

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



ELECTION OF RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO TAKE PLACE AT 9.45AM PROMPT FOLLOWED BY ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR (as a result of the resignation of John Lynch)

Wednesday 5th October 2005

at 10.00am

in West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue

MEMBERS: NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:

Councillors Allison, Barker, Cambridge, Clouth, Cook, Fenwick, Fleet, Griffin, Jackson, Marshall, Rogan, Shaw, Wallace, D Waller and E Wright.

Resident Representatives:

Muriel Boreland, Tommy Connolly, Jim Hastings, Ted Lee,
John Lynch, Mary Power and Linda Shields
1 Vacancy.

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 4. MINUTES**
 - 4.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 2005 (attached)
 - 4.2 Matters arising

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

6. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Multi-use Games Area Strategy – Dacre Dunlop – Oral report

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / INFORMATION

- 7.1 North Hartlepool Partnership (SRB) Update – North Hartlepool Partnership Manager
7.2 The Acute Services Review – *Kevin Aston, PCT – Oral Report*
7.3 Jesmond Road School Proposal – Oral Report
7.4 Hart Lane Safety Study – *Peter Frost – Oral Report*

8. ITEMS FOR DECISION

None

8. UPDATE ON POLICING ISSUES - Chief Constable Sean Price, QPM, BSchHons, MST (Cantab)

9. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE ISSUES

10. WARD ISSUES

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 30th November 2005 at 2.00pm

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

WARDS

Brus
Dyke House
Hart
St Hilda
Throston

3rd August 2005

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Rob Cook - Hart Ward

Vice Chair: John Lynch (Resident Representative)

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| Councillor John Cambridge | - St Hilda Ward |
| Councillor Sheila Griffin | - Brus Ward |
| Councillor Peter Jackson | - Throston Ward |
| Councillor John Marshall | - St Hilda Ward |
| Councillor Jane Shaw | - Dyke House Ward |
| Councillor Denis Waller | - Brus Ward |

Resident Representatives: Ted Lee, Mary Power and Linda Shields

Public: Mr & Mrs Vale, Joan Steel, Liz Torley, Cath Torley, David Thompson, Cal Carruthers-Watt, Dennis Wilson, Richard Turner, June Watson, Ron Normanton, Arthur Rogerson, Jean Price, Pat Lloyd, Hilda Wright, Kath Lyth, Sheila Horn, James and Pauline Burgess, Jean Lynn, David Herring, Dave Oliver, Mr Maxwell, Charles Dodd, Mr Redhead and Mr Horn.

Officers: Susan Atkinson, Borough Librarian
Stuart Green, Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development)
Dave Stubbs, Head of Environment Management
Nick Clennett, Acting Head of Technical Services
Phil Hepburn, Car Parking Manager
Anne Laws, Team Leader (Policy, Planning and Info)
Karen Oliver, Town Care Manager
Paul Mitchinson, Highway Services Manager
Bill Woodhouse, Enforcement Officer
Pat Watson, Democratic Services Officer

Primary Care Trust (PCT) Rep: Kevin Aston, Patient and Public Involvement Officer

Housing Hartlepool Rep: Anthony Scarre

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allison, Barker, Clouth, Fenwick, Fleet and Wright also from Tommy Connolly, Muriel Boreland and Jim Hastings.

16. MINUTES OF 8TH JUNE 2005

Confirmed.

17. MINUTES OF POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM ON 6TH JULY 2005

Received.

18. UPDATES AND MATTERS ARISING

Railway Bridge Pigeon Problem -

Councillors and residents advised that the problem is even worse as there are now dead pigeons in the net. The problem would be considered when the walk-about with the Director. KO to note.

Bruntoft Avenue Gates onto allotments still left open -

An Enforcement Officer said new locks/keys had been ordered. This would also be looked at on walk-about with the Director. KO to note.

Bollards missing at Thorpe Street entrance to beach - K O said these had been removed for some sea defence works to be done and would be put back in September.

