's budget for 2015/16);**
- (2) the existing 2015/16 budget for gaps in youth provision be utilised to commission and establish an ongoing service reflecting that of the pilot project (with the aim of launching the service in October 2015);**
- (3) the commissioning of a service aimed at tackling existing/preventing future social isolation in Wirral South based upon the outline detailed in section 3.3 of the report be agreed;**
- (4) the Your Wirral assessment and allocation process be continued in 2015/16 as in 2014/15 (i.e. one councillor per ward plus a representative from Magenta Living sitting on an assessment panel).**
- (5) it be noted that the Your Wirral fund for 2015/16 will open on 20 July 2015 and close at noon on 14 September 2015;**
- (6) a Wirral South Anti-Social Behaviour Task and Finish Group be established (Councillors Andrew Hodson, Christina Muspratt, Dave Mitchell, Steve Niblock and Tracey Pilgrim) with delegated authority to make budgetary decisions on. Budget of £15k for 2015/16;**

- (7) the “Community Clean Up” budget of £10K be split evenly between the five wards and delegated authority be given to make budgetary decisions which will be reported to the committee on 15 October 2015; and
- (8) Members of the Love Wirral Task and Finish Group (Councillors Phil Gilchrist, Christina Muspratt, Steve Niblock, Tracey Pilgrim and Les Rowlands) be requested to work with the Constituency Manager to finalise relevant projects for the associated budget and that the task and finish group have power to make delegated decisions to spend power to spend and report back to committee in October.

7 WIRRAL SOUTH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES PROPOSALS 2015/16

A report by the Constituency Manager proposed a new approach to how the appointed community representatives interacted with the Committee. The report also proposed a timeline for re-recruiting community representatives in line with the amended structure and role specification (not excluding those community representatives who were currently co-opted on to the Committee).

The Committee noted that whilst community representatives did not have a mandate to speak on behalf of the public, they did provide a level of expertise and/or knowledge to help inform the debate. Their role responsibilities were to:

- proactively engage with residents and communities beyond those within their existing networks;
- accurately reflect the community’s feedback and views in the discussions and decision making processes;
- communicate with residents and communities, feeding back the work of the Committee;
- be well informed and be clear about local priorities; and
- champion the Community Representative role ensuring it has value in the Constituency Committee process.

It was proposed that a new recruitment drive took place to recruit one community representative for each electoral ward. Members noted that this process would not exclude the five existing community representatives and the Committee agreed that it was important to acknowledge the contributions they had made so far. Councillor Phil Gilchrist, the Committee’s previous Chair had requested that the following statement be noted:

“I would like to thank our community representatives for the advice, assistance and local knowledge they have brought to our work over the

past year. It is important that our activity is informed and supported by the leading figures in our communities. Their perspective has been valuable.”

The community representative role specification and description (Appendices one and two to the report) had been amended slightly to highlight the need for community representatives to hold a Community Forum (with support from the Constituency Team) within their ward. The Committee noted how it was proposed that the Community Forum would link with the Committee and that it may take the form of an existing community meeting.

The Committee also noted that the timeline for the proposed recruitment process should allow for those appointed to be co-opted onto the Committee at its meeting scheduled for 15 October 2015.

Representations were made about how important it was for the Committee to engage with the youth as it made key decisions that would affect the young people of Wirral South and it was essential that consultation took place first.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) a new recruitment process to appoint community representatives for the Committee be commenced in a timely fashion to ensure that successful applicants can be co-opted onto the Committee at its meeting on 15 October 2015;**
- (2) one community representative be co-opted specifically to represent the youth of South Wirral and all youth in the area be given the opportunity to apply to take on this role;**
- (3) the newly proposed structure of engagement between community representatives and the Committee by adopting Community Forums be agreed; and**
- (4) the following Members be nominated to sit on the Selection Panel that will meet to assess the applications following an agreed time period during which the Community Representative roles will be advertised:**

Councillors Phil Gilchrist, Andrew Hodson, Christina Muspratt, Steve Niblock and Tracey Pilgrim.

