



Constituency Committee - Wirral South

Date:	Monday, 6 June 2016
Time:	6.00 pm
Venue:	Thornton Hough Village Hall, Manor Rd, Wirral. CH63 1JB

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AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

To elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair to the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

2. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

4. SUPPORT SO FAR (IMPACT VIDEO)

To consider a brief video that highlights some of the support given by the Committee since its inception in October 2013, to the various groups and organisations across Wirral South.

5. UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Ritchie Clarke, Station Manager to report.

6. UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE

Inspector Katie Wilkinson to report.

7. WIRRAL SOUTH PRIORITY UPDATE (Pages 1 - 12)

To consider a report by Constituency Manager, Fergus Adams.

8. WIRRAL SOUTH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (Pages 13 - 24)

To consider a report detailing the issues experienced by communities throughout Wirral South, on a ward by ward basis. These issues have been collated by the Wirral South Community Representatives, compiled by the Engagement Officer and included in this report which is a standing item on the Committee's agenda.

9. WIRRAL'S RESIDENT SURVEY - A WIRRAL SOUTH PERSPECTIVE

Kevin MacCallum – Senior Manager: Marketing & Communications.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER (APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES) INCLUDING RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ASKED AT THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING

Although it is possible to forward pre-notified questions to the Constituency Manager in advance of this meeting, questions can also be asked on the night, via the Chair. All questions will be collated and dealt with in turn by the Chair.

11. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 6pm on Wednesday, 5 October 2016 in a venue to be arranged.

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SOUTH CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

6 JUNE 2016

SUBJECT:	WIRRAL SOUTH PRIORITY 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 MATTHEW PATRICK COMMUNITY 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 PRIORITY UPDATES

2.1 Improved Open Spaces

- 2.1.2 Since the last Constituency Committee the Constituency Manager, Engagement Officer and colleagues from Parks have worked closely with the Friends of Dawstone Park to ensure all proposed improvements (supported by the constituency Committee) can be delivered as expediently as possible. Table one shows the improvement works in question.
- 2.1.3 The Green Flag judging is scheduled to take place on the 31st of May. The Park's management plan has been revised in time for the aforementioned judging process.

- 2.1.4 The previous Wirral South Constituency Committee resolved that a dual location approach spanning 2016/17 and 2017/18, with Torr Park (Eastham) and New Ferry Park (Bromborough) as the locations of focus be adopted. On this basis the Wirral South Engagement Officer has been making preparations to contact local residents and stakeholders to discuss their involvement in the park. It is envisaged that open meetings will be held throughout the summer to gauge the appetite for forming active friends groups at both sites. Progress to be reported to October's committee.

Table 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	complete
4. Waste bins (replace 3; relocate 1)	£1,350	complete
5. Notice Board (similar to Heswall Hall)	£1,300	complete,
Geraniums	£420	complete
Pedestrian brown signage	£300	Complete
Log walk	£3,510	Total cost £6305.50 (£2k from Heswall Cllrs + £795 form friedns group)
Older swing	£0	Complete
2 x picnic tables	£3,600	Complete
Total	£15,000	
Remaining	£0.00	

3.1 Gaps in Youth Provision

- 3.1.1 The successful provider for the Wirral South One to One Counselling Service is now in place. Response commenced the commissioned activity at the start of May and at the time of writing this report were delivering the following sessions:

- Eastham Youth Hub: Friday 6pm-9pm
- Heswall Community Library & One Stop shop: Thursday 2pm-5pm
- Bebington Youth Club: Thursday 6pm-9pm

Each of the venues has provided a private room suitable for counselling and there will always be another member of staff available on the premises. In Eastham and

Bebington there will be a drop in service available for young people to access in the final hour.

3.1.2 The new service is already fully subscribed based upon young people from Wirral South who were on the Wirral-Wide waiting list with Response at the time of establishing the new service. This means instant impact upon waiting times for the young people in question from Wirral South.

3.1.3 Case Study:

First session with young person aged 15 years old at Eastham Youth Hub.

During assessment young person disclosed drinking alcohol regularly and agreed to access Response Alcohol team for education and support with this area of need. Young person is happy to engage with counselling services particularly around bereavement and self-esteem issues. Following counselling session, young person reported feeling “more at ease as something was being done”.

