

# MINUTES OF THE PERRY VALE ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 27 November 2014 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors John Paschoud, Alan Till and Susan Wise

## 1. Welcome from the Chair

The start of the assembly consisted of a marketplace event to decide the £12,500 2014/15 Perry Vale Assembly Fund. Applicants were provided with a proposal number and a stall and there were 11 applications in total. Attendees were then asked to visit each stall and talk to each of the applicants before marking each project individually out of 10. Officers would then total the votes with the projects that receive the most votes up to the £12,500 available being funded. For details of the proposals contact [paul.gale@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:paul.gale@lewisham.gov.uk)

Cllr Susan Wise welcomed everyone to the assembly meeting and introduced Cllr John Paschoud and Cllr Alan Till. She then thanked Forest Hill School for agreeing to host the assembly meeting.

## 2. Update from the Police

PC Richard Bailey from the Perry Vale Safer Neighbourhood Team told Assembly that Operation Bumblebee has started again and will run until February 2015, this is a London wide anti Burglary initiative as Christmas is traditionally a period when Burglary increases. Overall Burglary is down by 11% this year and there is lots of information at [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk) regarding keeping your home secure, much of this is obvious, but people still need reminding.

The police are continuing to promote the email contact list as this is an excellent way of disseminating information, the police do not share. This data with any other parties and you will only be sent information which is relevant, such as 'be on the lookout for', witness appeals and scams etc.

Robberies are down, but people must keep an eye on their mobile Phones especially when leaving the Station as last year there were snatches and with Christmas approaching this could start again.

Cllr Wise – Once again on behalf of the assembly I would like to say how much we appreciate the hard work that you do and we really value your attendance at these meetings.

## 3. Young Citizenship Programme

FHS has launched a new social action Initiative – the Young Citizen's Programme – This aims to encourage young people to become more active citizens by devising projects / campaigns that address local needs.

Throughout the autumn term 240 Year 9 students (13-14 year olds) have been working with specialist Facilitators, researching local priorities and coming up with innovative ideas for projects. In January, each class will present a pitch of their class idea, from which a winning project will be selected for delivery direct in the community during the Spring and / or Summer terms. Local councillors from Perry Vale, Sydenham and Forest Hill wards recently attended a special assembly to

talk about the priorities in their wards, and Young Advisers from Lewisham Young Mayor's Office will also help with delivery of the final project. The YCP not only develops student's skills (e.g. research entrepreneurship, communication / presentation, creative thinking problem solving, project management) and sense of philanthropy, but also promotes social interaction and action, encouraging young people to work with their wider community (across the ages) for the benefit of all.

Christmas Market Event – Sasha also advised the assembly that on Tuesday 16th December 2014 from 6pm-8.30pm there is the Forest Hill School Christmas Market. There will be music, dance and drama performances, festive food and drink Christmas gifts, crafts stalls and more. Entry is free and all are welcome.

#### **4. Community information**

Sydenham and Forest Hill Youth Forum – Melissa Knight told the assembly that she is back from Germany and will be working with the Forum again. The Sydenham and Forest Hill Youth Forum is setting up a consortium where several organisations will be working together to write funding applications. The Forum will also be asking local residents to give monthly donations to fund direct projects with local young people. If you are an organisation that wants to hear more or a resident who wants to give, please email [mel@sfhyouthforum.org.uk](mailto:mel@sfhyouthforum.org.uk).

#### **5. Results of the vote**

The following projects will receive funding from the £12,500 Perry Vale Assembly Fund:

- Grow Mayow – Beekeeping activities £1890
- Dalmain Athletic Girl's Football Project £2000
- Safer Neighbourhood Team - Crime Prevention and Awareness Days £1584
- Young Lewisham Project - Intergenerational Project Young Lewisham and Mind £1560
- Sydenham Forest Hill Youth Forum - Consortium Development Project £1912
- London Thunder - Community Basketball Project £2000
- The Forest with the Big Hill – Storytelling Project £300

The above projects were fully funded leaving £1,254. As the next placed project Seniors - Young Enterprise Day will receive this amount instead of the £1,750 that they applied for

Cllr Wise then thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and offered her commiserations to the unsuccessful projects. She explained that the next assembly meeting will be on Tuesday 10 March 2015 at the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Church

The meeting closed at 8.30pm. No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.