8 UPDATE FROM THE MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

The Constituency Manager reported that the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service was in the process of restructuring its whole service provision and as a consequence had been unable to send a representative to this meeting. It

was expected that it would be represented at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee on 15 October 2015.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

9 UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE

Ross Meredith, the Neighbourhood Inspector was in attendance at the meeting to provide an oral report on crimes and anti-social behaviour that had taken place in Wirral South in recent months. This included providing data particularly on auto crime, theft from vehicles, burglaries from, shops, sheds, houses, industrial premises etc. drug offenses and domestic violence. and making comparisons across Wirral. The Committee noted that there were less crimes committed in Wirral South than in the rest of the Wirral.

Inspector Meredith informed that the Police no longer had red and green targets but they were still monitoring crime. Every month he attended a Task Co-ordinator meeting to look at risks and decide where to allocate resources for the following month. There was a new proposal to agree one priority per neighbourhood each month and there would be a priority setting meeting to determine what it should be. Inspector Meredith also informed that he received a monthly list of persons due to be released from prison along with arrangements for monitoring their activities etc.

Inspector Meredith informed that drug dealing was relatively low in Wirral South but those found in possession of cannabis was quite high. Also, there had been a record number of dog bites recorded in Wirral South in the last few months and 'the summer flashing season' was upon us.

Inspector Meredith agreed to establish how many crimes had been solved in Wirral South in recent months, provide statistics re domestic violence and it was agreed that if Members required any other statistical information they would let the Constituency Manager know so it could be provided for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee on 15 October 2015.

Inspector Meredith set out the current Police staffing structure and informed that because of austerity and funding issues he expected significant changes and a reduction in staff over the next few years. Inspector Meredith also provided a progress report on the development of Bebington Police Station which he hoped would be completed by Christmas and the planned refit scheduled for Bromborough Police Station which would mean staff relocating to Wallasey Police Station whilst the work was underway.

The Committee noted that there had been a couple of unsubstantiated reports of a man attempting to pick up children in a car and one Headteacher had sent out letters to parents to be on the safe side.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Neighbourhood Inspector be thanked for his report; and**
- (2) the Neighbourhood Inspector and the Constituency Manager be requested to work together to prepare a report containing the statistical information Members' have requested for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee scheduled for 15 October 2015.**

10 PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION (APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES)

Committee Members and members of the public in attendance at the meeting raised the following questions, issues, concerns and requests.

Number 1

A member of the public perceived that little was done in Newferry. She made reference to children from Bromborough setting fires in Newferry and the urgent need to clear up the land where the fires had been set. Also, she informed that local residents did not feel safe in the Newferry Shopping Centre.

It was also noted there were problems with overgrown trees and dog dirt in Longfellow Drive area. It was an 'eyesore' and the owner needed to be contacted.

It was agreed that the three Bromborough Ward Members (Councillors Steve Niblock, Joe Walsh and Irene Williams) would stay behind after the meeting to discuss issues of concern in Newferry and provide advice on how to access funding to clear up the local area etc.

Number 2

Concerns were raised about the increased number of cyclists riding on paths and pavements. There had been a number of occasions where people had been nearly knocked down by cyclists and it was considered that it was only a matter of time before this actually happened. There had also been incidents with speeding car and it had been noticed that the Police were no longer visible.

It was noted that there was a particular cycle path on the Wirral that abruptly ended and this was confusing to cyclists. Some cyclists used the pavements because they considered that the road was unsafe for them. However, this meant that the pavements were unsafe for pedestrians. There were also problems on the Wirral Way where people and dogs had been hit by cyclists. A lot of cyclists chose not to have a bell on their bikes and pedestrians were unable to hear them approaching whilst others did not use lights or wear bright clothing.

The point was made that some motorists today had never cycled themselves and did not understand that bikes should be given a wide berth.

Reference was made to the bridge at Bebington Station where pedestrians walking underneath had nearly been knocked down by cyclists and the four bridges to Seacombe Ferry cycling route which was ignored by cyclists who used the road instead. The question was asked whether the Council was investing money wisely in cycling infrastructure. This seemed to be a national problem.

It was proposed that the support and assistance of the Cycling Forum be sought in attempt to address the issues raised.

Inspector Meredith informed that the Police now had less staff than ever before. They had to 'save life and limb' and were struggling to attend 999 calls on time. As they were struggling with their core role, quality of life issues had to wait.