3.2 Social Isolation

3.2.1 The Wirral South specific provider (GIFT Network) continues to deliver their service throughout the five wards.

3.3.2 GIFT Network is currently supporting 22 individuals throughout Wirral South. Appendix three gives details of a particular case study.

3.3.3 New referral channels are being developed, including a proactive relationship developed with The Orchard GP Surgery in Bromborough. This social prescription pilot will refer relevant patients (with consent) to the network. Progress of these individuals will be mapped using the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale (WEMWBS). The concept will then be promoted to other clinics throughout the five wards, with initial interest already in Heswall.

3.3.4 Anyone who is interested in getting involved in GIFT or knows of someone in Wirral South who could benefit from its services is invited to call GIFT on 0151 482 7175 or visit the website at: www.giftnetwork.co.uk.

4.0 OTHER FUNDED WORKSTREAM PROPOSALS

4.1 Your Wirral

4.1.1 Your Wirral for Wirral South has now concluded its final tranche of funding, with £16,630 left to allocate of the total 2015/16 budget.

4.1.2 To be eligible for funding, applications needed to 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

4.1.4 Table two details those applicants that were successful in the most recent tranche of funding. Appendix One shows all successful applicants throughout 2015/16

4.2 Anti Social Behaviour

4.2.1 The Wirral South Anti Social Behaviour Task and Finish group met on the 27th of October 2015 (Appendix two details the projects agreed for funding, the majority of which are aimed at the summer of 2016. This element of funding has not been re-issued for 2016/17.

Table Two:

	3rd Round 2015/16		
AF114345	Autism Together	£2,500	Woodland Mushrooms
AF133336	Bebington Swimming Club	£2,500	Improved resilience of Bebington Swimming Club
N/A – Paper copy handed in	Brighter Bebington	£2,500	Bebington in Bloom
AF133382	Eastham Adult Training Centre Parents' Association	£2,500	Cycling hub
AF132369	Friends of Bebington Central Library	£2,472	BYBf (Bebington Youth Bookfest)
AF131897	Friends of Dawstone Park	£260.31	North East Perimeter Regeneration
AF133272	Inclusively Taekwondo	£2,450	Specialist Taekwondo Classes
AF132633	Joseph Mayer Community Partnership	£1,447.69	Kitchen re-fit
	Total Allocated in tranche 3	£16,630	
	Amount Remaining for 2015/16	£0	

5.0 GENERAL ENGAGEMENT

5.1 The Engagement Officer for Wirral South (Shannon Kennedy) continues to introduce herself to community groups across the constituency and has been intrinsically involved in some very interesting community development projects to date. A brief but not exhaustive list of the projects Shannon has been involved with so far is detailed below:

- **Friends and Residents of Town Lane**
Shannon has worked closely with the now fully constituted residents' group. The group have gone from strength to strength and recently held a very successful engagement event at Olivet Hall on Ffrancon Drive. This event has helped to increase their visibility within the area and allowed them to harness some of the ideas coming directly from the local community.
- **Wirral Arts Festival**
Shannon is working closely with what was the Heswall Arts Festival to support the expansion of the event into the rest of the borough.
- **Improved Open Spaces Development**
Shannon has been busy developing plans for the committee's support for both Torr Park and New Ferry Park over the next two years.

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

6.0 CONSTITUENCY PLAN DEVELOPMENT

6.1 The overarching Neighbourhood Working Strategy is now due to go before Cabinet in September 2016. Following the aforementioned presentation the constituency plans will be developed.

6.2 At its meeting on the 4th of February 2016 the Wirral South Constituency Committee resolved that:

“a Task and Finish Group be established to draw up a South Wirral Constituency Plan consisting of all five Constituency Representatives and Councillors T Pilgrim, D Mitchell, C Muspratt, L Rowlands and I Williams.” (minute 29 refers).

It is suggested that the previously resolved task and finish group will meet prior to the September Cabinet date to discuss and agree a process that will ensure maximum engagement in the development of the ward based community plans.

7.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 Careful consideration has been given to the best way to distribute associated funding and develop projects that might meet the constituency priorities.

