



THE LADYWELL ASSEMBLY

**Wednesday 19 September 2012
7-9pm
St Marys Centre
Ladywell Road London, SE13**

Minutes of the Meeting

Welcome, introduction & format for the evening

Cllr Vincent Davis (Chair) opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending, in the particular the groups who were bidding for the remainder of the assembly fund amounting to £17,970. £780 has been previously spent on hanging baskets at Ladywell Village which was approved at the March assembly.

Cllr Davis then invited everyone to speak to the groups at their information tables which were set at around the room. There will then be an opportunity to vote at approximately 8pm with polls closing at 8:20pm. Anyone who lives, works or studies in the Ladywell ward area were eligible to vote and should have received a ballot paper upon arrival at the meeting. There were 3 categories of funding available (younger people, other ward priorities and small grants) Residents were invited to place their votes on the appropriate part of the ballot form and speak to a member of staff if they are not sure about anything.

ASSEMBLY FUND PROJECTS 2012/13

The following organisations were present at the meeting and were each given an information table. A maximum period of 50 minutes was permitted to speak with residents prior to the formal vote.

Young Persons Category (£10,000)

Brockley County Football Club

Project description

A pioneering project that aims to get young people involved in sport. The football programme will hopefully lead to a healthier lifestyle and improved life chances for the participants over the long term. Brockley County Football Club is a local organisation designed to be inclusive for all boys and girls to use football as a way of becoming fit and healthy. Furthermore, by providing an opportunity for our young people, we will get them off the streets with the aim of reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

How much will the project cost?

The total costs of this project will be £2,250

Lewisham community sports summer programme 2013

Project description

Support young people from Ladywell Ward to make them better prepared for the jobs market by supporting them and giving them workplace skills, experience and relevant training and paying them after a short probationary period. The work would be on our holiday scheme at Prendergast Hilly Fields College and also in partnership with St Andrews Community Centre.

Support young children aged between 6 and 12 to attend our holiday scheme that are referred by local primary schools (Beecroft Gardens and Gordonbrock) and Lewisham Social Services that would not usually attend because of lack of finance and/or difficult family situations.

How much will the project cost?

The total cost of this project will be £11,670 of which the assembly fund request amounts to £5,000.

Lewisham Youth Theatre

Project description

Lewisham Youth Theatre (LYT) will provide free places for Ladywell residents aged 8 to 19 to take part in our youth theatre projects in 2012/13. We do not audition, everyone can take part, we do expect commitment, respect & for each person to contribute their best. These projects include:

Junior Youth Theatre, 8-11s: Drama workshops culminating in two performances in June 2013, helping participants to develop confidence, communication & literacy skills.

Junior Youth Theatre, 12 – 14s: Short programmes of drama workshops culminating in sharing of creative work in December 2012 & July 2013, helping participants develop emotional literacy, communication and teamwork skills.

Senior Youth Theatre, 15-19: Two projects, each culminating in a performance in April 2013, building on skills learned in previous programmes and helping to develop responsibility and ambition.

How much will the project cost?

The total costs of this project are £2,840 of which £2,175 is requested from the assembly fund

Montage Theatre Arts

Montage Theatre Arts (MTA) is currently running 33 weekly classes after school and on Saturdays at Prendergast Hillyfields College in Ladywell. MTA wishes to

use the Ladywell Mayoral Fund to develop its work with an additional new members of 45 local teenagers and young people, aged 11 to 25 years, in 4 key strands of its work, as requested by its core Youth Committee members in July 11.

Other aims of the programme include continuing to support the youth dance company, establish a new youth dance company and extend the volunteer programme to include 5 new local people aged 14-25 years of age. The development of the youth committee and youthzone web and IT connections also remains a priority for this project.

How much will the project cost?

The total cost of this project will be £5,890 of which £5,000 is requested from the assembly fund.

Other ward priorities £6,970

Ladywell Christmas Market 2012

The Ladywell Christmas market is a popular community event which has helped raise the profile of the neighbourhood, promote local businesses, and build awareness of some of the problems the area faces. It brings together local people, business owners, local arts and crafts makers, the church, parents and children from local schools for a truly festive occasion. The market has been run for three years by a small group of volunteers from the Ladywell Village Improvement Group with minimal financing. Additional funding would be used to help publicise the event, meet the cost of hiring generators, pay initial licence costs and fund the hire of tables, lights etc. We do not aim to make a profit but any surplus funds remaining after all costs have been met will be ploughed back into central Ladywell and used towards the costs of enhancing the area through public art, additional street furniture or planting and would be coordinated with the Streetscape Improvements which are to begin towards the end of the year.

How much will the project cost?

The total costs of this project will be £1,700 of which the assembly fund contribution amounts to £900.

Ladywell fields café development project

Project description

The Ladywell Fields cafe is a valued local facility with a popular operator, but it has little indoor seating for customers and limited scope for improving its potential so that it can be an all-year-round place to stop for a while. The building in which it is located has the potential for redevelopment to provide a better cafe facility and the purpose of this bid is to engage an architect to undertake a feasibility study to recommend/propose how best to reconfigure the building to enable a better cafe facility. The Council owns the building and is very supportive of this proposal – not least because, given public sector financial constraints, there is no money in the Parks budget to undertake such work. This project will deliver a document which shows, with architects plans, how the cafe building might best be reconfigured to best/better to provide for an expanded cafe facility whilst continuing to accommodate the other existing uses – toilet facilities and an office for the park keeper. The document will provide a blueprint for discussion/negotiation with the current and other potential cafe operators who will be expected to undertake the redevelopment project in return for a long lease, at peppercorn rent.

