

**ACTION NOTES OF THE MEETING OF HALESOWEN NORTH AND
HALESOWEN SOUTH COMMUNITY FORUM**

Held at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th November, 2013 at
Manor Way Primary School, Brier Mill Road, Halesowen

PRESENT:-

Councillor Hill (in the Chair),
Councillor Taylor (Vice Chair)
Councillors Bills and Shakespeare

Officers:-

Mr. S. Beckett, Customer Services Manager, Dudley Council Plus (Directorate of Corporate Resources) (Lead Officer to the Committee) and Mr J. Jablonski (Directorate of Corporate Resources)

together with two members of the public

15. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Vickers and Woodall.

16. **WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting.

17. **LISTENING TO YOU: QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS**

No issues were raised under this heading.

18. **WORKING WITH YOU - TOPICS RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILLORS**

No issues were raised under this heading.

19. AREA GRANTS

A report of the Lead Officer was submitted on applications for funding from four organisations and in respect of the application deferred from the last meeting of the Forum in respect of the Leaps and Bounds Organisation, further information on which was reported at the meeting.

In connection with the applications, Councillor Bills declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Leaps and Bounds application and Councillor Mrs. Shakespeare reported that she had been involved with the Unit3Sixty application.

Arising from consideration given to the applications submitted, including consideration of details presented by a representative from Unit3Sixty, it was:-

AGREED TO RECOMMEND:-

That the Director of Corporate Resources

- (1) Approve the application received from Leaps and Bounds but only in relation to the costs of providing 30 polo shirts and a first aid kit in the sum of £380 and inform the organisation that a further application from them would be welcomed based specifically on items they wished to fund relating to production matters involving the young people concerned.
- (2)
 - (a) Approve in principle the application from Unit3Sixty in the sum of £2,500 only subject to planning permission being obtained and to the submission of further information on the overall funding of the project.
 - (b) That a further report be submitted to the Forum in due course, following the receipt of the additional information referred to above and prior to any funding being released by the Director of Corporate Resources.
 - (c) That subject to (a) and (b) above, further consideration be given by the Forum to the making of additional funds available up to a further £2,500 subject to the funding being available from this year's balances.
- (3) Approve the application from Fast+Aid for the sum of £1,000 for a vehicle to assist with 999 emergency calls .

- (4) Approve the application from Halesowen in Bloom in the sum of £2,074.80, representing 50% of the total amount requested, it being understood that the application would also be considered by the Belle Vale/Hayley Green and Cradley South Community Forum at a forthcoming meeting.
 - (5) Approve the making of a grant of £1,000.90 for the provision of a Christmas Tree in Long Lane, Halesowen, submitted by the Council's Environmental Management Division.
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20. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted, that the next meeting of the Community Forum would be held at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 30th January, 2014 at Hurst Green Primary School, Halesowen.

The meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.