8.0 CONSULTATION

8.1 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.

9.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

11.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

12.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1 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).

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/communities%20and%20neighbourhoods/Equality%20Impact%20Assessments/EIA%20Assessment%202010-2014/Chief%20Executive/Equality%20Impact%20Assessment%20-%20Progressing%20neighbourhood%20working.pdf>

13.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

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

14.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

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

15.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

- 15.1 The committee note the hard work undertaken by the friends of Dawstone Park and their impressive achievements in the relatively short time since their establishment.
- 15.2 Note the establishment of the Wirral South One to One Counselling Service and request that the service manager present progress so far at October's committee.
- 15.3 The Wirral South Constituency Plan Task and Finish Group convene for the first time in July 2016 (date to be confirmed).

16.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 16.1 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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REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Wirral South Constituency Committee	15 October 2015
Wirral South Constituency Committee	4 February 2016

Appendix One: Wirral South Your Wirral Successful Applicants 2015/16
Appendix Two: Wirral South Constituency Committees Funding to tackle ASB
Appendix Three: GIFT Network Case Study

Appendix One: Wirral South Your Wirral Successful Applicants 2015/16

1st Round of 2015/16			
AF92076	Heswall Together	2340	Connecting Heswall
			Audio Visual Equipment for Dee Room
AF80069	Heswall Hall Community Trust	2500	
AF92333	5th Heswall (Methodist) Scout Gr	2500	Toilet Facilities
Total Round 1		7340	
2nd Round of 2015/16			
AF112995	Bromborough Village Community	£600	Bromborough Christmas Trees
			Defibrillator at Christ Church Community Centre
AF114232	Christ Church Community Centre	£500	
			Children's Play Area Project
AF113238	Eastham Community Centre	£2,500	
			Heswall Festive Christmas Lights
AF114078	Heswall and District Business As	£2,500	
			Christ Church Woodland Garden
AF114862	Higher Bebington Christ Church	£2,200	
			Wirral Escape Programme
AF114656	Mid-Wirral Crime Prevention Pane	£2,100	
			Mockbeggar Morris Music
AF114345	Mockbeggar Morris	£240	
			The Provision of Two New Coaches
AF112990	Wirral Cricket Club	£390	
Total Round 2		£11,030	
Total Allocated So Far 2015/16		£18,370	
Amount Remaining for 2015/16		£16,630	
3rd Round 2015/16			
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Appendix Two: Wirral South Constituency Committees Funding to tackle ASB

Wirral South Constituency Committees Funding to tackle ASB	
Title:	Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (15k)
Date:	17 th September 2015
Audience:	Wirral South Constituency Committee
Author:	Fergus Adams (Constituency Manager – Wirral South)

1. Background and context:

The purpose of this briefing note is to outline a menu of diversionary, prevention and enforcement options which have been designed with the aim of supporting the constituency committee in tackling ASB across Wirral South; using the £15,000 available.

Each option has been designed through a multiagency approach to tackle the issues pertinent to Wirral South (Youths Causing Annoyance, predominantly males) after reviewing statistical ASB data provided by Wirral Community Safety Teams, Information Communication and Evaluation analysts.

2. Menu

Proposal	Activity	Lead	Estimated cost
1) 8-week informal education developmental 'LADS Project'	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Targeted at 28 young males aged 13-19 to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">reduce alcohol and drug misuse;reduce harmful and abusive relationships;raise their aspirations in relation to healthy lifestyles and choices.Subjects as above and including increasing confidence and self-esteem, strengthening resilience and setting a personal action plan for the future.Includes one residential activity at Oaklands.	Youth Support Service (Council)	£7,064
Proposed spend: - Delivery of programme, cost includes sessional youth work staff and resources (£3,842) and residential cost (£3,222). Equates to £252 per head.			
2) Youth Provider Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To ensure the spend of £6500 the Youth Support Service will set up a Youth Provider Group (YPG), to include statutory, voluntary and faith sectors working with young people throughout Wirral South.The initial aim of this group will be to share information, identify need	Youth Support Service (Council)	

