

**ACTION NOTES OF THE MEETING OF COSELEY EAST/SEDGLEY
COMMUNITY FORUM**

Tuesday 18th March 2014 at 6.30 pm
at Age Concern, Ettymore Road, Sedgley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Caunt (Chair)
Councillor Ridney (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Baugh, Evans and Mottram

Officers:-

Mr S Cooper (Lead Officer to the Forum) (Head of Strategic Asset Planning)
and Mrs M Johal (both Directorate of Corporate Resources)

Together with three members of the public.

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APOLOGY

An apology for absence from the meeting was received on behalf of
Councillor Mrs Westwood.

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Coseley East/Sedgley
Community Forum.

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**LISTENING TO YOU – QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM LOCAL
RESIDENTS**

No issues were raised.

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WORKING WITH YOU – TOPICS RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Councillor Caunt referred to Sedgley Beacon and stated that consideration
was being given to forming a Friends Group for the area and a public meeting
was due to be held with a group of volunteers on Thursday of this week in this
regard. It was hoped to attract funding to preserve and maintain the area.

Councillor Ridney referred to the Bowling Green at Silver jubilee Park and
stated that costs with a view to reusing the site were being obtained.

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AREA GRANTS

A report of the Lead Officer was submitted on an application for funding. The Lead Officer also verbally reported on three further applications that had been received from Dudley Arts Council, Access in Dudley and the Coseley Cricket Club since submission of the report.

Arising from the presentation of the report Members referred to applications that were being sent to all Community Forums for consideration and were of the view that grant applications should be from the local community to undertake activities locally and specific to the Ward concerned. Where there were Borough wide applications these should state specifics pertaining to each Ward. The Chair also commented that some Community Forums were split into two and others into three Wards and, as funding allocated to Forums comprising of two Wards was of a lesser amount, funding given to Borough wide applications should also be divided proportionately.

Following consideration of the applications it was agreed to:-

- (a) Refer the application from The High Arcal School for a grant in the sum of £5000 to the Gornal/Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Community Forum for consideration as the School was based in that area and under their jurisdiction.
- (b) Defer the application for a grant of up to £5000 to Dudley Arts Council for further information to clarify the exact amount and any specific activities relating to the Coseley East/Sedgley Ward.
- (c) Defer the application for a partial grant to Access in Dudley for further information to clarify the benefits specific to the Coseley East/Sedgley Ward and to provide a breakdown of services offered by them.

AGREED TO RECOMMEND

That, subject to the receipt of three quotes, the Director of Corporate Resources be requested to approve a grant in the sum of £5000 to the Coseley Cricket Club towards the purchase of a wicket roller and a mower.

DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was reported that meetings of the Community Forum would be held on the following dates subject to Council approval on 5th June, 2014:-

Tuesday 24th June, 2014 (venue to be confirmed)
Tuesday 2nd September, 2014 (venue to be confirmed)
Tuesday 4th November, 2014 (venue to be confirmed)
Tuesday 27th January, 2015 (venue to be confirmed)
Tuesday 17th March, 2015 (venue to be confirmed)

The meeting ended at 7.00 pm