Broad Field Road - request for something to be done about parking at Carnival time as residents not able to get near their homes- can be looked at for

next year - include in overall discussions on parking at the Headland.

19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Correct Signage near hospital still not in place - PM noted and said should be erected soon.

Six Issues relating to highways / traffic / road safety issues were raised on questions/comments forms by a resident (RT) - all the issues were read out and noted by the Chair and passed to the Acting Head of Technical Services (Nick Clennett) who would arrange for officers to liaise direct. In relation to one of the issues raised Cllr Peter Jackson commented that enforcement was urgently needed outside the shops (Wiltshire Way area).

Bunting Close - Residents raised issues of break-ins in gardens etc, and the area near the fence that needed dealing with (trimming etc). The Caretaker at Throston Grange Community Centre (Chris) raised the issue of growth like jungle near her property and Councillors agreed there is a problem. KO indicated she had arranged for a walk-about on site with residents, Officers and Colin Stainthorpe

Bunting Close - Sign needed to their bungalows, ie "Leading to Bunting Close etc". Residents said this had been requested 18 months ago - Noted by KO.

Voting Issues - Bunting Close area - residents complained that some people in the area had been unable to vote. The split of numbers and venue seemed unsuitable. They asked that something be done for next time. Noted by KO and Ward Councillor PJ.

Bunting Close residents also raised the Tees Valley Housing road issue - KO

agreed to include this area in the walk-about.

Traffic Lights near King Oswy School not working again. PM advised of situation and agreed to take further action.

Brancepeth Walk signage - PM noted - had been on order - would investigate further.

Members of Public asked about the possibility of an alleygate at Spearman Walk garages - Anthony Scarre from Housing Hartlepool indicated that he would look at this request again.

20. ANNUAL LIBRARY PLAN 2005/06

The Forum received a detailed report and a copy of the draft Annual Library Plan 2005/06. The Forum was advised that the Plan, as part of the Budget and Policy Framework of the Council, is required to allow examination of the service and its development. The four linked parts of the Plan and the Public Library Service Standards were described in detail and the Action Plan for 2005-08 was attached as an appendix to the Plan.

The Borough Librarian indicated that as part of the planning process, consultation with the public is required. This year the consultation is around the subject of the Impact Measures and how the work of the public libraries relates to and improves the other agendas of local and central government. This was taking place through contacting key stakeholders and library users.

The Forum was requested to consider whether current plan meets the needs of the public and the requirements of performance management.

Because of time constraints at the forum the Borough Librarian asked that anyone wishing to comment or raise issues should contact her by telephone on 523016, by e.mail on susan.atkinson@hartlepool.gov.uk or by writing to her at The Central Library, York Road.

The Chair thanked the Borough Librarian for her report.

21. INSPECTOR'S REPORT INTO OBJECTIONS TO THE HARTLEPOOL LOCAL PLAN - PRESENTATION

The Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development), presented a detailed report, inviting comment on the recommendations made by the Inspector following the Public Local Inquiry into objections to the Hartlepool Local Plan. The report and appendix:

- set out the background leading up to the Public Local Inquiry;
- identified the main issues arising from the recommendations contained in the Inspector's Report on objections to the Local plan;
- summarised proposed responses to the Inspector's recommendations relating to the main issues; and
- highlighted the next stages in the plan preparation process.

Of specific interest in relation to the North area were the Inspector's recommendations relating to:

- The Victoria Harbour development;
- Some of the alternative housing sites suggested in objections for inclusion in the plan, ie (a) a westward extension of Middle Warren, (b) land adjacent to the Raby Arms at Hart, (c) land at High Throston gold course, and (4) land at the General Hospital., and

- Developer contributions for housing regeneration.