	<p>and to co-ordinate youth activities for the Summer Holidays in 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Once this group is established it will continue to be a hub for multiagency working across Wirral South enabling agencies to share information and resources which will enhance the youth offer available to young people.		
<p>Proposed spend: - Coordination of YPG and the delivery of the programme/projects agreed.</p>			<p>£6500</p>
<p>3) Public engagement (including crime prevention, public reassurance and improving perceptions of anti-social behaviour)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fund personal protective equipment (PPE) for dedicated neighbourhood police officer to fully utilise the force's quad bike within Wirral South. Training will be provided by Merseyside Police if PPE can be funded via the Wirral South ASB fund.Use of 'dipstick' testing for alcohol misuse by young people<ul style="list-style-type: none">25 Alcohol Testing Strips per pack 1x pack = £ 17.50 20x packs = £350.00Room Hire, Posters/leaflets and refreshments for residents meeting regarding ASB where the above resources are being utilised.	<p>Merseyside Police</p>	<p>£1436</p>
<p>Proposed spend: Purchase quad specific PPE (£500 per kit) and consumables for 2x Neighbourhood Police Officers - 20 packs of Alcohol Testing Strips (£350) - Refreshments, posters and room hire for residents meetings (£86)</p>			
<p>Total Spend:</p>			<p>£15000</p>

X was referred to GIFT by her adult son. She lives in Heswall and we were informed that she has mild dementia and wants to have more social opportunities. Upon meeting we heard from Jacqueline that she has a wealth of experiences, skills and previous connections both in her local neighbourhood and wider within Wirral.

At first it was thought that X's short term memory loss may be a problem in her engaging with a GIFT coordinator, but once a conversation was struck up about historical roles X had undertaken in the community a relationship developed. She remembered her GIFT coordinator and looked forward to visits and reconnecting with people and groups that she has long-standing associations with.

Whilst awaiting driver volunteers into GIFT we have used a limited number of weekly visits to facilitate X attending the Deaf and Blind Group in Birkenhead that she had helped to run for a number of years. Reconnecting with people whom she has known for over 30 years has brought joy to a Thursday for this resident. Opportunities to engage in more local groups and activities are being explored.

During subsequent visits it has become clear that X's dementia is changing. GIFT support has enabled her son to be referred to the Admiral Nurse Service for carers, run by our GIFT partner DRC. Here choices in care can be discussed alongside support for the carers themselves in sensitive and difficult decisions. GIFT have had contact with the paid carers and a neighbour in looking at who is connected to this lady. She has vulnerabilities which concerned the coordinator, including repeatedly offering money for taking her to out, which we have been able to report back to her son with appropriate concern for his mother's safeguarding.

A recent illness resulted in an ambulance being called by the coordinator. GIFT have discussed options for a re-assessment of Jacqueline's needs and are holding a meeting with her son to support him with this.

From the initial meeting with X there has been a deterioration in her health and complex matters have resulted. This has been a sensitive and time consuming case and a learning curve for the GIFT team. There have been issues of boundaries of the role, family relationships, dementia awareness and ensuring appropriate expertise is accessed at the right time for the beneficiary and their family, alongside safeguarding of a vulnerable person included. For X we continue to work alongside her son for her wellbeing.

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SOUTH CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

6 JUNE 2016

SUBJECT:	WIRRAL SOUTH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE 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 MATTHEW PATRICK COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details progress to date following the co-opting of five Community Representatives to the Wirral South Constituency Committee 15 October 2015 and since the previous committee on 4th February 2016. This report also highlights particular issues being experienced by the communities within the five wards and seeks to bring them formally to the attention of the committee.

2.0 COLLABORATIVE PROGRESS TO DATE

Following the 4th February WSCC meeting, at which the proposed Role and Responsibilities of a WSCC Community Representative (from this point onwards referred to as Com Rep) was agreed and agreement was also made to establish a Task and Finish Group, further progress has been made.

Regular meetings between Officers and Community Representatives have been established, currently at a frequency of one per month. The inaugural meeting took place on the 22nd March, when the business of the meetings was agreed as follows:

To facilitate good communication and good working practice in neighbourhood working between Officers and Com Reps in the best interests of WSCC

neighbourhoods and specifically in identifying and meeting individual neighbourhood's needs and wishes.

