

FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT EXECUTIVE
10/10/2013 at 7.00 pm



Present: Councillor Fielding (Chair)
Councillors Ames (Vice-Chair), Briggs, Dawson, McMahon,
Stretton and Williams

Also in Attendance:

Emma Alexander	Executive Director Commercial Services
Christine Chester	Constitutional Services
John Norris	District Coordinator

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Battye and Garry.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Stretton declared a Personal Interest in Item 8 - District Updates – Citizens Advice Bureau by virtue of the fact that she is a Board Member of the CAB.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were received.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2013 be approved as a correct record.

6 **PETITIONS**

There were no new petitions received.

7 **FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP
BUDGET REPORT**

The District Executive considered a report advising of the budget for 2013/14 and the funding which had either been committed or spent. Members received an update to the report circulated and were advised that the current remaining budget, available to the District Executive, uncommitted or unspent, was as follows:

Hollinwood:	Capital	£7,333.33
	Revenue	£12,590
	Total	£19,923.33
Failsworth East:	Capital	£7,333.33
	Revenue	£14,150
	Total	£21,483.33

Failsworth West: Capital	£2,833
Revenue	£14,150
Total	£16,983

Members noted that funding had not yet been allocated for floral displays within the district.

Whilst no applications for funding had been submitted to this meeting for approval Members advised that the following items would need consideration and should be included in a report to be submitted to the next meeting of the District Executive in November:

- Clarification on the additional programmes of work relating to Norman Street/Wesley Street.
- Clarification of project at Wimbledon Road.
- Resurfacing of Dean Street – Ward Members had allocated a budget for this work but the remaining budget was insufficient to cover the total cost. Members were informed that the Capital Board were looking at allocating monies for this purpose and it was suggested that a request be put forward to cover the work.
- Clarification regarding Dalton Street/Mather Street and Ward Street.

Members discussed the best way to communicate this information to Community Groups and the Chair suggested that most residents logged on to the Follow Failsworth page. The District Co-ordinator advised that he was now starting to compile an “e” register and that this would be a good way of communicating. Other suggestions were that information could be conveyed via the District Partnership web page and Twitter.

RESOLVED that:

1. The update on the budget as outlined and the report now submitted be noted.
2. The remaining funding available for the District Executive for 2013/14 as outlined in the report now submitted be noted.
3. A report be submitted to the next meeting of the District Executive clarifying the information in relation to the work outlined above.

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DISTRICT UPDATES

The District Executive received updates relating to Regeneration, Highways, Community Safety, Citizens Advice Bureau and Police.

Discussion took place regarding:

- **Regeneration:**

Members received a brief presentation on a number of Borough wide projects including the Old Town Hall, Hotel Future and Leisure Centres. More detailed information was provided relating to the key Failsworth and Hollinwood projects; which included Hollinwood Junction, Point (Albert Street Site), Lancaster Club Site, A62 Interventions and Limehurst Estate.



- **Highways and Engineering Services:**

Members received an update on issues raised and particular mention was made of the following:

Dean Street; Wimbledon Road; and Hollins Road/Byron Street/School Road. It was pointed out that, whilst it was acknowledged that work would be carried out in these areas in the near future, the funding of this work needed to be identified as all would not be carried out using the Ward Councillors' budget. The District Co-ordinator offered to speak to Highways Officers following the meeting and inform Members accordingly.

- **Community Safety:**

Consideration was given to a report of the Community Safety Officer which updated Members on recent community safety initiatives in the area. Details of the latest Alley Gating schemes were outlined along with a number of new "Home Watch" schemes in the area.

A request was received for a piece of work to be initiated to straighten a path leading down the side of the Woodman Pub and Manchester Road; the path was unsafe and needed to be lit.

A request was received for TfGM to look at the signage for the Monsall Tram Stop to ensure that visitors to the Borough would be provided with sufficient information when alighting at this stop.

In response to a query from an Elected Member regarding the lighting on Argus Street and County Street the District Co-ordinator informed the meeting that he had been holding weekly meetings with Eon and gave an assurance that everything possible was being done about the situation.

- **Citizens Advice Bureau:**

Information was provided for Members regarding the weekly advice sessions held by the CAB which were delivered alternately between Failsworth Town Hall and Limehurst Library. Fifty two people, thirty seven in Failsworth and fifteen in Limehurst had attended the

sessions during the period 1st May to 31st August 2013 and details of the advice given was outlined for Members.



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- **Police:**

Members received an update from the Police which detailed Antisocial Behaviour statistics and Crime statistics. The Officer highlighted that since 22nd May to 12th September 2013 there had been a significant drop in anti social behaviour incidents reported to the police. Several operations had been operating over the summer months details of which were outlined. It was pointed out that in recent months Adult anti social behaviour in the area had outstripped Youth anti social behaviour.

Unity Partnership:

A report of the Executive Director Commercial Services outlining a request to provide mandatory No Stopping Orders for all schools within the Borough of Oldham was submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED that:

1. The District Updates be noted.
2. Discussion to take place regarding Dean Street; Wimbledon Road; and Hollins Road/Byron Street/School Road with a view to these being included in the Highways Programme. Discussions also to take place relating to the funding for this work; part would be funded from the Devolved budget and funding for the remainder to be identified from other sources.
3. A piece of of work to be initiated to straighten the path leading down the side of the Woodman Pub and Manchester Road.
4. TfGM be requested to look at the signage for the Monsall Tram Stop to ensure that visitors to the Borough would be provided with sufficient information when alighting at this stop.
5. Consideration of the request contained in the Unity Partnership update be deferred to the next meeting of the District Executive and an Officer to be requested to attend the meeting to answer Members' queries on the issue.

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Failsworth and Hollinwood District Executive will take place on Tuesday 12th November 2013 commencing at 7pm at a venue to be advised.

The meeting started at 7.05 pm and ended at 7.25 pm