In addition to the detailed report, the Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development) gave a presentation, explaining each slide and updating on the current position. The next stages were also detailed in the report and presentation and the Assistant Director asked for comments on the Inspector's recommendations, the proposed responses to these and the resultant modifications to the Local Plan. He indicated that issues could be raised direct by telephone, by e.mail to stuart.green@hartlepool.gov.uk or in correspondence to the him at Bryan Hanson House.

During discussion the following issues / Questions arose:

(a) Possible proposals for 53 two-storey houses in the Sedgewick Close area - A Res Rep (MP) mentioned the flooding problems and the demolition of bungalows in this area and asked how new build could be undertaken in the circumstances. The Assistant Director advised of the planning process undertaken following an application and the liaison and requirements in relation to Northumbrian Water Limited and proposed developers.

(b) The need for green spaces for children to play was stressed by residents - The Assistant Director advised that the Plan did include a policy relating to this.

(c) A Councillor referred to the Inspector's comments on planning gain and asked that where "planning gain" is achieved then local people should be able to decide what this is used for - he asked for Cabinet to include provision for this in the Local Plan.

(d) On Briarfields - A Councillor (JM) commented that he and other Councillors had expressed the view that the land should be given back to those who had allotments; such areas are needed and if the possible sale of the land is about money only then it should be taken out of the Plan; He also said that if HBC do receive money for the site he would like to know what happens with it.

(e) Residents asked what was to happen with St Hilds land - The Assistant Director said this was being investigated. Ward Councillors had concerns that if it's just left it would worsen and the view for those entering town from the North by train would be even worse.

(f) Resident asked if tests were being undertaken on the Victoria Harbour site in relation to contamination -The Assistant Director advised that investigations had been carried out and that any planning permission would include appropriate conditions to deal with contamination issues.

(g) A Res Rep (JL) commented on the Regional Spatial Strategy. The Assistant Director advised that HBC were not proposing any other outward developments of the town.

(h) Old Steetley Magnesite area - A Councillor asked what development was proposed. The Assistant Director advised that a planning application had been received - a whole range of issues need to be completed and consultation would be undertaken.

The Chairman thanked the Assistant Director for the presentation and for answering questions.

22. WINTER SERVICE PLAN

The Highways Services Manager, Paul Mitchinson, (PM), presented a report which detailed the Winter Service Policy and Priorities, the objectives and statutory basis, the limitations, the current position and recommendations.

A short presentation was also given and PM advised that the purpose of consultation was to get the views of the public to enable him to prepare 4 documents:

- (i) Policy Document.
- (ii) Decision making requirements.
- (iii) Service delivery details.
- (iv) Information leaflet for members of the public.

PM indicated that he would listen to peoples concerns and any suggestions, before the end of the current month to allow him time to finalise his plans.

A request was made by a Councillor for information to be put out on Radio Cleveland or Hartlepool Radio, daily - saying where bad areas are.

The Chairman thanked Paul for the presentation and asked residents to get in touch with any comments (contact details on report).

23. DECRIMINALISATION - PRESENTATION

The Acting Head of Technical Services, Nick Clennett, and Car Parking Manager, Phil Hepburn, gave a presentation on Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE), which covered the following:

- The enforcement situation in Hartlepool prior to DPE;
- What DPE is;

- What will the introduction of DPE mean;
- Why have we introduced DPE
- Progress to date;
- Issues to be addressed;
- What will be enforced;
- What is not covered by DPE;
- Type of offences committed since the introduction of DPE;
- Contact details.

Officers explained each of the slides in detail and gave the up-to-date position.

During discussion the following issues were raised:

A Councillor commented that schools should be a priority area but Church areas should be looked at, particularly Holy Trinity, Davison Drive - she had been asking for 26 years for one side of the road to have yellow line and problems still occurred.

A resident reported that some signage in no parking areas needed renewing. NC said this was being done throughout town.

Everyone welcomed the new arrangements and awaited more stringent enforcement in those areas previously raised by the Forum, ie schools, foot-paths and cycleways and on yellow lines in general.