Prior to the meeting four key Points for Discussion were set out by the Com Reps and at the second meeting on the 19th April these were developed. The next two meetings are scheduled for the 23rd May and the 21st June. Minutes for the first two meetings are attached as Appendices A and B.

Com Reps have been meeting on a regular basis (at least monthly) for informal discussion about progress and the challenges facing neighbourhood working. Through this report we seek to bring to the attention of the WSCC proposals where further significant progress can and should be made. The success of the Com Rep initiative in coming together as a team, setting out the challenges to be faced in effective neighbourhood working and what needs to be done as a WSCC team, now needs full 'buy in' and active participation from all members of WSCC. The Com Reps have identified three areas for immediate action supported with requests for WSCC approval:-

Defining Neighbourhoods

Com Reps and Officers in meetings and discussions have fully recognised that the ward boundaries can, and do in many cases, separate neighbourhoods and consequently act against effective neighbourhood working. This challenge needs to be resolved. The Com Reps wish to present draft outline proposals for the attention of WSCC as to how neighbourhood boundaries may be defined, proposals that will, wherever possible, be informed through representation with residents within those neighbourhoods.

Team Working

Individual Com Reps are unable to fulfil their responsibilities if they are not part of the decision making process, not informed and are not working within a local team environment. Agreed local plans for action are crucial. Progress on establishing local teams for each ward/neighbourhood has been slow and needs now to be given a high priority if the Com Rep initiative is to maintain momentum. The first and key step is the Task and Finish Group approved at the 4th Feb meeting. Com Reps would like to see, prior to the inaugural meeting of the Task and Finish Group, ward team meetings involving Elected Members, Officers and Com Reps to consider how best to work together. It is possible that each ward team will reach a different conclusion and these can then be presented to the Task and Finish Group when it meets.

Resourcing

From the Com Reps perspective it is obvious that any plan which aims to develop an effective programme for neighbourhood working, to determine the needs and wishes of residents and communities and to facilitate neighbourhood working will need resourcing. It is a sad fact then that the plans brought forward to create a community hub at Pennant House in 2013 involving the relocation of up to 14 staff have not been implemented. The point about resourcing has been made by Cllr Gilchrist in a Notice of Motion and is well made. Neighbourhood working on a 'shoestring' is not likely to produce meaningful outcomes. Community Representatives believe that funding levels will be key to delivering effective neighbourhood working, funding that then forms an integral part of future budgets.

Community Representatives note that Elected Members on the WSCC have previously highlighted this as an issue.

3.0 BEBINGTON

- 3.1 Ward Engagement with community groups and individuals has continued more on an ad hoc basis than in a co-ordinated or structured way. There remains a need for a sharing forum to achieve a collective voice for these presently disparate groups, together with a vehicle for a co-ordinated voice for local businesses. At present apart from relationships that exist with elected members there is no community structure or organisation in place.

4.0 BROMBOROUGH

- 4.1 The greatest issue facing Bromborough ward is the recent announcement that New Ferry's District Centre is facing a major issue with both the Co-op and Lloyds Bank closing. An emergency meeting of the traders was organised, attended by David Ball, Head of Regeneration. Traders reiterated not only their dismay about these businesses closing, but were also critical of the Council who they felt had done nothing to halt the decline of the centre over the last few years. The state of the derelict shops along New Chester Road was particularly highlighted. David Ball promised to look into what action could be taken to tidy up these premises.

At the same time, the traders are to reform the defunct Traders Association to act as a conduit for information regarding any progress/ideas for the district centre. Representatives from the traders will be meeting with David Ball at a later date to discuss ideas for how the vacant Co-op building may be reopened either with a new business or a possible co-operative of local businesses.

Some concerns have been raised about the proposed new Aldi and Lidl stores within the Bromborough ward. There are concerns about what these stores (if either is allowed to happen) could do to the survivability of the existing district centres (Bromborough and New Ferry), and also the additional traffic that will be generated in already congested areas (New Chester Road/Croft Retail Park).

The Bromborough Com Rep has also made contact with a representative from the Bromborough Village Community Association. They will be arranging a meeting as soon as possible to discuss Bromborough issues.

