

## **Community First meeting 15-October-2013**

### **Present**

Ros Groves- Chair , Ruth Little - ABCC, Jill Foxall - Cobra, Irene Taylor – B2U, Margaret Thornley - Rawdon, Clive Wilkinson - Yorkies, Billy Marrot- PCA, Ian Watt- Cobra. Alan Blundell- Walton breck

**Apologies** – Irene Crone – Plus Dane

### **1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Panel Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 these minutes were approved and signed by Billy Marrot and Alan Blundell as a true representation of the meeting

### **2. Amendments.**

Ruth Little raised concerns that there were still some unresolved issues relating to the 28<sup>th</sup> May minutes and the AGM minutes in September, these minutes were not a true record of the meeting. Ruth said the funding from the Car Park had not been secured for the Kitchen at St Columba at the time of these meetings. At the AGM Cllr Dowling stated that because of a mistake by the CF panel the cllrs would be giving the £7,500 out of their neighbourhood funds, RL asked that it be made clear that there was no mistake on behalf of the CF panel and that at both meetings, clarity was requested as to how the funding was going to be secured.

Anfield road application was in fact Community First funding, Pinehurst Juniors to get £500 from Car park.

Alan Blundell Clarified.

### **3. Matters Arising**

AGM 17th September Ros asked Irene Crone to send over the minutes asap, Irene sent Ros a reply to say that she was feeling very uncomfortable in continuing to do the minutes as she keeps getting phone calls asking her to change them, Ros explained that minutes can be amended but only at a meeting, not on the phone. IC said that she would prefer it if someone else could take over doing them.

Ros then asked her if she would send over the AGM minutes to get them out to the panel she didn't receive a reply, Ros then instructed Jill to send out the minutes that were written by Irene Crone. To enable them to be addressed at this meeting.

Ros received a phone call from Erika Rushton – Plus Dane, Erika explained that Plus Dane were pulling out of the community first panel as the panel partner, the reason being that her staff feel stuck in the middle of the when items are being raised at each meeting by members. Ros said that as part of good governance it is important to get the minutes correct. Ros asked Erika to have a conversation with Ruth to discuss the situation. Erika agreed.

RL said that she had held a conversation with Erika regarding their desire to pull out as a panel partner, RL said she explained to Erika that it was important to continue the relationship with Plus Dane, but that she understood the difficult position that IC had been put in over the last few meetings. Erika said she would speak with her staff, but that if they were to remain as a partner they would want to have control over the budget and spend. RL explained that the Panel have no control over budget, as the funding goes straight to the designated group. Erika said she would give this some thought and get back to the panel.

Fr Ray

Ruth gave a brief description of a call she received from Ray who was upset that at the AGM a decision was taken to remove him from the panel, RL explained that this was not the case and that he was still as far as she was aware a member of the panel. Fr Ray also raised some concerns over the website and the minutes, RL said that she would address these issues. RL had a meeting with Fr Ray and Fr Ray gave a list of concerns that he had RL went through the list with him. And clarified some issues and agreed to address the other issues with the panel at the next meeting. Fr Ray said he would now need to consider whether he remains on the panel.

RL the had a further conversation on the phone and explained that all minutes had now been corrected on the website and information was in place.

The panel agreed that nobody had asked or wanted Fr Ray to leave the panel and It was agreed that nobody has asked or wanted Ray to leave the panel and that we would wait till Ray was at a meeting to discuss this face to face Ray to be included in all correspondence and invited to all meetings.

#### **4. Funding Applications**

We have received 3 applications,

- a. Youth application to provide outreach support to the community in light of recent events so the residents had a number they could call and the outreach team will attend immediately to gangs congregating or any ASB, Clive queried clarity on the ages of the children involved with this application. Application Approved.
- b. Rawdon application Queries raised over the costings and some of the activities didn't match the criteria for community first. Application deferred for amendments.
- c. Family outreach application, to assist the youth team dealing directly with families tackle asb. Application Approved.

#### **5. Co Opted Membership**

The panel suggested considering someone with a youth background or maybe just one off guest speakers- The Chair asked for everyone to think about it and bring back to the next meeting.

#### **6. Terms of Reference.**

Two items were changed on the terms of reference

- Item 1

Accountability changed

- Item 2  
Meeting times changed.

All signed the term of reference except Clive who had left to attend another meeting Clive to sign at the next panel meeting.

**7. A.O.B**

Parliament week Mayoral leads lunch 20<sup>th</sup> of November 7pm at abcc Ruth asked everyone to think of neighbours/friends who would like to attend and let her know asap. Blackpool lights trip 26<sup>th</sup> of October 11.30 at abcc. Few places left if anybody would like to go

**Meeting Closed**