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To: Members of the Baldock and District Committee of North Hertfordshire District Council

(Councillors A.D. Young (Chairman), M.R.M. Muir (Vice-Chairman), S.K. Jarvis, Marilyn Kirkland, I.J. Knighton and M.E. Weeks)

You are invited to attend a meeting of the
BALDOCK & DISTRICT COMMITTEE

to be held at

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SIMPSON DRIVE, BALDOCK

on

MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2008

at

7.30 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Miley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter 'y'.

David Miley
Democratic Services Manager

AGENDA
PART I

ITEM	PAGE
1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a prejudicial personal interest and are required to notify the Chairman of the nature of interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a prejudicial interest should leave the room and not sit to influence the decision during that particular item.	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	-
3. MINUTES To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 19 November 2007.	-
4. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS Members should notify the Chairman of other business which they wish to be discussed by the Committee at the end of the business set out in the agenda. They must state the circumstances which they consider justify the business being considered as a matter of urgency. The Chairman will decide whether any item(s) raised will be considered.	-
5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION To receive petitions, comments and questions from members of the public. No requests to speak have been received to date. Any public participation requests received within the agreed time will be notified to Members as soon as practicable.	-
6. CHAMPION NEWS REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL SERVICES <i>A summary of the activities undertaken by the Community Development Officer for Baldock since the meeting of the Committee held on 19 November 2007, and events taking place in forthcoming months. This includes a verbal update on the Baldock Town Centre Enhancement Scheme, supplied by Planning Policy.</i>	1
7. BALDOCK & DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT AND AREA VISIONING BUDGETS 2007/2008 REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CULTURAL SERVICES <i>To take the Members through the current budget balances for the Committee and to consider a grant application as follows:</i> Support funding for the Ashwell Music Festival	5

The date of the remaining meeting of the Baldock & District Committee in the 2007-2008 Civic Year is

Monday 17 March 2008.

BALDOCK & DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE
MONDAY 21st January 2008

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

AGENDA ITEM No.

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TITLE: CHAMPION NEWS

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL SERVICES

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the activities and schemes with which the Community Development Officer has been involved during the past month.
- 1.2 To bring to the Committee's attention some important community based activities that will be taking place during the next few months.

2. FORWARD PLAN

- 2.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. ISSUES – PROJECT / ACTIVITY / SCHEME DETAILS

- 4.1 The 'Ancient Baldock' book - presentation to schools.

Community Development Officer arranged for presentations to four schools (primary and secondary) of the 'Ancient Baldock' book written by Keith Fitzpatrick-Matthews. Hartsfield School was presented with 35 books in a special assembly by the author himself.

Further dates have been arranged at Knights Templar on 10th January and St John's Primary School on 21st January 2008. St Mary's Primary School has a new Head Teacher starting in January and it is hoped that a date will be arranged when the post holder is in place.

4.2 Nightingale Tenants' Association

Following a meeting with Hertfordshire Highways (HH), it has been agreed that 'Give Way' lines painted at the Junctions of both Templar Avenue and Mons Avenue, and Willian Way and Nightingale Way are to be programmed into HH works programme with works hopefully being undertaken between May and September 2008.

4.3 Holroyd Crescent Play Area

A consultation on the renovation of the play area in Holroyd Crescent was held on 18th December 2007. It was attended on behalf of NHDC by the Community Development Officer and the Parks and Open Spaces Officer. Some local residents and two Police Community Support Officers provided feedback on the plans and their views and comments will be taken into consideration for the final renovation and overall scheme.

4.4 Baldock Town Partnership

The Community Development Officer attended and supported the recent meeting of the Baldock Town Partnership. It was decided at the meeting to purchase from Thompson Local Directory a disc containing contact details of all businesses in the Baldock area. The Partnership also plan to produce a quarterly newsletter to go out to those businesses to promote the work of the Partnership and with the intention to gain support from local business. It is also planned to produce a walking guide to Baldock to encourage more people into the town centre in order to visit local shops and businesses.

4.5 Ashwell Cycling Club

Ashwell Cycling Club has approached the Community Development Officer & Sports Development Officer for assistance in securing for funds of £5,000 to purchase specialised grass track racing bikes designed for young people. It was agreed that with officer support that an application to 'Awards for All' Lottery funding for the project would be compiled over the Christmas period.