Number 3

The Co-ordinator of the Home Watch Scheme in Heswall informed of the recent anti-social behaviour that had been occurring in Telegraph Road. In the evenings children between 14-16 years old were engaging in nuisance youth activities. The PCSO had stopped children who did not live in Heswall and asked them why they were visiting the Town. They had said that it was because there were no Police in Heswall.

It was noted that a Subway Store had recently opened which the children were going to for an expensive meal and then they congregated with some core Heswall children. The Home Watch Co-ordinator urged the Police to nip this-social behaviour in the bud.

Number 4

Concerns were raised over the current state of Bebington Town Hall, its Annexe, Pennant House and the Police Station. They looked abandoned and grass had not been cut for six to eight weeks as there had been a dispute over who owned it. However, it was noted that the grassed land was in the ownership of the Council.

The Committee received an unsubstantiated report that the Town Hall was to be occupied again soon.

Number 5

Some new shops had opened in Bromborough but no new car parking had been provided which was a concern.

Number 6

The question was asked whether Wirral South Policing area had 3 Police Constables per shift or in total.

Inspector Meredith reported that there were three Neighbourhood Police Constables aligned to Wirral South but Policing Teams based elsewhere would also provide emergency cover.

Number 7

Concerns were raised over vehicles parking on grass verges, on pavements and very close to schools. It was noted that parking enforcement was a matter for the Council.

Number 8

The Committee's attention was drawn to a new form of anti-social behaviour in Bebington where a number of drones had been flown recently. They had taken photographs e.g. Newferry Butterfly Park and Bebington Station which were posted on social media sites.

A request was made for feedback on Council's policy on drones at the next meeting of the Committee scheduled on 15 October 2015.

Inspector Meredith informed that he was sure that there was legislation regarding drones and that the Police were always slow to pick up on new technology. He had not been issued with any guidance or instruction and probably would not be until the Police received a specific complaint about drones.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting had been advertised as taking place at 6pm on Thursday, 15 October 2015 at Mayer Hall, The Village, Bebington.

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SOUTH CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

15 OCTOBER 2015

SUBJECT:	WIRRAL SOUTH UPDATE REPORT
WARD/S AFFECTED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <u>BEBINGTON</u>▪ <u>BROMBOROUGH</u>▪ <u>CLATTERBRIDGE</u>▪ <u>EASTHAM</u>▪ <u>HESWALL</u>
REPORT OF:	CONSTITUENCY MANAGER (WIRRAL SOUTH)
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR GEORGE DAVIES NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING & ENGAGEMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report gives a progress update in relation to the resolved priorities and allocated budget for the Wirral South Constituency Committee in 2015/16 and beyond.

2.0 BUDGET BREAKDOWN 2015/16

Breakdown of confirmed budget for 2015/16:

- Core Budget (to be broken up into 15K per priority and 5K for general engagement)
£50K
- Operational Budget
£5K
- Your Wirral Fund
£35K
- Anti-Social Behaviour
£15K

- Community Clean Ups
£10K
- Love Wirral (carried forward from 2014/15)
£10K
- Local Transport Capital Funding and the Integrated Transport Block for 2015/16
£25K
- General Engagement (carried over from 2014/15)
£5K

Total Budget 2014/15: **£155K**

3.0 PRIORITY UPDATES

3.1 Improved Open Spaces

3.1.1 At its last meeting of 2014/15 the Wirral South Constituency Committee resolved that Dawstone Park in Heswall be the location of focus in relation to this priority for 2015/16 (Minute 32, resolution 2 refers).

3.1.2 Work with The Friends of Dawstone Park and colleagues in Parks has progressed since the previous committee. Figure one details the various planned and completed works and the remaining budget.

Figure One:

Dawstone Park Budget Sheet		
Item	Cost	Status
1. Repare path 2 x entrances Dawstone rd and Brow lane	£1,000	confirmed costs 18th Sep complete
2. Park signs :-		
a) one large,	£860	complete
b) two small	£700	complete
3. Repairing gates (3 sets)	£1,960	ordered
4. Waste bins (replace 3; relocate 1)	£1,350	complete
5. Notice Board (similar to Heswall Hall)	£1,300	complete,
Geraniums	£420	complete
Total	£7,590	
Remaining	£6,960.00	

3.1.3 It is proposed (recommendation 14.1) that the Constituency Manager continues to work with colleagues in parks, the Friends of Dawstone Park and the Wirral South Parks Task and Finish Group to complete the improvement works in the chosen location as expediently as possible.

