



DOWNHAM ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2014 at 11:00 am
Wesley Halls Community Centre, Shroffold Road, Bromley.
BR1 5PE

Minutes of the Meeting

Welcome from the Chair – Cllr. Timi Ogunbadewa opened the meeting and welcomed all those present.

Assembly Fund – recommended Projects

This year the Downham Assembly used the Commissioning Approach, in line with other assemblies in the borough, to allocate assembly funds. This entailed using findings from the questionnaire circulated at Downham Celebrates and the September Assembly to identify areas the community wished to focus assembly funds on.

The fund was then launched with clear information on the website and in application packs regarding the type of projects the Assembly wished to commission.

The Coordinating Group then met on 12th November and assessed each application to determine which ones best met the criteria.

Those short-listed were invited to deliver a brief presentation at the Assembly.

Cllr. Ogunbadewa explained that after each presentation, there would be a vote (show of hands) to determine if the those present agreed with the Co-groups recommendations.

The Projects put forward to the Assembly;

- Young Adults Swimming Club - £1,780
- Reach & Sing Out Choir - £1,470
- HAKA – Over 50's Table-Tennis - £1,567
- REAP Youth Club - £2,170
- LWFCI - £1,000
- Downham Celebrates - £1,500
- Over 50's Club - £1,000
- Smiles Team Room & Social Club – £2,000

All projects were voted in with a caveat on the HAKA Over 50's Table-Tennis Club to ensure the project secures 15 people to take up the activity before commencement of the project in April 2015.

Formal approval can now be given to each project proposer and the grant administrative processes can begin with payments being made anytime from now until February 2015.

All Projects are to be delivered by Project delivery partners by 30 November 2015.

All projects that receive assembly funds will be monitored to ensure that the funds have been used in the agreed manner and that the project has been delivered.

Projects will be invited to return to a future assembly meeting to feedback on progress.

Downham Tavern – Roxanne, Licensee of the recently refurbished Downham Tavern delivered a presentation on the Tavern to the Assembly. She said;

“The Downham Tavern is a local pub for local families to enjoy. It is now a family run pub, which is warm, safe and inviting. Entertainment is provided each weekend. On Fridays there is a Disco & Karaoke and on Sundays there are live musicians between 3-5pm. Bar snacks are served at no cost. Families are welcome during the day and evenings. There are family quiz nights and seasonal celebrations.

Community is paramount to The Downham Tavern, it sponsors the local Sunday League team, Whitefoot Lane FC, and after each Sunday, those that have played a match are treated to food at the Tavern.

The Tavern has also, recently, contributed to The Macmillan Cancer Campaign by holding a cake sale in the pub. In addition, donations have been made to both Launcelot and Burnt Ash Primary Schools for their Christmas fetes as well as a donation to Valeswood Youth Club.

The Tavern also fully supports the 999 Club and hope it can somehow continue to survive in this current economic climate. The staff at the Tavern consider it a very valuable, community asset.

The Tavern is increasingly being used as a venue for meetings/wakes & celebrations of all kinds and offers catering at rates to suit each individual's needs. There is no charge for the use of the space.

2015 will bring exciting additions to The Downham Tavern as a restaurant is set to open serving hearty food & traditional roast dinners at affordable prices. This will also open up more part time employment opportunities for locals to work as waiting/bar staff”.

Roxanne urged those present to forget any past, negative culture associated with the Tavern and to go along and have a look for themselves.

Roxanne thanked The Assembly for the opportunity to introduce the new and improved Downham Tavern.

Coordinating Group Members – Ali Williams, Local Assembly Coordinator, gave a brief overview of the role of the Coordinating Group which is to plan assembly meetings and to ensure the assembly is representative of the Downham ward explaining that Co-group members should be familiar with their local area and should play a key role in promoting the Downham Assembly.

An Additional task of the group is to scrutinise funding applications to ensure that they meet the criteria set, this criteria will include the ward priorities, however the group may decide to look at other restrictions such as bid limits and targeting certain priorities.

An ideal Coordinating Group will have the following:

- Diverse age range, ethnic background and representative of the ward profile
- Representative from the third sector
- Local business
- Local community group or society
- Local residents
- Ward councillors

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Coordinating Group or would like more information then please contact the Downham Local Assembly Coordinator is Ali Williams at

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