

APPENDIX 2

Revenue Grant Appeal: Annadale & Haywood Residents Association Brief note of meeting: Monday 6 October 2008

Present: Keith Hamilton, Taughmonagh Community Forum
Robert Foy, Residents Worker, AHRA (funded part NIHE)
Catherine Taggart, CDM, BCC
Yvonne Coyle, CSAM South, BCC

1. CT welcomed KH and RF and indicated the purpose of the meeting, ie. to facilitate AHRA to further outline their written submission in support of their revenue grant appeal. She noted:
 - that no member of the AHRA committee was present
 - that those present understood that no 'new' information could be considered in support of the appeal
 - the process to date and where we would go next.
2. KH outlined the support role that Taughmonagh Community Forum had with AHRA, supported via BCC funding, and gave examples of work to date.
3. KH indicated the group felt they hadn't put sufficient effort into the application and that maybe they were 'niave'. This however was related to the fact that their main resource support came from NIHE and therefore their challenge is that they are housing focused.
4. While BCC fund Ballynafeigh Community House within the area, they support the outreach activity at Annadale given AHRA specialism and the volume ethnic population in particular, Chinese, Eastern Europeans etc. Those present accepted that council cannot however fund community houses at every location.
5. RF outlined the focus of AHRA programmes to address the needs of elderly residents and residents from minority ethnic community. He talked about partnership work with the Chinese Welfare Association around interpretative services particularly re health service interface and their success in securing NIHE support to resource a translation service.
6. KH and RF discussed the width of the programme provided and questioned the refusal decision which was based on the lack of a broad based programme. CT noted that her review of the assessment file clearly indicated that, both in the original paperwork submitted in support of the application and subsequent paperwork and conversations with the assessing officer, that the group were seeking to work with C&YP rather than indicating that they were already doing it. This was further evidenced by the lack of Child Protection Policy. In order to qualify as offering a broad based programme, the group needed to have current programmes for C&YP supported by appropriate policies and practice.

7. KH outlined a number of initiatives for young people in the area which were now underway or had occurred via a summer programme: Taughmonagh Youth Workers involved in outreach work, summer scheme and now an after-schools club. They indicated numbers at between 8-20 children. They were also proactively engaging with parents to build up the committee and he noted the work of the Women's Group around green spaces. AHRA pointed out there is no youth club in the area – closest provision being Rosaria at top of Ormeau Rd.
8. CT commended this developing programme which was addressing the needs of local young people in partnership with other delivery agents, however, stressed that this work was not current at the time of the application submission¹ nor during the period of assessment which was up to 5th May 2008. The assessing officer had revisited this issue on a number of occasions with AHRA committee representative and this was confirmed. As previously noted, the appeal process cannot consider any new information and therefore this information could not influence the original decision.
9. KH & RF asked to review the related paperwork and upon consideration accepted this position.
10. CT explained the next steps in the appeal process: BCC Development Committee would consider the appeal at the next scheduled meeting (Nov'08) and the group would be formally notified of the outcome.
11. In the interim, YC outlined the ongoing support and upcoming resource opportunities for AHRA as:
 - BCC Community Development Project Grants next public call (March 2009) for small scale projects to build local capacity
 - Access to CDW support and potential related minor financial assistance from South Belfast Programme Budget.
12. YC agreed to meet with the group to best address how BCC could support their ongoing development.
13. KH & RF welcomed this approach. They asked when the next open call for Revenue Grant support would be advertised with a view to an application for 2009/10. CT outlined the current Departmental Grant Review process which would inform this and other grant categories. She agreed to consider any detrimental impact on AHRA once recommendations were formally tabled.

¹ Date stamped 3rd March 2008