



**Perry Vale Assembly  
Saturday 27 October 2012  
12.30pm – 2.30pm  
Rockbourne Youth Club  
41a Rockbourne Road  
SE23 2DA**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

#### **Marketplace Event**

The assembly opened with a marketplace event to decide the allocation of the £15,000 Perry Vale Assembly Fund. There were 14 projects bidding for a share of the money and attendees were asked to visit each project and score it out of 10. Projects were scored individually, meaning that attendees could mark more than one project with a maximum score of 10.

The following projects were bidding for a share of the £15,000:

Proposal 1 – Four Free Popup Cinemas for Kids  
Organisation – The Little Green Screen  
Amount applied for £1,052

Proposal 2 – Community Storytelling Event  
Organisation – The Forest with the Big Hill  
Amount applied for £1,500

Proposal 3 – Perry Vale Holiday Programme  
Organisation – Elevating Success  
Amount applied for £2,000

Proposal 4 – Skills Match Fun Careers Day  
Organisation – Xavie Time  
Amount applied for £1,950

Proposal 5 – Rockbourne Youth Project  
Organisation – Rockbourne Youth Club  
Amount applied for £958.98

Proposal 6 – Enterprising Youth - getting young people into a business mind-set  
Amount applied for £1,952  
Organisation – Sydenham & Forest Hill Youth Forum

Proposal 7 – Development of Edible Gardens Project  
Amount applied for £1,800  
Organisation – Young Lewisham Project

Proposal 8 – Sow and Grow – ‘A space to create’  
Amount applied for £1,950  
Organisation – Grow Mayow / Green Peas

Proposal 9 – ArtSmart – Community Learning and Entertainment Event  
Amount applied for £2,000  
Organisation – Forest Hill School

Proposal 10 – Pond Restoration Works  
Amount applied for £2,000  
Organisation – Friends of Dacres Wood Nature Reserve

Proposal 11 – Community Basketball Project  
Amount applied for £2,000  
Organisation – Lewisham Thunder Basketball Club

Proposal 12 – Sydenham Arts Festival 2013  
Amount applied for £2,000  
Organisation – Sydenham Arts Ltd

Project 13 – Crime Prevention and Awareness Days  
Amount applied for £2,019  
Organisation – Perry Vale Safer Neighbourhood Team

Proposal 14 – Growing Vegetables and Creating Physic Style Garden  
Amount applied for £1,200  
Organisation - Friends of Kilmorie (PTA for Kilmorie Primary School)

## **1. Welcome, introduction & format for the meeting**

Councillor Susan Wise Chair of the Perry Vale Assembly welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then introduced the two other ward Councillors, Cllr John Paschoud and Cllr Alan Till.

## **2. Presentation from the Rockbourne Youth Club**

Stuart Devine from the Rockbourne Youth Club, welcomed everyone to the assembly and stated how delighted he was that the club was hosting this event. He told the assembly that he has been associated with the Rockbourne Youth Club since the early 90's when he attended as a boy. Stuart stated that the Club is club dedicated to youth provision and provides projects for young people aged 8-25.

The special educational needs project runs two evenings a week (Monday and Wednesday), as part of this service Rockbourne pays for the

transportation of young people to and from the club. Rockbourne is the only youth club offering this kind of service borough wide.

The plans for future developments are to develop the outside garage into a soft/sensory room and develop the grassland area at the front of the centre into a community garden.

Stuart then played a short film (about peer pressure) made by the young people of Rockbourne which was funded by the Mayors Fund.

### **3. The Perry Vale Safer Neighbourhood Team**

Sergeant Phil Moore and PC Richard Bailey from the Perry Vale Safer Neighbourhood Team addressed the assembly regarding policing issues relating to Perry Vale ward. Sergeant Moore stated that apart from a slight rise in March this year crimes show a steady decline over the last 5 months, however, we should not be complacent and expect the trend to continue. Statistics from previous years show a sharp rise in the 3 months leading up to Xmas which could be the result of daylight hours getting shorter and we should be more vigilant during this time of year.

