

Minutes of Community First Panel meeting held at ABCC on 2 July 2012

- 1. Present** - Ruth Little - ABCC, , Alan Blundell – Walton Breck, Jill Foxall - Cobra, Sally Hinks – B2U, Irene Taylor – B2U, Margaret Thornley, Harry Moulton - Pinehurst, Cllr Adelle Dowling, Irene Crone - Plus Dane.
- 2. Apologies** - Father Ray, Nicola Higham- Plus Dane Patsy Watterson – Yorkies, Ros Groves - Salisbury
- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting** - Agreed

4. Update on applications

Each of the current applications are at different stages of approval from Community First – some are still awaiting confirmation from them. It was felt that approval for funding would not be an issue as any delays will be the result of CF checking information eg bank accounts

Ruth has been speaking to Nicola who is trying to sort out the finance issues with Plus dane. Once the system is set up with Plus dane payments will be made promptly.

Ruth will develop a matrix for spending so the Panel can monitor projects

5. Future projects

It was felt that the Panel should try to promote the availability of the CF fund across the neighbourhood to ensure that there is an even spread across the area. The Panel need to be mindful of applications that are across CF areas but will judge each one on its own merit making sure that the residents in the Anfield CF area benefit. Ruth agreed to draft another newsletter which if it gave examples of what the last CF funding was spent on would encourage other groups to make applications

Members of the Panel have been supporting new and existing residents groups in an attempt to make sure the area is as representative as possible. ABCC will help new groups to set up and support them if needed.

The Panel discussed the possibility of looking into the viability of a food co-op and would be keen to develop a project which focused with the issues around food poverty.

It was agreed that groups could apply for up to £250 towards projects relating to summer activities, it was agreed that any group would be able to apply and any surplus would be used throughout the year to support small projects which help small groups to benefit from the fund.

6. Car Boot

It was hoped that the Car Boot could have started on 17 June but Jill is still waiting for confirmation. The questionnaire carried out showed that 43% of people were in favour and 42% didn't answer. There were no oppositions.

Date and Time of next meeting - TBC