

Pennine Area Panel Meeting

Butterworth Hall

2nd September 2008

Minutes

Andy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chair

Andy Wadsworth asked if there were any volunteers wishing to put their names forward to be chair of the Panel. There being none, Andy will be chair for this meeting.

Mrs Hull mentioned that she would consider being the Chair when she knows a bit more of what it entails.

ACTION: John Rodgers offered to visit her to discuss.

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Proposed: Brian Mulligan.

Seconded: Andrew Fitzismons.

AGREED: UNANIMOUS

Matters Arising

Bryan Sayers wanted to know what was happening about the lighting for Hare Hill Court. Andy responded that this item would be covered under the Quick wins item which is already on the Agenda.

Brian Sayers asked if the proposed I.T. scheme for sheltered schemes by RBH is still being discussed or has it died a natural death? Also, that Kenneth Eaton Dykes of Middleton had asked if along with the TV Ariel upgrades, broadband be put into each flat. John Rodgers responded that the I.T proposal is very much alive and there would be another meeting soon with officers to decide the best way forward. Also, it would be a broadband connection to a communal area only. If tenants wanted Broadband in their flat they would have to sort it and pay for it in the usual way. He would report when it has been agreed, currently, we are being careful to ensure we get it right.

Andrew Fitzismons mentioned that access to the flats above ground level is difficult. Also, there is one way in and one way out. There is no fire escape. Tenants who moved when they were built or those who moved in several years ago are finding that their needs have changed. Andrews Wife cannot manage the stairs and people are struggling. There are 32 steps to the top. A lift would be ideal or failing that a stairlift

Deborah Jamieson, Housing Manger, responded that there is probably no stairlift because it's communal. Andrew mentioned that it's a fire risk there's not enough room as far as he is aware. Andrew mentioned that he is unhappy because he is not getting any feedback.

ACTION: Housing Manager to report to the next panel.

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Quick Wins and One off Grants

It was agreed to bring this item forward as some delegates had to get to another meeting.

To inform and or remind members, Andy read through the criteria

Andy informed the Panel that there is enough money remaining in the Budget to cover the grant bids.

Thistleyfield-One off Grant

Mrs Hull outlined their bid. Other members from Thistleyfield contributed and clarified the need for their bid. It was explained that the money is for a present for residents of their Sheltered accommodation and to provide an event in the Communal lounge.

The merits of the bid were discussed and in light of the fact that Thistleyfield are a new tenants association they do need to spend some time on recruiting and building interest through this method.

AGREED-UNANIMOUS: £500.

Giants Foot – One off Grant

Ann Mackin and Jackie Robinson outlined their bid. Giants Foot is a fairly new club for young people on Cloverhall. It keeps young people off the streets. We have done well and have got an extension to the building. We now need a sign on the building and the bid is for a paid worker and materials. Children will actually do the sign under instruction. The breakdown of the bid is as follows, materials, sessions, Arts and Crafts and play station games.

The merits of the bid were discussed in particular, why they needed to buy more play stations as they received funding for this at a previous meeting of this panel. An responded that the games are used regularly and it is useful to build a library of different games. The young people quickly get bored using the same ones.

Jackie Robinson offered to do an evidence based presentation at the next panel.

John Rodgers congratulated Jackie Robinson for the work she is been doing on RBH estates and also congratulated the volunteers of Giants Foot are doing excellent unpaid work for their area.

AGREED-UNANIMOUS: £500.

Quick Wins Report.

Deborah Jamieson presented the report

The Panel discussed the merits of each proposed scheme. It was agreed that the budget would have been spent following the approval of the proposed schemes had been approved.

Steve Edwards asked how the projects had been identified. Deborah responded that they had been identified in a variety of ways. Through estate walkabouts, consultation, complaints etc. The criteria had been agreed at the last meeting and they are not normal housing repairs.

Andy responded that we are working in line with agreed priorities and it is up to the panel to decide which of the schemes proposed. Those that don't make it this year could be brought forward into the next.

Councillor Ashley Dearnley suggested approving one scheme from each ward in order to spread approvals evenly. Deborah responded that we ought to recommend those that effect people's life such as Turbary Walk and Laythe Barn Close. Deborah went on to outline the Schemes agreed at the last Panel meeting to show that it had been spread round the Township.

After further discussion and in light of the above, the following schemes were approved.

Schemes Approved

Scheme		Estimated cost
1. The Cray-Turbary Walk	=	£40,000
2. Hare Hill Court Security Lighting	=	£1,000
3. The Cray-Laythe Barne Close	=	£10,000
4. Bentgate-Ash Grove/Hazel Grove.	=	£6,700
5. Ashbrook-Hollowspell	=	£3,020
6. Elm Grove-Wardle.	=	£3,000
Estimated total	=	£63,720.00

Not Approved

Scheme		Estimated cost
The Cray- Fencing to Flats	=	£1,000
The Cray-Side of 52	=	£5,000
Estimated total	=	£6,000.00

The Cray- side of 52 and the Cray- fencing to flats could be combined to start next year. They could also be used as a fall back if there is any slippage (underspend) on the approved schemes this year.

AGREED: UNANIMOUS

Agenda for the Next Meeting.

Andy informed the meeting that there is only £160 left in the budget for Tenant Participation 'One off' grants.

Update on quick wins

There will also probably be items for consultation and RBH would write to all groups.

If anyone does have any items they feel ought to be on the next agenda then please contact TPU.

Any other Business

Thistley Field and Giants Foot thanked the panel for approving their 'One off grants.

Andrew Fitzsimons mentioned that he would put his name forward for chair.

Date of Next Panel

Andy informed the Panel that the next meeting would be in January 2009. Date and venue to be announced!

John Rodgers

Tenant Participation Officer.

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Attendance

Brian Sayers - Hare Hill Court TRA

Bertha Hawkyard - Hare Hill Court TRA

Miss P Hull -Thistleyfield TRA

Brian Mulligan - Thistleyfield TRA

Ann Makin - Cloverhall

Susan Makin - Cloverhall

Jackie Robinson - Cloverhall

Cllr Ashley Dearnley - Rochdale MBC

Andrew Fitzismons - Saxon House & West View

Deborah Jamieson - RBH

Andy Wadsworth - RBH

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John Rodgers - RBH