- 3.1.4 Since the last Constituency Committee in June 2015 Mayer Park (the subject of the committee's support in 2014/15) has had its green flag raising ceremony. The green flag now flies adjacent to the main entrance and the friends continue their excellent work engaging with volunteers from within the local area and beyond.

3.2 Gaps in Youth Provision

- 3.2.1 In November 2014, a pilot project (funded via the Wirral South Constituency Committee) was launched to deliver counselling services for young people in Wirral South. The service was delivered via Youth Support by Response.
- 3.2.2 The initial pilot was established to assess the uptake of the service and to highlight what the level of need was for the service in the future. Although the pilot has now ceased data suggests that there is an obvious need for the service to continue. The youth related priority for Wirral South states:

"...To work with internal and external partners to identify and rectify any existing gaps in provision of youth services in Wirral South".

Evidence suggests that this particular initiative did exactly what the priority was established to do for the young people of Wirral South. Wirral South Constituency resolved in June 2015 that the "...existing 2015/16 budget for gaps in youth provision be used to commission and establish an ongoing service reflecting that of the pilot project (with the aim of launching the service in October 2015)."

Due to resource implications it has not been possible to release this opportunity to tender and have it in place by the previously proposed date. The Wirral South Constituency Manager will work with colleagues in the youth service and public health to ensure this service is commissioned as soon as possible.

3.3 Social Isolation

- 3.3.1 Social isolation is a significant problem within our society and one that we should all be concerned about. Whilst most of us are fortunate enough to have family, friends and neighbours to provide us with a reliable social network, there are some for whom regular social interaction is non-existent.

There are a number of Groups that may be at higher risk of social isolation within our society but for the purpose of this contract the main areas of focus are:

- Older people
- People from black and ethnic minorities
- People who have substance misuse problems
- Carers

(for further information relating to social isolation and its effects on the above social groups see appendix one: SOCIAL ISOLATION ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR WIRRAL 2012-2013).

- 3.3.2 Since the last constituency committee (June 2015) the request for quotes document was released and prospective providers invited to bid to deliver the service across Wirral South.
- 3.3.3 At the time of writing this report the closing date had not yet passed and as such this report is unable to detail number of received bids etc. The timeline for awarding the contract is early November with contract commencement in December 2015. A full update and introduction to the successful providers will be scheduled for the next constituency committee (February 2016).

4.0 OTHER FUNDED WORKSTREAM PROPOSALS

4.1 Your Wirral

- 4.1.1 The first tranche of funding for Your Wirral in 2015/16 closed at noon 14 September 2015. Eleven applicants were received totalling £18,840. The Your Wirral Assessment Panel are due to meet 6 October 2015 and as such verbal update will be given to this committee by the Constituency Manager.
- 4.1.2 It is important to note that 2015/16 is the final year of the Your Wirral funding and the no further allotment will be allocated to the constituency committee to administer.
- 4.1.3 To be eligible for funding, applications must fit within one or more of the seven themes, which were agreed by the Joint Working Group in line with the charitable objectives of the Community Fund Deed they are:
1. Creating an attractive and safe environment
 2. Contributing to community economic regeneration
 3. Preventing crime or reducing the fear of crime
 4. Providing employment and training for local people
 5. Benefiting local people who face discrimination
 6. Improving community facilities
 7. Engaging communities to improve quality of life

4.2 Anti Social Behaviour

- 4.2.1 At its meeting on 24 February 2015 Council agreed to:

“Provide dedicated funding to Constituency Committees to tackle ASB - £60,000

In support of the constituency committee process and to engage the committees in tackling ASB in their areas, it is proposed to make available a fund of £60,000 to be split equally amongst the 4 Constituency Committees. The ASB team would work with the Constituency Committees and produce action plans to tackle ASB in their area. Constituency Committees will be offered a menu of ASB prevention and intervention activities to enable them to choose what they feel would benefit their areas. Some examples on this menu are – Youth alcohol testing programmes, additional youth provision, sports development workers, enhanced household security campaigns, and increased CCTV camera provision.”

