

ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP CLEAN AND GREEN PRIORITY GROUP

Monday 19 February 2018
Room G10, Ground Floor, Number One Riverside,
Smith Street, Rochdale

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Shakil Ahmed (Chair), Ali Ahmed, Jane Howard, Sameena Zaheer, Michael Holly and Wendy Cocks

Officers: Rachel Hudson (Townships)

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

The chair welcomed all to the meeting and introductions took place.

Apologies were received from Councillors Kieran Heakin, Daniel Meredith and Jean Hornby

Apologies were also received from the applicant Habibul Ahad (Environmental Awareness & Cleaner Neighbourhoods application).

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record. No matters arising. Councillors were advised of the remaining fund balance of **£13,835** and reminded of their previous decision to cap award levels at £2,500 for each application.

3. GRANT APPLICATIONS

Application CG/05/17 - Taylor Park Environmental Improvements

Environmental Management submitted an application on behalf of the Friends of Taylor Park to fund landscaping improvements consisting of the provision of four litter bins to reduce the litter problems in the park and the installation of 80m of knee rail fencing to prevent unauthorised access.

Members were informed the total cost of the project is £3,920 and an amount of £750 has been committed to the project from Norden Ward Fund.

Grant required: £3,170

Decision: Members agreed to support this application and recommended an allocation of £2,500.

Application CG/06/17 - Rochdale Township in Bloom 2018

Members were informed that Rochdale in 2018 will be competing in the North West In Bloom regional competition and also the National In Bloom Competition as the North West representative in the Small City category, which is the first time that Rochdale has competed on the national stage. The group have submitted an application for £2,500 to purchase six planters and bedding plants to enhance the judging route.

Grant required: £2,500

Decision: Members agreed to support the application and recommended an allocation of £2,500.

Application CG/07/17 - Improving Green Spaces

Deeplish Community Centre have submitted an application to fund improvements to the green spaces inside the grounds of the community centre for public and community groups to access and make use of. This project aims to encourage participants' involvement, engagement and learning about the outdoor environment with opportunities to interact with different community members from diverse backgrounds to increase their knowledge and participation. Service users and community members will be involved in planting flowers and shrubs in the front area of Hare Street Park to create attractive floral displays and enhance the outlook from the centre.

Grant required: £1,300

Decision: Members agreed to support the application and recommended an allocation of £1,300.

Application CG/08/17 - Spotland Primary School Sensory Garden

Representatives from Spotland Primary School informed Members of their plans to develop the garden areas around the school into a sensory garden which would stimulate the senses courtesy of plants and materials that engage the senses of sight, smell, touch, taste and sound. These types of gardens are beneficial to children and adults, especially those with sensory processing issues, including autism and other disabilities. The total cost of the project is £3,000 and an amount of £1,000 has been committed to the project from Spotland & Falinge Ward Fund.

Grant required: £2,000

Decision: Members agreed to support the application and recommended an allocation of £2,000

Application CG/09/17 - Environmental Awareness & Cleaner Neighbourhood

In the absence of the applicant, Habibul Ahad, Councillor Ali Ahmed presented the application to Members. The project is designed to build on the work already carried out to raise environmental awareness amongst local residents and help maintain a cleaner neighbourhood in the Wardleworth area. This project will involve awareness generating sessions covering various topics, cleaning rounds and educational visits to recycling centres.

Grant required: £1,414

Decision: Members agreed to support the application and recommended an allocation of £1,414.

Application CG/10/17 - Bloom-ING Spotland

Rochdale in Bloom propose to create Rochdale's first walking trail designed specifically with older people in mind. It will involve a 200m long accessible path encouraging exercise with learning boards along the way. The project aims to help minimise social isolation and provide a safe and visible area to engage local residents.

Grant required: £2,500

Decision: Members agreed to support the application and recommended an allocation of £2,500.

Application CG/11/17 - Stoney Hill Biodiversity Meadow

Members of Spotland Estate Tenants & Residents Association attended the meeting to explain the Stoney Hill Biodiversity Meadow Phase 2 project. The project aims to expand the existing biodiversity wildflower meadow with an additional area of around 500m² previously used as a dumping ground. Removal of the buried rubbish and the topsoil will create an environment suitable for native wildflower growing. Sowing with native perennials will help to make the meadow low maintenance, but will encourage maximum biodiversity with bees, beetles and butterflies all thriving in this environment. It will enhance the area for residents and passers-by, discourage fly tipping and also strengthen the Rochdale In Bloom submission for future years.

Grant required - £1,100

Decision: Members agreed to support the application and recommended an allocation of £1,100.

4. MEMBERS CLEAN & GREEN ISSUES

No matters were raised.

5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.