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CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE - WALLASEY - WORKING GROUP

Wednesday, 1 October 2014

Present:

Councillors	R L Abbey	A E R Jones
	B Berry	C Jones
	C Blakeley	B Mooney
	L Fraser	J Salter
	R Gregson	C Spriggs
	T Johnson	J Williamson

Community
Representatives:

Mr K Harrison
Mr B Higgins
Mr T Jones
Mr K Raybould

Apologies:

Councillors	M Daniel	A Leech
	P Hackett	L Rennie
	P Hayes	S Williams

16 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

The Constituency Manager for Wallasey invited nominations for the Chair.

On a motion by Councillor Ron Abbey, seconded by Councillor Spriggs, it was-

Resolved (8:3) – That Councillor R Gregson be appointed Chair of this meeting.

17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Daniel, P Hackett, P Hayes, A Leech, L Rennie and S Williams.

18 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair, having welcomed everybody to the meeting, then asked if Members had any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any items on the agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

Councillor R Abbey declared a personal interest in respect of the bid received from Leasowe Early Years and Adult Learning Community Centre by virtue of being a Member of the Management Board.

Councillor T Johnson declared a personal interest in respect of the bid received from Leasowe Community Allotments.

Councillor L Fraser declared a general personal interest in respect of knowing people who had applied for the bid.

Councillor A Jones declared a personal interest in respect of the bid received from Wallasey Central Park Partnership Community.

19 **MINUTES**

Resolved- That the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2014 be approved.

20 **YOUR WIRRAL WALLASEY (2014/15)**

The Constituency Manager reported upon the details of a number of applications which had which had been made to the Your Wirral Fund.

Councillor C Blakeley raised queries regarding who carried out the evaluation of the application forms against the criteria set. The Constituency Manager confirmed that she carried out the evaluation. Cllr C Blakeley suggested that in future this be carried out by more than one person.

Councillor C Blakeley asked whether the number of people who benefitted from each group's bid would be from Wallasey Constituency only. The Constituency Manager confirmed that the people benefitting would predominately be from the Wallasey Constituency. Councillor C Blakeley recommended using postcodes to identify the location of each group/organisation for future applications.

Members considered and determined each proposal separately. The decisions are summarised in Appendix 1.

1. Stick 'n' Step YW1

The Chair outlined details of the project.

Councillor R Abbey recommended that Stick 'n' Step be awarded £400, rather than the full amount of £1,200, due to concerns regarding funding for advertising.

Emma Degg stated that if the group was awarded £400, instead of the full amount, then they would be offered support from the Press Office.

The motion to provide £400, instead of £1200 was put and lost (5:7)

Resolved - That the full amount of £1,200 be awarded to Stick 'n' Step.

2. Striding Out CIC
YW2

The Chair outlined details of the project.

Members raised concerns regarding the funding breakdown down costs.

Resolved –

(1) That the Constituency Manager seek further information from the Council's Skills Team (Lifelong Learning) to establish whether this project would address a gap in service delivery.

(2) That the decision on the bid be referred to Wallasey Constituency Committee on 23 October 2014.

3. Wallasey Cricket Club
YW3

The Chair outlined details of the project.

Councillor R Abbey recommended that Wallasey Cricket Club be awarded half of their requested bid of £2,500 and instead be awarded £1,250 on the basis that the funding was solely for the purchase of a motor mower.

The motion to provide £1,250, instead of £2,500 was put and won (8:3).

Resolved - That £1,250 be awarded to Wallasey Cricket Club.

4. New Brighton Baptist Church
YW4

The Chair outlined details of the project.

Members raised concerns about the funding that the project had already secured.

Resolved - That the New Brighton Baptist Church be awarded £2,500, subject to enquiries by the Constituency Manager that the bid complies with the Terms and Conditions.

5. New Brighton Gymnastics Club
YW5

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,365 be awarded to New Brighton Gymnastics Club.

6. Amy and Friends
YW6

The Chair outlined details of the project.

Councillor L Fraser questioned whether Amy and Friends could use the funding for rent.

The Constituency Manager confirmed that this bid complied with the Terms and Conditions.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to Amy and Friends.