Anti-social behaviour remains a concern for the community, although the number of incidences has been down due to the colder weather through the winter. Now that summer is here, the number of incidences is expected to rise again, with eyes looking to New Ferry Park, Shorefields and Port Sunlight River Park in particular where such behaviour tends to cause problems. An Oval/New Ferry Park Problem Solving Group has been established and is run by the Police to address some of these issues.

5.0 CLATTERBRIDGE

- 5.1 Two meetings with the Engagement Officer have taken place, at which the challenges of community engagement in Clatterbridge Ward were discussed. These meetings were also attended by Nancy Kitch (Third Sector Development Officer, 1st Meeting) and the Constituency Manager (2nd Meeting). Discussions centred on the different types of neighbourhood within the ward (rural, small villages and parts of urban populations linked to adjacent wards) and how to establish contact and initiate engagement.

In most parts of the ward there is no community structure/organisation in place and it has been agreed that the churches and the schools are the best start point. E-mails to the schools sent by the Engagement Officer have not yet received a response.

In Thornton Hough, where there is an established Community Trust, three meetings were attended. At the first meeting a short presentation was made on WSCC's objectives in Neighbourhood Working. In discussions it became clear that the Trust's constitution did not extend to a determination of the needs and wishes of the neighbourhood and its residents without significant amendment. The Trust's help has been sought in identifying suitable individuals to serve on a local team once it is established.

So far, although agreement to meet has been reached on the need for Officers, Elected Members and the Community to work as a team, a first meeting has not yet been arranged. This is now an urgent priority.

6.0 EASTHAM

- 6.1 The Delamere Community Centre which was transferred to the local community as part of the Councils Asset Transfer Programme has gained charitable status. This will enable the centre to bid into additional funding streams to support the ongoing self-sustainability of the Delamere Centre.

The forthcoming closure of Lyndale School is raising concerns in respect on how this asset will be disposed of, along with the future of the local Youth Hub adjacent to Lyndale School both in the short and long term. This site is in a prime location within Eastham and members of the Eastham Community Forum need to be part of a consultation process as soon as possible on the future of this site and the local Youth Hub.

7.0 HESWALL

- 7.1 Heswall Together held two public meetings in Heswall Hall in April. These meetings fulfilled the main remit of Heswall Together: to put before the public the proposal to form "An overarching non-political community organisation to represent and serve the residents, community groups and businesses of Heswall". The total number of the public attending was 60, but those present represented at least 15 community groups. The meetings were chaired by Mr. Charles Hillock, Deputy

Lieutenant, Merseyside. A short presentation gave the background to the proposal, followed by questions, suggestions and discussion on how to move to the next step. Strong support was given to the proposal by way of feedback forms completed at the end of the meeting. With this support in place a further meeting has been arranged for 14th June 2016 to begin the process of forming the new organisation.

At his request, a meeting was held with the Constituency Manager, Fergus Adams, on Friday 13th May. Present were Charles Hillock [Chairman of the public meetings] Ray Squire [Community Representative for Wirral South], Keith Foggin [Acting Chairman of Heswall Together] and Peter Wright [Engagement Lead for HT]. A full update was given following the public meetings and the high level of support given to the proposal by those present. We were assured of his support and that the support of Council members and officers, as previously given, would continue.

By working with HT the establishment of the specific needs and wishes of Heswall Ward will help inform the preparation of the 3-year Constituency Plan. The meeting agreed that the Community Representative would be the conduit into WSCC.

8.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 Community Representatives have been an established part of this committee since its inception.

9.0 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 Wirral South Community Representatives engage with their respective communities in various ways.

10.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 10.1 The overarching proposed model for neighbourhood working will strengthen the Council's relationship with the voluntary and community sector.
- 10.2 Tackling the priorities of the Constituency will benefit communities directly.

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

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

12.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 The arrangements will help the Council to deliver their 20 pledges for 2020 and also the Localism Act 2011 and Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012.

13.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

13.1 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.

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments/equality-impact-assessments-2010-14/chief>

14.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

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

15.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

15.1 This report may have positive community safety implications on a Ward by Ward basis.

16.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

16.1 Ward based meetings with Community Representatives, Council Officers, and Elected Members are scheduled (where necessary) within a month of this committee meeting

17.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

17.1 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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REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date

Appendix A

Community Representatives and Officers Meeting Jireh Church, 22/03/16, 18:00

Present: Fergus Adams, Shannon Kennedy, Mal Wright, Mark Craig, Peter Wright, Kevin Sutton, Ray Squire

Apologies: None

Business of the Meeting: See Appendix 1, all agreed this document

Frequency of Meetings: It was agreed that the group would meet once a month for a quarter, and then review the frequency. Community Representatives will meet in between meetings without Officers

Minute Taking: It was agreed that Shannon would take the minutes

Circulation: It was agreed that Shannon would send the minutes out to the Community Representatives and Community Representatives would then send them to their respective Elected Members. It was agreed that after this meeting only, Shannon will send the minutes to the Heswall Elected Members as Ray will be away

Timing: The minutes will be circulated as soon as possible following the meeting

Officer Updates and Status of Plans: Fergus gave several updates:

- Shared document that shows how various plans feed into each other (Appendix 2)
- The 3 Year Neighbourhood Working Plan has been postponed until June (instead of March) due to discussions in meetings and workshops constantly changing what the plan looks like
- The Neighbourhood Working Plan is a strategy for how the Constituency Managers and Engagement Officers are going to support the 2020 Pledges
- On the next level down, the 3 Year Constituency Plan is more delivery based and will detail what's going to happen in Wirral South over the next 3 years. This plan will contain the 3 priorities already agreed by Councillors in WSCC and will be informed by workshops in mid-May with both partners and communities
- The next level down from this is the Local Plans, which the Community Representatives will play a part in forming
- It was agreed that Community Representatives will be involved as soon as is possible/appropriate

Discussion Document Points: See Appendix 3 for document with points detailed

1. It was agreed that Community Representatives will discuss how they would like to work with Officers and they will bring a proposal to the next meeting
2. It was agreed that Community Representatives will discuss their definition of neighbourhoods and bring a proposal to the next meeting.
3. Community Representatives will discuss this point and bring a proposal on an offer to be used when in discussions with communities and residents
4. It was agreed that Local/Constituency Plans would be agreed with the relevant resources attached to the plans. It was raised that there should be resources for

the Community Representatives to engage with their local communities. Fergus explained that the Officers have a General Engagement budget that can be used for this.

Social Isolation/Dementia Friends/ARCH: Peter asked if there is a plan for how this contract will be carried out and whether Community Representatives will be involved and have a say. An action was agreed that Shannon will ask Ola and Jules to send out an e-mail to all Community Representatives asking to meet with them. Fergus explained that it is an initial 18 month contract and that there are quarterly contract meetings and reports at the WSCC meetings. The contract is in its very early stages and ARCH have made a good start on their work. There are outcomes, however these are not easy to measure as it is about human story rather than numbers. An action was agreed that Shannon will send out the website address for the GIFT Network.

Healthy Wirral: It was agreed that the Community Representatives will write a list of questions for Healthy Wirral and send them to Officers to forward to Healthy Wirral

Task and Finish Group: Fergus explained that he has begun to organise it, but because of Purdah it shall have to wait until mid-May

Ward Boundaries: Shannon gave each Community Representative their own ward map to help with Community Representatives working together in area that cross ward boundaries. The areas that cover ward boundaries will be accepted in Local Plans and something will be done to try and address this

AOB: It was discussed whether the agenda for each meeting should have an AOB item. It was agreed that it would and that the Chair will call for any items of AOB at the start of the meeting.

Close of Meeting: 19:25

Summary of Actions:

1. Community Representatives to bring a proposal for Discussion Points 1, 2 and 3 (Appendix 3) to the next meeting
2. Shannon to ask Jules and Ola from ARCH to e-mail Community Representatives to organise a meeting
3. Shannon to share the website address for GIFT
4. Community Representatives to write a list of questions for Healthy Wirral, and once the questions have been received Officers will forward them onto Healthy Wirral

Appendix B

Community Representatives and Officers Meeting Jireh Church, 19/04/16, 18:00

Present: Fergus Adams, Shannon Kennedy, Mal Wright, Peter Wright, Kevin Sutton, Ray Squire

