

Community First Panel Meeting- 23-09-13

Present

Ros Groves - Chair ,Ruth Little - ABCC, Jill Foxall - Cobra, Irene Taylor – B2U, Alan Blundell- Walton Breck Margaret Thornley - Rawdon, Clive Wilkinson - Yorkies, Billy Marrat – Pinehurst CA Ian Watt- Cobra

Apologies – John Nolan - Rockfield

1. Chair's Report

Ros explained the issue over Fr Rays application and the confusion over the decision recorded in previous minutes (*Copies of which were reviewed at the meeting tonight*) Ros stated that while we have no objection to Fr Rays new kitchen there is an issue over the process and commitment of money.

In previous minutes Adele clearly stated she had received confirmation of the money being available from the enterprise fund the commitment of £7,500 had been given by Adele.

At the AGM it came to light that no such agreement had been made and the money was not available from the enterprise fund, and so she couldn't pay the £7,500 as such she would be paying it from the councillors Neighbourhood Fund.

The general feeling in the room was one of dismay at this revelation.

2. Review of Partners

Ros asked the panel to look at a review of panel partners it was agreed that Plus-Dane remain panel partners.as per government requirements.

We then looked at whether or not Adele was needed at the community first as the enterprise money was no longer available and Adele was on community first to oversee the spend from the enterprise pot. It was strongly felt by the panel following on from point 1 and that when she was asked to bring along guest speakers by the panel she always had an excuse to why they didn't attend for example given the huge issue in Anfield with the gang 30 strong who were attacking people the panel asked Adele a number of times to bring along the youth workers so we could put a face to the people she talks about she said they couldn't attend as they had day jobs this was not the case the youth workers had never been asked by Adele to attend any meetings yet more confusion from Adele

There has been a severe breakdown in both the trust and confidence of Adele following her recent actions. Ros asked for a show of hands all were in favour of asking Adele to step of the panel.

Ros to write to Adele thanking her for the input over the last 18 months and explaining to her the panel felt a political presence was not required at this time.

3. Proposed new Partners-

Ros asked the panel to have a think of any future partners- guest speakers they would like at future meetings . Panel to bring to next Community First meeting.

4. New Panel Members-

It was requested that the new panel members be brought up to date with a breakdown of the spend and projects supported to date. Evaluation/Monitoring of projects with the changes to the panel it was to be re addressed at the next meeting .

5. Any Other Business

6. Ruth told the panel about a crowd funding training day through community first she would circulate the information to all the members to see if anybody would like to attend
7. Ruth also explained the chamber of commerce had come back to her re-apprenticeships and that the apprentices would start in October.

Meeting Closed.