7. The Open Door Centre
YW7

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,476 be awarded to The Open Door Centre.

8. St Nicholas with All Saints Church Community Centre
YW8

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to St Nicholas with All Saints Church Community Centre.

9. Wallasey Sea Cadets
YW9

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to Wallasey Sea Cadets.

10. Moreton Community Lights Association

YW10

Members discussed the details of the project.

Councillor R Abbey stated that traders should be more supportive and should help provide Christmas Lights to the community.

Councillor C Blakeley agreed with Councillor R Abbey and reaffirmed the need to have Christmas lights.

Councillor C Blakeley thanked Angela for all of her hard work and commitment in helping to secure Christmas lights from traders in the past.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to Moreton Community Lights Association.

11. China Sprit UK CIC
YW11

The Chair outlined details of the project.

Members raised concerns with regards to the funding potentially being used as a salary supplement for a Kung Fu Instructor.

The Chair asked if there were any representatives from the group in attendance who could clarify these concerns.

A representative from the group confirmed that the funding would be used as a sessional payment.

Emma Degg clarified that sessional payments were not classed as a salary and therefore the bid could not be disallowed on this basis.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to China Spirit UK CIC.

12. 4th Moreton Scout Group
YW12

Members discussed the details of the project.

The motion to provide £2,500 to 4th Moreton Scout Group was put and won (6:2).

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to 4th Moreton Scout Group.

13. Mersey Counselling and Therapy Centre
YW13

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to Mersey Counselling and Therapy Centre.

14. Liscard Ladies 8 to 10
YW14

Members discussed the details of the project.

Councillor R Abbey proposed that Liscard Ladies be awarded £880 of their requested bid, on the basis that the funding breakdown costs revealed that £1,620 of the funding was to be used for a Christmas night out and a Spring and Summer outing.

Councillor J Williamson proposed that Liscard Ladies be awarded £1000 of their requested bid to provide them with some funding towards their outings.

The motion to provide £1,000 to Liscard Ladies 8 to 10 was put and won (9:2).

Resolved - That £1,000 be awarded to Liscard Ladies 8 to 10.

15. Seacombe Amateur Boxing Club
YW15

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to the Seacombe Amateur Boxing Club.

16. Bidston Sports Ability
YW16

Members discussed the details of the project.

Members were concerned that the bid did not demonstrate how residents within Wallasey Constituency would benefit.

Councillor L Fraser reiterated that postcodes would be useful in this situation to distinguish which constituency organisations would fall under.

Resolved - That this bid be rejected.

17. Leasowe Early Years Allotment Plot
YW17

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to the Leasowe Early Years Allotment Plot.

18. Wallasey Junior Football League
YW18

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,368 be awarded to the Wallasey Junior Football League.

19. SS Peters Church New Brighton
YW19

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to the SS Peters Church New Brighton.

20. Wallasey Folk & Acoustic Club

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £1,406 be awarded to the Wallasey Folk & Acoustic Club

21. Momentary Arts Project

Members discussed the details of the project.

Councillor L Fraser stated that Mount Primary School should fund the project, rather than the Council and questioned the breakdown costs for volunteers. A representative from the group clarified that the volunteer costs were for providing volunteers with transport costs, to enable anybody to volunteer.

Councillor C Blakeley recommended that Mount Primary School should be provided with £2000 on the basis that the School should fund the professional artist costs.

Members discussed C Blakeley's proposal and argued that the children would benefit from working with a professional artist.

The motion to provide £2,000, instead of £2,500 to Momentary Arts Project was put and lost (2:7).

Councillor L Fraser stated that she would have rejected the bid.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to the Momentary Arts Project.

22. Active Citizen Wirral Association
YW22

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £1,401.11 be awarded to the Active Citizen Wirral Association.

23. West Wirral Boys Club
YW23

Members discussed the details of the project and questioned whether the Boys Club were a part of the West Wirral Constituency.

The Constitution Manager clarified that the Boys Club was located in Moreton and was therefore part of the Wallasey Constituency.

Resolved - That £1,984 be awarded to the West Wirral Boys Club.

24. Sandbrook Community Centre
YW24

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,350 be awarded to the Sandbrook Community Centre.

