



**GROVE PARK LOCAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING
Thursday 2 April 2009 7pm – 9pm
Territorial Army (TA) Centre
Napier House, Baring Road, London SE9**

Record of Meeting

- 1.0 **Welcome, introduction and format for meeting**
Cllr Britton Welcomed and introduced the agenda for the evening:
- Introduction, format for meeting & announcement projects funded from Locality Fund 2008 / 09
 - What the coordinating group has been doing since the last meeting
 - Presentation – Locality Fund Projects (Benches for Chinbrook meadows) & (Annual Grove Park Summer Garden Event)
 - Agreement to award shortfall fund from last year Locality Fund award
 - Prioritising ideas collected from last assembly meeting for the £50,000 Mayor's Fund
 - Agreement on 5 top ideas
 - Voting / announcement of decision on project presented for locality fund 2009 /10
 - Question & Answer session
- 2.0 **What the Co-ordinating group has been doing since the last Assembly meeting**
- Helen Pink updated Assembly on what coordinating group members has been doing on behalf of Grove Park assembly since the last meeting held on 19 January as follows:
- Attended Training on Developing Assembly Charter for Grove Park – the session held on 11 March gave an insight into how resident can take control of process, monitoring service agreement between the Council and local people aimed contributing to forward planning of Assembly process
 - Work carried out on the ideas suggested for the £50,000 Mayor's Fund - Members tasked with looking through the list of ideas

suggested for the Mayor's Fund spend collected at the last Assembly meeting. Looking at similarities and merging ideas where applicable. Work carried out has resulted in a more firmed up projects ideas presented for this meeting.

- Planning Assembly meeting – group continue to have an input into publicity materials circulated for Assembly meeting, setting agenda and agreement on sitting arrangement.

3.0

Presentation - Locality Fund Projects 2009 /10

Cllr Britton introduced the Locality Fund item explaining that 2 projects would be presenting their ideas to the Assembly. Each project will have 5 minutes to talk about their project. Attendees would have 20minutes to discuss the merits of each of the proposals as a group at each table before being asked to individually vote for project by show of hand.

- **£4,000 for provision of Wooden Benches for Chinbrooke Meadows** - Suzannah Clarke presented this project as part of the Tutu peace trail project. Suzannah explained that the peace garden will possibly be located by the entrance to the Park. She is awaiting a visit from a professional garden designer to agree exact location. Commitment from Chelsea flower show to donate flowers. It is proposed that the garden will be completed in June 09. four local schools will be involved in the design. Desmond Tutu and South Africa high commissioner expected to open garden in July 09
- **£1,000 Grove Park Annual Summer Garden Event** - Karen Barnes presented details of project to assembly. Karen explained that the Annual Garden event which has been running for 2 years now is held in the park behind Grove Park Library. Event will be delivered in partnership with local business and service providers in the area. Event attracted around 500 local people last year. Karen is asking for £1000 to cover cost of entertainment e.t.c. Event is proposed to take place on Saturday 4 July 09.

Agreement required for making up shortfall for project awarded funding from locality fund 2008 / 09

Cllr Britton explained that funding awarded to 2 projects from last year locality fund had to be reduced as total award went over the £10,000 mark. The projects affected were flower planting and streetscape – reduced from £2,500 to £2000 and reprinting history of Grove Park from £1,800 to £1,000.

Cllr Britton asked Assembly if the £800 shortfall for reprinting the History of Grove Park can be clawed back from this year's Locality Fund. This request was granted.

4.0 **Prioritising ideas**

Cllr Britton introduced item explaining that there are 11 project listed. These are ideas suggested by attendees who attended last Assembly meeting for the Mayor's Fund spend. Discuss details of each ideas based on their relevancy to assembly priorities and suitability in groups using the instructions in the envelope as guide. The group will need to select up to five ideas that the money could be spent on. Voting will follow by show of hand on each table to select preferred ideas. The ideas selected will be taken away by the co-ordinator to explore cost of delivery. Costed project will be represented at next assembly meeting for voting and final agreement.

5.0 **Result from table discussion on Mayor's Fund**

Cllr Britton announced the result of the Mayor's Fund shortlisting discussion voting as follows:

1 st place	Upgrading IT Suite in Grove Park Youth Club to include community access 2 days a week for job search e.t.c.
2 nd place	Improvements to Grove Park Nature Reserve
3 rd place	Ringway Feasibility study
4 th place =	Extra resources to support elderly clubs in the area Tutu Peace Trail project Improvement to Northbrook Play equipment

As there was a tie between 3 ideas in 4th place, the chair directed that all 6 ideas be costed and represented at next assembly meeting where a vote will take place to agree project to be put forward for the Mayor's Fund from Grove Park ward.

6.0 **Locality Fund projects & Co-ordinating result**

Following voting the 3 projects presented to assembly for consideration for the £10,000 Locality Fund were agreed as follows:

- Benches for Chinbrook Meadows park (Part of the Tutu Trail project) - £4000
- Annual Grove Park Garden Event - £1000
- Shortfall for reprinting of History of Grove Park - £800

The remaining fund of £4200 will be applied to other projects later in the year.

7.0 **Question and Answer Sessions**

No community concerns raised.

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Meeting Close

Cllr Britton thanked attendees and closed meeting.

Date of next Assembly meeting – Saturday 20 June 2009, at the TA Centre, Baring Road