

FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT EXECUTIVE
21/01/2014 at 7.00 pm



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

Also in Attendance:

Emma Alexander	Executive Director Commercial Services
Carol Brown	Assistant Executive Director Neighbourhoods
Christine Chester	Constitutional Services
John Norris	District Co-ordinator

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor McMahon

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Stretton declared a Personal Interest in Item 9 - Partner 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 had been received.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2013 be approved as a correct record.

6 **PETITIONS**

The District Executive gave consideration to a report which outlined the options available to Members in response to a petition which had been received regarding inappropriate use of Higher Memorial Park Failsworth by some dog owners.

RESOLVED that:

1. Option 2 be approved in that consideration be given to the introduction of a Dogs on Leads order for the whole park.
2. The receipts from any fines issued to be recycled back into the service.

2. **FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD BUDGET REPORT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Executive Director, Economy Places and Skills which advised the District Executive of the budget for 2013/14 and the funding which had either been committed or spent.

Members were advised that a total of £ 43,417.46 currently uncommitted or unspent remained available to the District Executive.

The report also sought consideration of funding for a number of projects and areas of work as follows:



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1. District Floral Arrangements

Members were reminded that discussion had taken place at the last meeting of the District Executive regarding funding to greening or flowers where the District Executive had agreed to reduce floral provision. At that time it had been expected that a meeting of the Hollinwood Partnership would be held on 5th December 2013 where it was anticipated that a recommendation to provide 50% of the funding for flowers at the M60 Junction would be ratified, leaving the remaining 50% to be funded by the District Executive. Unfortunately this meeting had not taken place however, it was suggested that £4805.61 from each of Hollinwood and Failsworth East Budgets ie. a total of £9611.22 be committed. Details of both the Winter and Summer Planting for 2014 for each Ward were detailed for Members which totalled £16359. It was pointed out that in addition to this there would be a further requirement to fund the costs of removing the now redundant planters and hanging baskets together with brackets from lamp posts at a total cost of £300.

2. Failsworth Carnival

An application had been received from the Failsworth Carnival Committee requesting the sum of £2973.81 to support the Carnival in 2014.

3. Bollards at Lord Lane

An application had been received for the sum of £1,800 for the provision of black cast iron bollards in front of the shops on Lord Lane.

4. County Street Lighting Column

Members were reminded that following complaints from the residents of County Street, Hollinwood that an area of the street was without light and this made them feel unsafe in the dark and could in the past have contributed to trips and falls. A Community Survey had been undertaken which had recommended that the area should be illuminated by a street lighting column. The former District Partnership had agreed to fund the cost of £1044, however in order to complete the installation additional work had been required at a cost of £1036. Members expressed concern at the fact that the amount requested had nearly doubled and whilst they were in agreement with some additional funding being granted requested that officers challenge the scale increase.

5. Hollinwood Christmas Tree Provision of Utilities

Members were reminded that following a quote of £1210.00, which at the time had been considered quite low, being received for this work; a shortfall of £777.12 had since been identified and in addition it had been discovered that a further cost of £606.40 for the fitting of an electrical plug socket had also been incurred.

Members supported the request but again asked that Officers challenge the costs involved.



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6. Additional Christmas Lights Hollinwood

Members were advised that due to the increase in the size of the Christmas Tree, from a cut tree which had been provided in recent years to a living tree last year, there was a need to purchase a new set of lights to cover the whole tree.

7. Community Engagement equipment and tools

Members were reminded of a number of events that had taken place over the last twelve months which had enabled the District team to engage with local residents. A programme of events had been planned for 2014 for which the District team had requested a number of resources to assist them with some of the major events.

8. Alley Gating – Hollinwood

Members gave consideration to a request for a gating order for 549-587 Hollins Road; two options had been put forward for consideration but Members queried the reasoning behind one of the options. A Ward Councillor expressed concern at some aspects of the options and asked for further clarification as to whether or not Option 1 would protect all the residents.

RESOLVED that:

1. The breakdown of funding allocated for the financial year 2013-14 be noted.
2. The funding spent or committed to be spent by January 21st 2014 and the balances remaining be noted.
3. Requests for funding be dealt with as detailed below:
 - 3.1 That the sum of £11,553.39 to fund all Winter and Summer planting together with the additional sum of £300 for the removal of brackets and planters be approved as detailed in the report.
 - 3.2 That, in line with a previous decision of the District Executive taken in January 2013 to grant a maximum of £2,500 to any future requests for funding, a sum of £2,500 be approved.
 - 3.3 That the sum of £1,800 for the supply and fit of black cast iron bollards, as detailed in the report, be approved.
 - 3.4 That subject, to the amount requested being challenged by the District Co-ordinator, the sum of £1036 to cover the additional cost for the provision of a street lighting column on County Street, Hollinwood be approved.
 - 3.5 That, subject to the amount requested being challenged by the District Co-ordinator, the sum of £772.12 to cover the shortfall together with £606.40 for the fitting of an electrical plug socket be approved.
 - 3.6 That the request for £389.99 for additional Christmas Lights be approved.
 - 3.7 That the following expenditure, totalling £1967.98, in relation to the District Team's request, be approved:

1 x Portable PA system with hand microphones and head microphones - £354.00

Heavy Duty Gazebos x 4 - £560.00 (£140.00 each)

Apple Press and Equipment - £350
Parasols and stand x 2 - £103.98
Arts and Crafts/Face Paints - £150.00
Seed and herb potting equipment - £150.00
Gardening Tools - £100
Catering Equipment including kits and stoves - £200.00
3.8 That consideration of the request for the funding of Alley Gating in Hollinwood be deferred for further clarification around the two options.

3. **REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Members gave consideration to a report of the Assistant Executive Director, Neighbourhoods which provided a summary of the Christmas Lights Switch on Events 2013. Members commented that the event had been a “roaring success” and paid tribute to the efforts of Councillor Garry and the District Team.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

4. **PARTNER UPDATES**

The District Executive received updates on the following:

Highways and Engineering Services – Issues discussed included:

- Update on Programme of work in relation to Hollinwood – Ward Members expressed concern that schemes had not been identified for 2012–13 and 2013-14 and queried where School Road and Byron Street featured in the programme. The District Co-ordinator agreed to investigate this issue.
- Members were advised that the Traffic regulation orders were progressing at the South Failsworth Primary School and a meeting would be arranged with Ward Councillors during tem time.
- Waiting restrictions on Wye Avenue Failsworth – Members were of the opinion that there was a need for consultation with local residents on this issue.
- Proposed prohibition of Driving – Brookdale Street, Failsworth.
- Request for Waiting Restrictions or Bollards – Alan Avenue/Lord lane Junction, Failsworth - Members were of the opinion that there was a need for consultation with local residents on this issue.
- Proposed Removal of Waiting Restrictions – Albert Street West, Failsworth.

Citizens Advice Bureau – Members were pleased to note the increase in the numbers attending at Limehurst

RESOLVED that:

1. The Partner updates be noted.
2. Following Ward Councillors concerns the District Co-ordinator to investigate the programme of works for the Hollinwood Ward

for 2012-13 and 2013-14, with particular reference to School Road and Byron Street.

3. The District Co-ordinator to arrange a meeting with Ward Councillors to discuss the Traffic Regulation Orders at the South Failsworth Primary School.

4. Consultations take place with the residents of Wye Avenue and Ashton Road West relating to the request for waiting restrictions on Wye Avenue, Failsworth.

5. A prohibition of driving order be introduced within Brookdale Street, Failsworth, as detailed in the report.

6. Consultation take place with residents before the introduction of Waiting Restrictions rather than bollards at the Alan Avenue/Lord Lane junction, Failsworth.

7. Waiting restrictions be removed from Albert Street West, Failsworth, as detailed in the report.

5. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Failsworth and Hollinwood District Executive will take place on Thursday 20th March, at Failsworth Town Hall.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 7.30 pm