

Hopwood Hall Ward Community First Panel Meeting
Held on Tuesday 10th June 2013 6.00 pm at The Phoenix Centre, Heywood

1. Present: Stuart Hay (Chair) Sandra Trickett (Minutes), Louise Kershaw, Chris Furlong, Susan Emmott

Apologies: Lucy Sutcliffe (written comments submitted to panel prior to meeting), Linda Ingham (written comments submitted to panel prior to meeting).

2. List of applications (2013/14):

- i) Siddal Moor Sports College £2500
- ii) Langley Well Women Centre £1120
- iii) Heywood Business Group £2500
- iv) Friends of Hopwood Park £2500
- v) Burnside Children and Youth Outreach £1828
- vi) Friends of St Joseph's School £1482

3. Declaration of Interest:

- Sandra Trickett declared an interest in The Friends of Hopwood Park.
- Chris Furlong declared an interest in The Friends of St Joseph's School.

4. Applications

Bids total:	£11930.00
Funds available:	£12732.00

i) Siddal Moor Sports College - applied for funds for summer holiday activities for young people (in conjunction with Heywood Activities Partnership).

Amount requested: £2500.00

Amount recommended: £2500.00

Comments: Lucy's written comments highlighted that school were exempt from receiving funds. The panel confirmed that PTFA's attached to a school are eligible to apply. Susan advised that this applicant went to Township for funds but were refused due to it being a consecutive bid. The panel commented on the positive literature produced regarding the positive activities of Heywood Activities Partnership group in previous years. The panel questioned whether the Heywood Activities Partnership constituted group have their own bank account. It was agreed by the panel that if the Heywood Activities Partnership constituted group have their own bank account they can receive the funds on behalf of Siddal Moor Sports College, otherwise the school will not be eligible to receive the funds.

Chris questioned as an alternative, whether it was possible for the name of the applicant could be changed by the applicant to allow funding.

The panel agreed to fully fund if the above criteria discussed is met.

ii) Langley Well Woman Centre applied for funds to improve health and well being - operating from the Burnside Centre, Langley.

Amount requested: £1120.00

Amount recommended: Nil

Comments: A query was raised as to whether this application should have gone to West Middleton Community First Panel. The panel felt it was not entirely clear from the application how many Hopwood Hall Ward residents would benefit from this project. It was discussed that the applicant should demonstrate that they can specifically target Hopwood Hall Ward for funds to be considered. Stuart advised that although this is not exclusive there should be a significant direct benefit to the Hopwood Hall Ward.

Louise questioned whether an application for this project had been sent to Middleton Community First Panel. Stuart suggested that any other applications related to this applicant to other CDF panels should be investigated and to ascertain whether any such applications are relevant for the wards involved. The panel felt more information is needed about what is involved within this project and ensure project benefits primarily Hopwood Hall residents.

The panel refused this application and advised further information and re-submission for re-consideration at a future round.

iii) Heywood Business Group applied for funds for Heywood Christmas lights

Amount requested: £2500.00

Amount recommended: £2500.00

Comments: The panel were advised that an application had also been made to North Ward. Stuart advised that this project was to benefit the whole of Heywood and gave detail of how the project would include professionally dressing trees with expandable tree lights to make a significant improvement to the town over the Christmas period. He added that last year's event was very good but felt the lights were lacking and the other activities and the event over-shadowed the lights.

Chris highlighted Lucy's submitted written comments as to whether the new lights could be placed through the stretch to Hopwood. Stuart confirmed it is intended the funds will be spent in central Heywood. The panel questioned how Hopwood residents would benefit from lights in central Heywood. Sandra advised that Hopwood Community Primary School/1st Heywood St John's Scouts Group and many members of the Hopwood community were involved in the lantern parade in 2012. Stuart advised that last year proved to be a large community event involving many schools.

The panel felt all three wards should make a contribution to this project.

It was advised that funds will be used to purchase new, reusable lights. Susan enquired regarding colours of the lights - Stuart advised a variety of coloured lights would be provided by a professional company.

The panel unanimously approved full funding for this project and suggested Business Group also apply to West Heywood Ward CDF Panel for a contribution.

iv) The Friends of Hopwood Park applied for funds for the ongoing regeneration of Hopwood Park to include signage and various items to assist with events.

Amount requested: £2500.00

Amount recommended: £2500.00

Comments: The panel commented on the significant improvements to Hopwood Park in recent months. The panel discussed that the park is at the centre of Hopwood and is deserving of funds.

The panel unanimously agreed to fully fund this project.

v) Burnside Children & Youth Outreach applied for funds for a youth project for youths to obtain certificates in various skills.

Amount requested: £1828.00

Amount recommended: £1828.00

Comments: Stuart advised the group is in Langley and was unsure how this project will benefit residents of Hopwood Hall Ward. Susan advised there is no designated community centre on Hollins estate; young people go to other centres in other wards; OAP groups meet on Langley. Surestart use Tintern Road and the Estate Management Board Office.

Stuart asked Susan if she felt Hopwood Hall Ward would benefit from this project. Susan would like to know more ie., how many youths the project is intended to reach.

Louise advised that the application states 20 young people will be engaged and benefit.

Chris questioned how many of these would be from Hollins and would like to ensure that Hollins is not under-represented.

The panel unanimously agreed to fully fund this project on the proviso that it is confirmed by the applicant that the 20 young people are from Hollins estate.

vi) Friends of St Joseph's School applied for funds for the Urban Garden Project.

Amount requested: £1482.00

Amount recommended: £1482.00

Comments: Stuart felt this was excellent project and well presented which unfortunately missed the deadline in the previous round.

Chris advised that the food produced by this project will be given to the Heywood food bank. The panel agreed that it was a great opportunity to educate children regarding gardening and food production.

Louise advised health and safety may be questioned by Environmental Management Department, RMBC (ie., toxicity testing on soil). Chris advised that this scheme had already been carried out successfully for two years prior.

Susan asked if the North Heywood panel had been approached for funds for this project. Stuart advised North Heywood are heavily over-subscribed.

The panel unanimously agreed to fully fund this project.

Summary of funding granted

£10810.00 allocated.

- (£1828.00 being provisional on Burnside meeting criteria as discussed, £2500.00 being provisional on Siddal Moor meeting criteria as discussed).

£1922.00 remaining funds.

5. Date of the next funding round/panel meeting

The panel agreed the next funding round: **1st – 30th September 2013.**

Suggested dates for a panel meeting in October will be advised to members of the panel through the Doodle site at a later date by Lucy/Stuart.

Action: Lucy/Stuart

6. A.O.B

Stuart closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and their input.