4.2.2 The Constituency Manager has met with various internal and external partners (e.g. Wirral's Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Team, Merseyside Police's Neighbourhood Inspector, Youth Services). The ASB Team were tasked with analysing historic evidence to highlight the various hotspots within Wirral South throughout the year. Based upon this analysis a suite of options have been produced and shared with the elected members that form the Wirral South ASB Task and Finish Group for their consideration. The aforementioned group are scheduled to meet 27 October 2015 to discuss their approach re. the devolved budget (£15K).

4.3 Community Clean-ups

4.3.1 At its meeting on 24 February 2015 Council agreed to:

"Community Clean-ups - £40,000

There have been a number of examples during this year where individuals and communities have come together to help clean up their local areas. We applaud the commitment and pride shown by individuals and communities and would wish to support them to continue to do so. We therefore propose allocating £10,000 to each of the four constituency committees to enable local groups to pay for the cost of skips to be provided to support these local clean-ups. Constituency Committee managers will work with staff from the Council's waste team to quickly develop processes for this option to be introduced."

4.3.4 Similarly to the ASB budget (4.2) the Constituency Manager for Wirral South has met with colleagues in the Waste and Environment Team to discuss proposals for this devolved budget. A number of options have been developed and a "Shopping List" of items that will add value to current services has been developed. Meetings to discuss this spend continue on a ward by ward basis.

4.4 Love Wirral

At the last Constituency committee (Jan 2015) it was agreed that a "Love Wirral" task and finish group be set up (minute 31 refers), comprising the following members:

- Councillors P Gilchrist
- C Muspratt
- S Niblock
- T Pilgrim
- L Rowlands

The group was tasked with developing proposals in respect of the devolved £10K Love Wirral funding. It was agreed electronically that the budget be split evenly between the five wards. Meetings to discuss this spend continue on a ward by ward basis.

5.0 GENERAL ENGAGEMENT

5.1 Since the last Constituency Committee an Engagement Officer has been appointed to Wirral South. Shannon Kennedy (in post for eight weeks at the time of writing this report) has been busy introducing herself to elected members and community groups across the constituency. A brief but not exhaustive list of the projects Shannon has been involved with so far is detailed below:

- **Town Lane Estate Engagement Project**
Working with an embryonic residents association on the Town lane Estate to develop community capacity and support the momentum of a growing group of residents
- **Social Media Support**
Supporting existing voluntary organisations to maximise their visibility on various social media platforms
- **Lower Super Output Analysis**
Developing evidence based reports detailing the challenges and opportunities experienced by some of the communities in Wirral South

To get in touch with Shannon you can e-mail: shannonkennedy@wirral.gov.uk or phone direct on: 07771 938 871.

6.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6.1 Careful consideration has been given to the best way to distribute this funding to help tackle the Constituency's priorities.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 Existing evidence from the Wirral South Profile Document (produced by Public Health) has been used to inform the formulation of Wirral South's priorities. Feedback from communities to Elected Members has also factored into the priority setting process. Wirral South's Community Representatives have been consulted upon the proposals relating to their allocated theme.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

8.1 The overarching proposed model for neighbourhood working will strengthen the Council's relationship with the voluntary and community sector.

8.2 Tackling the priorities of the Constituency will benefit communities directly.

9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

9.1 This report has implications for the expenditure of budget allocated to Wirral South Constituency Committee.

- 9.2 Funding may assist in greater use of and/or access to community assets.

10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The arrangements will help the Council to deliver on the Localism Act 2011 and Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012.

11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

Yes an impact review can be found at the link below (Progressing Neighbourhood Working). A specific EIA related to the grants fund itself will be carried out should the relevant recommendation be approved.

<http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/community-and-living/equality-diversity-cohesion/equality-impact-assessments/eias-2010/chief-executives>

12.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 By supporting localised initiatives the need for residents to travel outside their immediate area is reduced.

13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 This report may have positive community safety implications dependent upon the allocation of spend determined by the Constituency Committee.

14.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

- 14.1 The Constituency Manager continues to work with colleagues in parks, the Friends of Dawstone Park and the Wirral South Parks Task and Finish Group to progress the improvement works in the chosen location as expediently as possible (this includes delegated power to spend the relevant parks budget as in 2015/16).
- 14.2 Members note the progress outlined within this report.

15.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 15.1 To enable the work of the Constituency Committee to be focused upon the needs of the local area and to ensure projects commence as expediently as possible.

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Wirral South Constituency Committee	18 June 2015