

**MINUTES OF THE WEST GREEN AND BRUCE GROVE AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Councillors Ejiofor(Chair) Khan, Dogus, McNamara, Griffith, Mallett

Apologies None

Also Present: Alex Fraser, Bernie Ryan,

<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT/DECISION</b>	<b>ACTON BY</b>
WGBG AC 9	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE(IF ANY)</b></p> <p>No apologies for absence were received.</p>	
WGBG AC 10	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest put forward.</p>	
WGBG AC 11	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>The minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> June meeting were agreed subject to an amendment to WGBGAC6, paragraph 1 , the name of the road should have read Dunlow Avenue instead of Dunwell Avenue.</p>	Clerk
WGBG AC 12	<p><b>MAKING THE DIFFERENCE FUNDING AGREEMENTS</b></p> <p>The Chair of the Committee explained that the making the Difference Fund was established to help improve the quality of the local environment and lives of local residents, promoting a lasting impact where possible. A total of £25,000 has been allocated to each of the 7 Committee areas and applications had been invited from recognised or constituted groups. All projects were to be delivered and accounted for within the financial year ending March 2012, with a maximum of £5,000 being given to any individual project.</p> <p>Members of the Committee had considered 22 funding applications and had took a balanced view of projects supporting youth, older residents, environment and the wider community. They also considered value for money and sustainability alongside a match with the stated criteria. The outcome of their considerations were set out in Appendix 1 and contained details of the groups to be funded .</p>	

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	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>Members of the Committee approved the proposed sums to be awarded as set out in Appendix 1 .</p>	
<p>WGBG AC 13</p>	<p><b>PLANS FOR TREE PLANTING IN WEST GREEN AND BRUCE GROVE WARDS</b></p> <p>The Committee Chair had invited Alex Fraser, the Council's Arboricultural Officer, based in the Place and Sustainability service, to provide information to local residents about the tree planting activities taking place in Bruce Grove and West Green wards. It was noted that there were 35 new trees to be planted in the West Green and Bruce Grove area and that priority was being given to planting in existing new tree pits. The locations for planting the tree had been decided upon following a survey however there was an opportunity to receive feedback from residents before November 2011 where the trees were to be planted. Committee members recommended that in future planting exercises, local resident associations are contacted at the survey stage so that they have an input on the selection of locations.</p> <p>Residents were assured that if they objected to a tree being planted outside their home then the tree would not be placed here. Ideas were put forward for planting trees outside of the Tottenham Green centre.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Committee noted the information provided by the Arboricultural officer.</li> <li>ii. It was agreed that the Arboricultural officer meet with the West Green and Bruce Grove Resident's Associations before the list of locations for tree planting were finalised and that he continue to consult with these residents in future tree planting activities . <b><i>Please see attached final list of tree plant plots</i></b></li> <li>iii. That tree planting activities were publicised on the Council's websites with key consultation dates listed.</li> </ul>	
<p>WGBG AC 14</p>	<p><b>POT HOLE FUNDING</b></p> <p>West Green and Bruce Grove wards had been allocated £17,190 to fund pot hole repairs. A list of roads has been compiled from suggestions provided by the public and following an intensive survey of all roads in August 2011. The Committee were asked to consider this list and agree the roads to be repaired or resurfaced. Addressing all the identified potholes would reduce the need for future repairs and help</p>	

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	<p>seal the carriageways before the winter weather commenced.</p> <p>Dunlow road was assigned to have a pothole repairs and Members asked if this could be considered for resurfacing instead due to the poor condition of this road. Members were advised that to qualify for resurfacing the conditions of the potholes would need to be more than 60 millilitres deep. However Dunlow Road as well as Kitchener Road could be investigated in the coming financial year for resurfacing. <i>To confirm that these two roads have been added to a provisional list of roads to be considered for resurfacing in the new financial year. Decisions on the roads to be resurfaced will be made after assessments in early March, following the winter period when there is further deterioration. An update can be further provided to the April meeting if requested.</i></p> <p>A further query was raised about the condition of Gloucester road which had been previously resurfaced. However, part of this road was in Broadwater Farm Estate and had not received the same treatment. This was the responsibility of Homes for Haringey but as the Council had a working relationship with Homes for Haringey and were able to inspect this part of the road and pass any concerns onto them.</p> <p>Further information was sought on the process for reporting damages to bollards caused by buses. The Committee noted that the highways service did pursue damages to bollards but would need to have the evidence to submit to the bus company when reporting this. <i>Councillors and residents can report damages caused by buses to Frontline services on 0208 489 1535.</i></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>The Committee agreed that the allocation £17,100 be spent on repairs to the roads listed in Appendix 1.</p>	
<p>WGBG AC 15</p>	<p><b>TO NOTE DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSION ON VENUES AND AGENDA ITEMS</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the 31 January 2012 meeting be held in Bruce Grove ward, preferably near the High Road in a venue suitable for traders to attend. It was further agreed to hold the spring meeting, on the 23 April, in West Green ward.</p>	
<p>WGBG AC 16</p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE</b></p>	

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	<p>There was a query , from an acquaintance of a community group, about the reasons for their making the difference bid not being successful. The Chair explained the criteria used to assess the bids which included sustainability as a project and value for money. Officers offered to look at the bid made by the group and provide advice on alternative funding sources. Another potential funding avenue open to community groups in the future was the voluntary sector community chest scheme. Officers were working on making the applications available online. <i>How this funding will be made available to local groups is currently under review and an update can be provided to the next meeting in April .</i></p>	
<p>WGBG AC 17</p>	<p><b>ITEMS OF EXEMPT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>None</p>	

Cllr Joseph Ejiofor

Chair