25. The Great Escape
YW25

Members discussed the details of the project.

Councillor C Blakeley questioned whether the project was based in Wallasey.

A representative from the group clarified that they were based in the Wallasey Constituency.

Resolved - That £1,695.62 be awarded to The Great Escape.

26. Friends of Rake Lane Cemetery
YW26

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to the Friends of Rake Lane Cemetery.

27. Zero Centre
YW27

The Constituency Manager stated that this bid included staffing costs which were excluded in the funding Terms and Conditions.

Resolved - That this bid be rejected due to its ineligibility.

28. Leasowe Community Allotments CIC
YW28

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to the Leasowe Community Allotments CIC.

29. Wallasey Central Park Partnership
YW29

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,237.69 be awarded to the Wallasey Central Park Partnership.

30. The Friends of Vale Park
YW30

Members discussed the details of the project.

Councillor R Abbey questioned whether the bid was eligible under the Terms and Conditions and suggested deferring the decision due to money/salary queries.

Resolved - That the Friends of Vale Park be awarded £2,500, subject to enquiries by the Constituency Manager that the bid complies with the Terms and Conditions.

31. The Parish Church of Saint Thomas The Apostle
YW31

Members discussed the details of the project.

Councillor L Fraser questioned whether funding had already been awarded to the Parish Church and whether this was a duplicate bid.

Councillor J Williamson stated that the funding should be provided, as work urgently needs to be completed on the church.

Resolved - That the Parish Church of Saint Thomas The Apostle be awarded £2,500, subject to enquiries by the Constituency Manager that this was not a duplicate bid.

The Chair confirmed that all of the bids had now been considered.

A member of the public thanked all of the Councillors, for all of the funding that they had awarded.

Appendix

21 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT BLOCK CAPITAL PROGRAMME FUNDING (2014/15)

The Chair introduced the item and members were asked to give consideration to two further areas of spend identified by officers:

1. David Rees drew members' attention to section 2.4.1 and asked Members to consider spending £20,000 for speed warning signs to enable speed data to continue to be captured.

Councillor R Abbey questioned whether the Police should be liable for providing funding for speed signs.

David Rees clarified that the police do not have the resources to provide speed signs, but they could work with the Council to target specific areas.

Councillor Chris Blakeley stated that he was opposed to spending £20,000 for speed data, as data figures could often be misleading.

Councillor R Abbey agreed and stated that he opposed spending £20,000 on data for data's sake.

Councillor L Fraser stated that money could be better spent.

David Rees stated that the Police would welcome the data to enable more proactive targeting of enforcement activity at locations where public concern has already been expressed.

Councillor R Abbey stated that the data would not provide the Police with any more information.

Councillor C Blakeley stated that the Council was here to provide road safety, not data. Therefore 25% of the fund should not be spent on data collection.

Councillor C Blakeley proposed discarding the £20,000 allocation for data collection.

The motion to discard the £20,000 funding for data collection was put and won (8:1)

Resolved- That the £20,000 allocated funding for data collection be discarded.

David Rees drew members' attention to section 2.4.2 and asked members to consider spending £3,500 for additional cycleway signs and associated markings on the footway.

Councillor R Abbey questioned whether the signs were going to be enforceable and argued that they would have limited effect if not.

David Rees clarified that these would be advisory signs and that the Police stated that they would help them to police the area, but would not be enforceable.

Councillor C Blakeley asked why the Police couldn't pay for this signage.

David Rees clarified that highways were the responsibility of the Council and therefore should be funded by the Council.

Councillor A Jones highlighted that there had been resurgence in bike usage and a revival in the bike culture and therefore he supported the funding.

Councillor R Abbey stated that there was a bigger issue over how the Council is managing signage and asked Emma Degg to speak to the relevant Officers regarding his concerns.

Emma Degg confirmed that the relevant Officers would be informed of Cllr R Abbey's request.

The motion to allocate £3,500 funding for additional cycleway signs was put and won (6:4).

Resolved- That the £3,500 allocated funding be spent on additional cycleway signs.

David Rees drew Members' attention to potential schemes, within each ward, which could be eligible for road safety funding.

1. Leasowe and Moreton East Ward

Members discussed the potential schemes in Appendix 1.