Apologies: Mark Craig

Approval of the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting:

- Approved, proposed by Mal Wright and seconded by Peter Wright

Matters Arising (not covered by the rest of the agenda):

- Community Representatives requested that they get ward maps with more details on. Fergus informed them that the maps purchased for them went down to road level and there was no need for them to see each individual property
- Community Representatives requested they see more localised results from the resident research contracted out by the Council. Fergus explained that there will be a presentation at the next committee and that he would ask if they could have the presentation earlier. Community Representatives requested that when the Council hired in external contractors to produce specific pieces of work they saw the formal reports of the work. Fergus explained the importance of keeping a local approach to the Community Representative role and that there weren't specific public reports produced by said contractors

WSSC Reporting Arrangements:

- Community Representatives requested that they report on an individual ward by ward basis to WSSC using a standard template and that these reports are attached to the Constituency manager's report as an appendix. Community Representatives also propose that they provide a signed group report to the WSSC detailing general progress and the challenges that are coming forward for which support from the WSSC will be required
- Fergus explained that if they split the report up it is likely to have much less impact, but he understands the approach the Community Representatives would like to take with the reports
- ACTION: Fergus and Shannon will create a template for the report and share it with Community Representatives.

Community Representative Ward Updates and Local Plans:

- This item was discussed in other items

Meeting with Wallasey Community Representatives:

- The Community Representatives are very receptive to meeting with the Wallasey Community Representatives
- It was suggested that a meeting takes place around September time, as at that point there will be more certainty around Constituency Plans and the way Neighbourhood Working will be moving forward. Wirral West will also have recruited Community Representatives at this point
- ACTION: Shannon will contact Wallasey Engagement Officer and explain that the Community Representatives would be happy to meet later in the year.

Officer Updates and Status of Plans:

- This was discussed in other items. The Constituency Plans should be going to Cabinet in June

Summary Discussion Items (Appendix 1)

- Working with officers – covered in previous item
- Reporting to WSCC – covered in previous item
- The Offer - Fergus explained that the Constituency Plan will not be going to residents; the Cabinet will sign off the Constituency Plan. In the Constituency Plan the concept of Local Plans will be agreed, and then Officers will work with Community Representatives and residents to develop the Local Plans
- Definition of Neighbourhoods – It was agreed that one size doesn't fit all, and that there are many different neighbourhoods and communities within Wirral South across wards. It was agreed that ultimately neighbourhoods and communities are self-identified by the communities themselves
- ACTION: Community Representatives to come up with a visual representation of neighbourhoods/communities within their ward as a start. This would be supported by their reasoning, and could be taken to prospective communities to challenge or agree with

Social Isolation/Dementia Friends/ARCH:

- There was a general feeling of negativity around follow ups from GIFT Co-Ordinators.
- The role of the Gift Co-Ordinators was further explained, giving examples of their day to day actions and how busy they are currently
- Fergus explained that the Co-Ordinators are moving forward positively and doing some good work with individuals
- It was agreed that a line would be drawn under previous experiences, and that if the Community Representatives have a question for the Co-Ordinators or would like to invite them to something, they would contact them and ask them
- ACTION: Fergus to share the outcomes of the contract with Community Representatives

Healthy Wirral

- Community Representatives have several questions for Healthy Wirral
- ACTION: Peter to e-mail Healthy Wirral questions on behalf of the Community Representatives and CC Fergus and Shannon

Task and Finish Group

- Progress will be made on this after the election

Ward Boundaries

- It was discussed and understood that communities/neighbourhoods would sometimes cross over ward boundaries. Community Representatives agreed to work together to cover areas between wards

AOB

- Covered in previous items

Close of Meeting: 19:30

Summary of Actions:

5. Fergus and Shannon will create a template for the report and share it with Community Representatives
6. Shannon will contact Wallasey Engagement Officer and explain that the Community Representatives would like to meet when the timing is better
7. Community Representatives to come up with a visual representation of neighbourhoods/communities within their ward as a start. This would be supported by their reasoning, and could be taken to prospective communities to challenge or agree with
8. Fergus to share the outcomes of the contract with Community Representatives
9. Peter to e-mail Healthy Wirral questions on behalf of the Community Representatives

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