4.6 Sandon Village Hall

Sandon Village Hall Management Committee has recently received notification that it has been successful in applying for funding from the 'Awards for All' Lottery Fund for renovations to the Kitchen as part of the Hall's refurbishment programme.

4.7 Baldock Town Cricket Club

The Club with Community Development Officer support has recently compiled de an application to 'Awards for All' lottery funding for just under £10,000 to go towards the provision of a training net facility and the development a mini cricket programme for Primary Schools and coaching programme for the Club's Colts section.

4.8 Bypass Landscaping – Old Wallington Road

Hertfordshire Highways have indicated the provision of further funds as part of the Bypass Landscaping Works to provide a planting scheme of shrubs and hedges at the entry to the Old Wallington Road (now Footpath / Bridleway). The Community Development Officer has set up a site visit on the 8th January 2008 with Countryside Management Service to draw up a plan and associated costings to submit to Hertfordshire Highways for approval.

5. CONSULTATION WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND WARD MEMBERS

- 5.1 Consultation with the respective agencies, organisations and Ward Members has taken place with regards to the projects, activities and events mentioned in section 4 of this report.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 That the Committee endorses the actions taken by the Community Development Officer to promote greater community capacity and well being.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 That the Committee enforces the actions and policies involved in the tasks and projects undertaken by the Community Development Officer.

8. CONTACT OFFICER

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PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
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TITLE: BALDOCK & DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT & AREA VISIONING BUDGETS 2007/8

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL SERVICES

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To advise the Committee on the delegated budgets for financial year 2007/08 and the carry forward preallocated balances of delegated budgets from financial year 2006/07.
- 1.2 To bring to the Committee's attention details of recent application, allocation and commitment of delegated funds for Community initiatives and projects.

2. FORWARD PLAN

- 2.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Not Applicable.

4. ISSUES - AND FUNDING DECISIONS TO BE MADE

- 4.1 Ashwell Festival 2008
Grant request sought from the Arbury Ward Development Discretionary Budget for financial support for the staging of the Ashwell Festival planned for 2008 by the Friends of St Mary's, Ashwell.
- 4.2 STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2007/08
 - 4.2.1 See Appendix 1 – Spreadsheet of Committee Delegated Budgets 2007/08.
 - 4.2.2 Ashwell Festival 2008 - Grant Form

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Committee has delegated powers to administer funds from the budgets described.
- 5.2 There are no other legal implications pertinent to this report.

6. FINANCIAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Members are asked to note the information detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, which relates to the Area Committee budget balances for the current financial year 2007/08.
- 6.2 The spreadsheet also details the pre-allocations carried forward from the previous financial year 2006/07 to the current financial year 2007/08.
- 6.3 In addition, the spreadsheet includes the balances relating to allocated Visioning Budgets available within the Baldock & District area.

7. HUMAN RESOURCE AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no human resource and equalities implications pertinent to this report.

8. CONSULTATION WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND WARD MEMBERS

- 8.1 Consultation with the respective Ward Members has occurred in connection with the pre allocation of funds for Community Initiative & Projects from the previous financial year 2007/08.
- 8.2 Consultation with the respective officers and external agencies/groups has taken place with regard to funding proposals for Area Committee Ward Discretionary Development Funds.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The Committee is asked to note the budgetary expenditure, current balances and carry forwards from the Ward Development Budgets 06/07, the Small Area Grants Budget and the allocated Visioning Budgets.
- 9.2 That the Committee notes and acknowledges the pre-allocations of uncommitted Ward Development Discretionary Funds to respective projects and initiatives within each Ward Budget.

- 9.3 That the Committee notes and acknowledges the amounts of uncommitted Ward Development Discretionary Funds within each respective Ward Budget and consider the allocation of those funds to projects and initiatives.
- 9.4 That the Committee allocates £250.00 from the Arbury Ward Development Discretionary Budget to financially assist the organisation of the Ashwell Festival 2008.

10. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 The allocation of funds will improve the services provided by the local organisations and groups that are available and accessed by various members of the community.

11. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 11.1 Not applicable.

12. APPENDICES

- 12.1 Appendix 1 – Spreadsheet of Committee Delegated Budgets 2007/08.
- 12.2 Appendix 2 – Ashwell Festival 2008 - Grant Form

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14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 14.1 None.