

On 1 Feb 2013, at 18:28, "Cllr Adam Clarke" <Adam.Clarke@leicester.gov.uk> wrote:

> Dear Manjula

> I would be very grateful for a list of Ward fund applicants who have been asked for their audited accounts, to determine whether funding should be granted, this and last financial year.

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> If no other applicant has been asked I would like you to consider funding FareShare's application to Aylestone's ward fund either from our fund, or if necessary, from another source (the bid is for a 'fast-trackable' £500).

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> Cllr Porter has requested these audited accounts through the media today, having not asked for them from officers or FareShare directly previously.

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> Like myself Cllr Porter has had the bid in his in tray since Nov 30th and was aware Gilmorton Development Group had partnered up with FareShare since weeks if not months before that. Cllr. Porter has asked numerous questions and, in frustration, I have got the answers to those questions for him from FareShare.

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> We cannot have a situation where some bids are subject to greater scrutiny than others as this leaves things open for political opportunism and deliberate 'stalling'. It also leaves the council open to accusations that we do not operate a level playing field.

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> Either all charities should provide accounts or none (& not all charities have fully audited accounts). I would argue requesting audited accounts from all charities would betray the view that Ward funds should be flexible and easy to access. Seeing they are registered on the Charity Commission website should be enough. As you know we also provide funding to groups that are not registered charities- to constituted groups etc.

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> Cllr Porter has also questioned FareShare's status as a local charity -saying the national charity should provide the funding, and their ability to support food distribution.

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> The evidence of their efficiency and high regard is strewn across the media and Internet. Indeed by talking with them you sense real professionalism and purpose.

> Where providing food for our most deprived communities is concerned, including children in poverty, we should not allow politics to get in the way.

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> I hope you can support me to get Gilmorton's FareShare set up ASAP.

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> Adam.

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From: Cllr Adam Clarke [Adam.Clarke@leicester.gov.uk]
Sent: 24 January 2013 07:19
To: Robert Rushton
Cc: Cllr Manjula Sood; Cllr Rory Palmer; Cllr Sarah Russell
Subject: Fwd: FareShare

Bob
See below. Assume you're aware?
Adam.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cllr Manjula Sood <Manjula.Sood@leicester.gov.uk>
Date: 24 January 2013 06:42:39 GMT
To: Cllr Adam Clarke <Adam.Clarke@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: FareShare

Dear Adam,

Thanks for your email regarding fare share project's funding issues at your ward community meeting.

Tomorrow Morning is the launch of Joint National Campaign on Food & Hunger. it is at 10am. @ Leicester Cathedral. Is any one from fare share attending? I would like to speak to them. If not, i will speak to the officers & see how we can help this worthy project.

Regards,
Manjula

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On 22 Jan 2013, at 23:03, "Cllr Adam Clarke" <Adam.Clarke@leicester.gov.uk> wrote:

Sarah

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Bob Rushton at FareShare tells me you are supportive of FareShare and that Peter is too. Can you confirm this? I am concerned that a deprived community in my ward is being denied food for political reasons (not happy that we are delivering a great service in partnership with the community from Gilmorton Rooms.

Adam.

Sent from my iPhone

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Cllr Adam Clarke

> Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 11:03 PM GMT Standard Time

> To: Cllr Sarah Russell

> Cc: Cllr Rory Palmer; Cllr Manjula Sood

> Subject: FareShare

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> Sarah

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From: Cllr Adam Clarke
Sent: 30 January 2013 13:41
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Alison Moss; Cllr Sarah Russell; Cllr Rory Palmer; Sir Peter Soulsby;
Cllr Manjula Sood
Subject: RE: Aylestone Ward Bid 1373 - Fareshare Food Provider

Thanks for this [REDACTED]

This is one in a long line of issues raised, one after the other, since the bid was received by Cllr Porter and myself on 30 November last year - 2 months with a ward community meeting within that period. As you know reassurances in various forms have been given by myself and others including Gilmorton Development Group and FareShare themselves. FareShare is more than happy to work with us as councillors in a spirit of consensus and partnership so that the charitable aims of the project can be realised in our ward and that the scheme can be a success as it is elsewhere. I am uncertain what the problem is. I cannot see what more I, FareShare or Gilmorton Development Group can do. We have granted funding previously with far less supporting information than requested by Cllr Porter in this case.

Adam