Resolved – That £1,600 be awarded to Pine Tree Grove/ Chapelhill Road, £5,500 for Blackheath Road and £5,400 for Sandbrook Lane/Chapehill Road area.

2. Liscard Ward

Members discussed the potential schemes in Appendix 2.

Resolved – That £10,000 be awarded to the corner of Marlowe Road, approached from Mill Lane.

3. Moreton West & Saughall Massie Ward

Members discussed the potential schemes Appendix 3.

Resolved – That £7,000 be awarded to Bermuda Road and £7,000 to Saughall Road.

4. New Brighton Ward

Members discussed the potential schemes Appendix 4.

Resolved – That £10,000 be awarded to Seabank Road /Vaughan Road/ Ormiston Road and £7,000 to Rowson Street.

5. Seacombe Ward

Members discussed the potential schemes Appendix 5.

Resolved – That £7,000 be awarded to Wheatland Lane.

6. Wallasey Ward

Members discussed the potential schemes Appendix 6.

Resolved – That £13,000 be awarded to Claremount Road and £1,600 to Claremount Road/ Taunton Road.

	Organisation name	Name of Project	Amount requested	Award Decision	Comments
YW1	Stick 'n' Step	Valuing Volunteers	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	
YW2	Striding Out CIC	Digital & IT Skills for Employability	£2,485.00		Decision deferred
YW3	Wallasey Cricket Club	Wallasey Cricket Club	£2,500.00	£1,250.00	
YW4	New Brighton Baptist Church	Memorial Garden	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	Subject to confirmation not duplicated
YW5	New Brighton Gymnastics Club	Flic Flac for all	£2,365.00	£2,365.00	
YW6	Amy and Friends	My Time To Be Me	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW7	The Open Door Centre	The Big Life Series	£2,476.00	£2,476.00	
YW8	St Nicholas with All Saints Church Community Centre	Harrison Hall "Tea and Talk"	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW9	Wallasey Sea Cadets	Fire Alarm Upgrade	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW10	Moreton Community Lights Association	Christmas Light Display	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW11	China Spirit UK CIC	China Spirit Local Sports and Cultural Enrichment	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW12	4th Moreton Scout Group	Angela's Garden	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW13	Mersey Counselling and Therapy Centre	MCTC New Hope New Building	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW14	Liscard Ladies 8 to 10	Extra Activities	£2,500.00	£1,000.00	
YW15	Seacombe Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing Clever	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW16	Bidston Sports Ability	Sport Projects	£950.00		Rejected
YW17	Leasowe Early Years Allotment Plot	Here We Grow	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	

YW18	Wallasey Junior Football League	Provide football for boys and girls	£2,368.00	£2,368.00	
YW19	SS Peters Church New Brighton	Illuminate the Dome	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW20	Wallasey Folk & Acoustic Club	Wallasey Folk & Acoustic Club	£1,406.00	£1,406.00	
YW21	Momentary Arts Project	Brighton New Brighton: Celebrating New Brighton's Bathing History	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW22	Active Citizen Wirral Association	Sew & Show	£1,401.11	£1,401.11	
YW23	West Wirral Boys Club	Gym Ceiling Refurbishment	£1,984.00	£1,984.00	
YW24	Sandbrook Community Centre	Fun & Fitness	£2,350.00	£2,350.00	
YW25	The Great Escape	Great Escape Drop-In	£1,695.62	£1,695.62	
YW26	Friends of Rake Lane Cemetery	Restoration of Cemetery Gates	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW27	Zero Centre	Wallasey Domestic Abuse Outreach Service	£1,815.10		Ineligible
YW28	Leasowe Community Allotments CIC	Leasowe Community Allotments CIC Roadshows	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW29	Wallasey Central Park Partnership	Everyone's Park Improvement Scheme	£2,237.69	£2,237.69	
YW30	The Friends of Vale Park	Joytime 2015	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	Subject to confirmation bid complies with the Terms & Conditions
YW31	The Parish Church of Saint Thomas The Apostle	St Thomas Revival	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	Subject to confirmation bid complies with the Terms & Conditions
			£69,733.52	£61,733.42	