**Burglary** - This shows no distinct pattern or one apparent hotspot across the Ward. Residential property is generally being attacked with force from the rear and tends to occur mainly during the daytime hours with a preference for Friday afternoons and the non residential sheds and garages being burgled mainly during the night. Residents need to ensure that rear outbuildings are secure with approved locks and trim hedges and trees so there is greater visibility at both the front and rear of the property.

**Robbery** – This tends to occur in the quieter streets just off the main thoroughfares and can happen at all times of day and night with no apparent victim profile preferred. Both Forest Hill Station and Forest Hill Boys School in Dacres Road are two favourite venues for robbers to carry out their attacks. Victims are either followed from the train station or on their way two or from school and are accosted by lone males or small groups and persuaded with the threat of violence to hand over their valuables which is usually a mobile phone and/or wallet.

Sergeant Moore stated that the team will continue to tackle both burglary and robbery crime with directed patrols at various times throughout the day and night. Known offenders will be targeted and their movements monitored but these crimes are often carried out by persons who live in other wards and boroughs. The police will support this with as many public engagements as possible and share crime prevention advice and attempt to educate people to raise their awareness of home security and personal safety.

**Drugs Activity** – PC Bailey stated that despite the many abstractions over the summer period they have had many successful interventions over the last few months arresting offenders for dealing and using both class 'A' and 'B' drugs in public places. The police have also gathered intelligence to support

search warrants tackling this crime in private residential homes where they have discovered cannabis factories in Perry Vale and Neuchatel Roads. Drugs activity fuels all types of crime and is unfortunately almost a way of life in many urban areas. There is a steady flow of information from various sources which when developed has proved to be very useful in securing positive search warrants to look for drugs and we encourage people to continue to do this either by contacting us directly or by using the freephone 'Crimestoppers' number 0800 555 111 where they can remain anonymous.

**Q** Is there anything else that we can do to help deter burglars?

**A** There are some good reasonably cheap items that you can buy now such as a fake TV. This allows you to provide illumination within your home appearing just like the flickering / ever-changing picture from your Television. These are widely available in stores such as B&Q.

**Q** How are victims targeted?

**A** It does vary, but it is always the easiest targets. For example with burglary it is insecure or poorly protected outbuildings or homes with little security and overgrown shrubbery keeping a burglar out of sight. In the summer it can be something as simple as a window left open.

With robbery, it is often the person unaware of their surroundings. For example using a smartphone in a secluded area and not paying attention to what is around them.

**Q** What do I do if I see a suspicious vehicle that may be dealing in the drugs?

**A** Depending on the circumstances, if you see the deal taking place you can get the number plate and phone 999. If you suspect something than get the number plate and tell us.

#### **4. Community Updates**

#### **5. Results of the voting**

The following projects will receive funding from the £15,000 Perry Vale Assembly Fund.\*

Four free pop-up cinemas – Little Green Screen

Growing Vegetable & Physic Garden – Friends of Kilmorrie School

Sow and Grow – Grow Mayow

Community Storytelling Event – The Forest with the Big Hill

Rockbourne Youth Project - Rockbourne Youth Club

Pond Restoration Works

Edible Gardens Project – Young Lewisham Project

Crime Prevention and Awareness Days – Perry Vale SNT

Sydenham Arts Festival – Sydenham Arts

Enterprising Youth – Sydenham & Forest Hill Youth Forum – As the next placed project after the fully funded projects above, this project will receive the remaining £520.

\* Due to an error with the counting method the incorrect results were read out at the meeting. This was rectified at the meeting with all parties being informed. The above results are the correct results.

## **9. Close**

Councillor Wise thanked every one for coming to the assembly and stated that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 15 January 2013 at a venue to be decided.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 2.30pm