24. UPDATE OF GRAYFIELDS DEVELOPMENT - PRESENTATION

James Gilchrist gave an update presentation and indicated that funding was in place and work on the Pavilion would start in November.

The following questions/comments arose:

Gates near Salisbury Place are sometimes left open all night and people

are in Grayfields, drinking etc. - JC said he was aware and had raised the issue with Security. - a turnstyle at top had been discussed this was a possible option.

A resident asked if the athletics track would be renewed. JC advised that consultation with users had indicated that the track being developed at High Tunstall would be preferable - hence improvements at Grayfields had not been included in the plans.

25. FRIENDS OF SPION KOP - PRESENTATION

Withdrawn until next meeting.

26. PRIMARY CARE TRUST UPDATE - PRESENTATION

Kevin Aston, the Patient and Public Involvement Officer from the Hartlepool Primary Care Trust (PCT) gave a presentation on the Summary of the Report by Professor Sir Ara Darzi on the Acute Services Review in Teesside. A copy of the presentation was also circulated and Kevin spoke on each slide giving any other relevant information and an update. The future process and timetable were outlined.

Kevin advised that he would feed any comments/views of local people back into the Review and bring an updated version back to a later meeting of the Forum.

The Chairman, Councillors and Forum welcomed the outcome of the Review to date but were aware that the fight was not over.

On the subject of the Joint Committee of PCTs that had been set up to organise consultation and make decisions on the Tees Review - comments were made

from the Forum that the meetings of this group should not be held behind closed doors. Also concern was expressed about the Group being chaired by Middlesbrough (with possibility of second vote of the Chair), and the possible Vice-Chair being from Stockton. A Res Rep advised that she understood the PPI Forums were already planning to put in a complaint.

It was agreed that a letter should go from this Forum detailing its concerns.

A resident complained strongly about the loss of Emergency and Trauma Services as she felt this would add even more stress to patients and relatives etc.

On the issue of getting an ambulance at emergency times - The Chairman and a Resident Rep reported on long delays and bureaucracy experienced by them.

Kevin indicated that he would bring a further report to the Forum on the Review.

27. NORTH HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP (SRB)

The North Hartlepool Partnership Manager, John Ford, provided a report detailed project updates on the following:

- Headland Environmental Improvement Programme;
- Sports Hall;
- Carnegie Building;
- Friarage Demolition;
- Street Lighting;
- Environmental Improvements to Key Residential Areas;
- Close Circuit Camera - Spion Kop

The Forum noted the report.

28. MINOR WORKS SCHEMES

The Forum received a report detailing proposals for schemes to be funded from the Forum's Minor Works Budget.

These were as follows:

- Scheme 1 - Headland Promenade - Dog Bins;
- Scheme 2 - Vane Street - removal of planting - bitmac surfacing etc;
- Scheme 3 - Ridlington Way - garages;
- Scheme 4 - Nivholson Way - garages;
- Scheme 5 - Pride in Hartlepool - various locations;
- Scheme 6 - Brougham School;
- Scheme 7 - Throston Community Centre;
- Scheme 8 - West View Road crossing and Middleton Road crossing;
- Scheme 9 - King Oswy Roundabout - Painting. (raised under Any other Business and report circulated at the Forum.

A Res Rep raised the Middleton Road crossing and asked that this be advanced up the list. Noted by DS

Any match funding areas were detailed in the report.

Discussion took place and the following **Decision** was agreed:

Scheme 1 Refused
 Scheme 2 Defer for breakdown of costs
 Schemes 3 to 9 Agreed for recommendations to the Portfolio Holder.

29. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE ISSUES

Crossing Cleveland Road - A Res Rep remarked that there had been no mention on Agenda - a site visit had taken place and he asked what is happening. This

was noted by KO and PM for future report to the Forum.

A resident advised that the area near footpath Phoenix Close needs chicane - (end of Otterpool Close). KO agreed to investigate.

31. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

5th October 2005 commencing at 10am at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue.

ROB COOK

CHAIRMAN

North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum

Minor Works - 2005/2006 - £94,000

Budget Code – AR50130

£52,000 Forum
 £10,000 CT Plan
 £10,000 Highway Maintenance
 £15,000 Grass Verges
 £7,000 C/F from under spend in 2004/05

| Ward | Name of Scheme | Date Approved | Minor Works Funding £ | Other Funding |
|-------------|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Brus | Kind Oswy Drive Bitmac to damaged grassed area | 8 June 2005 | 8,470.00 | |
| Brus | Ridlington Way Installation of metal security gates to garages | 3 August 2005 | 2,722.00 | |
| Brus | Nicholson Way Installation of metal security gates to garages | 3 August 2005 | 3,032.00 | |
| Brus | King Oswy Roundabout Colouring of tarmac | 3 August 2005 | 2,700.00 | |
| | | Brus Ward | £16,924.00 | |
| Dyke House | Brougham School Outside play area | 3 August 2005 | 4,900.00 | |
| Hart | Off road parking Clavering | 30 March 2005 | 8,250.00 | |
| Hart | Parking Sandbanks Drive | 30 March 2005 | 3,000.00 | |
| Hart | Parking Swanage Grove | 30 March 2005 | 2,500.00 | |

| Ward | Name of Scheme | Date Approved | Minor Works Funding | Other Funding |
|----------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Hart | Dodsworth Walk Garages | 8 June 2005 | 1,810.00 | |
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| St Hild | West View Road and Middleton Road Crossings | 3 August 2005 | 5,000.00 | |
| | | St Hild Ward | £5,000.00 | |
| Throston | Wiltshire Way Pull-in Bays at junction of Newquay and St Mawes Close | 8 June 2005 | 13,000.00 | |
| Throston | Throston Community Centre Improvements | 3 August | 4,000 | |
| | | Throston Ward | £22,000.00 | |
| Various | Pride in Hartlepool – various schemes | | 5,000.00 | |
| | | Various | £5,000.00 | |
| Total | | | 64,384.00 | |
| Balance | | | <u>29,616.00</u> | |

Report of: North Hartlepool Partnership Manager

Subject: NORTH HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP
PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Forum on progress relating to activities and project development by the North Hartlepool Partnership.

2. PROJECT UPDATE

- 2.1 Details of progress on the main environmental and community based capital projects are as follows:

2.2 Street Lighting

In the current financial year street lighting improvements are planned for The Lawns, Moor terrace, Darlington Street and Union Street.

2.3 Closed Circuit Camera

It is proposed to install a CCTV camera to cover Spion Kop. The exact siting of the camera is subject to technical evaluation, statutory planning processes and consultation with statutory bodies and local residents.

2.2 Headland Environmental Improvement Programme

The scheme is aimed at the environmental and economic regeneration of the Headland.

Completed schemes include environmental improvements to the lower promenade at the Fish Sands and provision of sculptural seating at the Paddling Pool. 18 Story Trail columns on a circular route around the Headland are to be installed shortly.

Further consultation on the Town Square was undertaken in August at the Borough Buildings. Interested people were invited to attend to give their views. At the event people were able to take a "virtual tour" of the planned square and history garden with the help of computer generated images. As part of the event, residents were asked their preferred choice of location of a new bus waiting area as part of the improvements. The majority of those who responded with a specific preference said they favoured a bus waiting area on Durham Street and a single lay-by on Middlegate. Based on this consultation, this option has been approved by Hartlepool Borough Council.

2.3 Carnegie

Work continues on site. Completion target is still October 2005.

2.4 Friarage Demolition

Work is underway on the demolition of the derelict buildings near the Friarage Manor House.

2.8 Environmental Improvements to Key Residential Areas

Darlington Street/Throston Street works are nearing completion. Boundary improvements to Priory Court are also nearly finished.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that the Forum note the report.