How much will the project cost?

The total costs of this project is £2,500 of which £1,125 is requested from the assembly fund

Tyrwhitt Road Neighbourhood Beautification Programme

Project description

Provide planters and hanging baskets to beautify Tyrwhitt Road in keeping with the history and character of the Conservation area. The project will enhance the appearance of the neighbourhood and build community spirit.

How much will the project cost?

The total cost of this project will be £500

The Brockley Design Project – Recreate the Bandstand at Hilly Fields

Project description

This project is part of the Brockley Design Project – the aim of which is to provide a focus for engaging local people on the issue of design in Brockley, and the surrounding area's built environment. Architectural and Urban Design professionals based in the area will set up temporary "pop-up" events - points of interaction using collage and physical structures which local people can grow and develop - in shops, schools community spaces etc to initially engage the interest of residents and use these as a basis to run a series workshops at suitable local venues across the area. Residents will be invited to take part in creative, fun and engaging consultation exercises relating to how we feel about the buildings and public realm that surround us – the positives and the negatives. Last year, they successfully gained funding from the Ladywell Assembly to put on an Ice Skating Event at Hilly Fields. The event was very well attended by a wide cross-section of community.

How much will the project cost?

The total cost of this project will be £2,800.

Small grants (£250 and under)

Raz after school and holiday activity club

Project description

Raz is an After School Club and Holiday Activity Club providing a diverse range of activities for children aged between 4-12 years old. We are viewed as an asset to the community because we provide childcare facilities for working parents and the local community. We are professionally run, inclusive and community orientated. Our aim is to make a difference by creating an atmosphere in which we promote and encourage self esteem, self respect, self expression. The Project aims to provide Home corner Equipment for the After School Club & Holiday Provision, this will help the young people who attend develop skills on healthy lifestyles, learn social interaction and self expression, listening and doing skills will be gained whilst learning how to work as part of a group, making co-operative and collaborative decisions

How much will the project cost?

The total costs of this project is £250

Friends of Brockley and Ladywell cemeteries

Project description

The aim is to purchase equipment thus enabling FOBLC to host other community groups and information projects in the Ladywell Cemetery Chapel and at other venues. The other aim is to advance a publishing programme of guides to, and maps of the Cemeteries. Both objectives set out to achieve a higher profile for the group, and to raise awareness generally of the Cemeteries.

How much will the project cost?

The total cost of this project will be £294.75 of which the assembly fund contribution requested amounts to £250

Lewisham Council autumn consultations

Cllr Davis explained that the Council was keen to hear residents opinions around two very important consultations taking place during the autumn of 2012. The first was the parking consultation review which was taking place across Lewisham. The review will consider all aspects of parking including permits and parking payments. The survey was available online until 28 September 2012 and paper copies were also available at the meeting to complete. The second review was the fairness in procurement and employment practices of which copies were also available at the meeting. The Council has an independent panel which advises officers on the pay framework for its chief officer positions. The overview and scrutiny committee will review the findings and comments can also be e-mailed to IERP@lewisham.gov.uk

Community Updates

Nico Springman, Chair of the Ladywell Safer Neighbourhood panel outlined the ward priorities as follows:

- anti-social behaviour at Greatfield Close SE13
- burglary
- thefts at Hillyfields SE13

A number of initiatives were currently being addressed aimed at tackling the above problems. These include promoting neighbourhood watch schemes, targeted patrols and crime prevention stands at Ladywell Railway station. There was an opportunity for residents to get involved with the panel and anyone interested persons should speak to Nico during the meeting. Sgt David Hawtin will give a more detailed update around operational matters at the next assembly meeting.

The trustees of the Ladywell Trust Development has been established with the aim of bringing the Playtower back into use. The Trust has been established to oversee the renovation and re-use of the 'Playtower', the Grade II Listed Victorian former swimming baths situated on Ladywell Road.

A conservation management plan has been drawn up and works are currently taking place to the fabric of the building. Passers by will have noticed the scaffolding to the front and rear of the building. English Heritage have provided some finance and other monies will need to be found by other means. Kay Kelleher of Voluntary Action Lewisham is currently in Cambodia/Vietnam on a charitable bike ride and hopes to raise £8,000.

A resident raised the issue of the controlled parking zone in Ladywell. An online petition has been set up asking the Council to review the controlled parking zone as part of the consultation review. The aim is to reduce the number of roads in the CPZ, the number of hours of operation and bays. The findings will be submitted to the Mayor of Lewisham to consider later in the year.

ASSEMBLY FUND RESULTS

Cllr Davis announced the results as follows:

Young Persons category £10,000

Lewisham community sports £5,000
Montage Theatre Arts £5,000

Other ward priorities

Ladywell fields café project £1,125
Ladywell Christmas Market £900
Tyrwhitt Road planting £500
The Brockley design project £2,800

Small grants process (£250 and under)

Friends of Brockley and Ladywell cemetery £250
Raz after school club £250

There was a balance of the fund amounting to £2,145. The coordination group will meet in early November 2012 to decide how these monies will be allocated.

Formal close of assembly business and date of next meeting

Cllr Davis concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending, particularly the organisations for submitting their presentations in a very professional and succinct way.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6 December 2012 at the St Andrews Centre, Brockley Road, SE4 2SA between 7pm and 9pm.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9:05pm.

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting