

SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



Friday, 9th April 2010

at 2.00 pm

at Owton Manor Community Centre, Wynyard Road

MEMBERS: SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, S Cook, Flintoff, Gibbon, Hill, James, A E Lilley, G Lilley, A Marshall, Preece, Turner, Wistow and Young

Resident Representatives: Mary Green, Ray Harriman, Rose Kennedy, Iris Ryder, Sally Vokes and Mike Ward.

- 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 19th February 2010
 - 4.2 Matters arising
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

6. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

No items

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION and/or INFORMATION

7.1 Fifty-Plus Forum – Verbal Update – *Fifty-Plus Development Officer, HVDA*

8. ITEMS FOR DECISION

8.1 Pride in Hartlepool Campaign Update – *Pride in Hartlepool Officer*

8.2 Minor Works Proposals – *Neighbourhood Manager (South)*

9. WARD ISSUES

10. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the South Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum will take place on Friday 23rd April 2010 at 10am at Ow ton Rossmere Resource Centre (ORCEL), Wynyard Road

The date, time and venue of the next South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum are to be confirmed.

WARDS

Fens
Greatham
Owton
Rossmere
Seaton

SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

19 February 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Owton Rossmere Resource Centre,
Wynyard Road, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair:	Councillor Ann Marshall	-	Rossmere Ward
Vice Chair:	Iris Ryder (Resident Representative)		
	Councillor Bob Flintoff	-	Owton Ward
	Councillor Steve Gibbon	-	Fens Ward
	Councillor Cath Hill	-	Seaton Ward
	Councillor Marjorie James	-	Owton Ward
	Councillor Alison Lilley	-	Fens Ward
	Councillor Geoff Lilley	-	Greatham Ward
	Councillor Arthur Preece	-	Fens Ward
	Councillor Michael Turner	-	Seaton Ward
	Councillor David Young	-	Seaton Ward

Resident Representatives: Mary Green, Rosemarie Kennedy, Sally Vokes, Michael Ward

Public: K Fraser, I Kendrick, N Kendrick, Kevin Lillie, H Oxley, F Robinson,
J Smith, J Unwin

Officers: Tom Britcliffe, Principal Planning Officer
David Frame, Neighbourhood Manager
David Mitchell, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
Paul Mitchinson, Highway Services Manager
Sue McBride, Neighbourhood Development Officer
Richard Waldmeyer, Team Leader Policy Planning & Information
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Police Representatives: PC Chris Bryan and PCSO Paul Devonport

Fire Brigade Representative:- Peter Bradley

Housing Hartlepool Representative:- Lynn McPartlin

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received
from Councillors C Akers Belcher.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

39. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2009

These were accepted as an accurate account with the following amendment.

Minute 31 – Matters Arising – Queen Street (not Wainwright Walk)

40. MATTERS ARISING

Egerton Terrace – Councillor G Lilley asked when the reinstatement work would be carried out and was informed that as soon as conditions allowed this would be done, funded by the Water Board.

Public Lavatories in Middle Grange Shopping Centre – Resident Representative Mary Green asked whether there had been any feedback regarding these facilities. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to elicit whether a response had been received from the Manager of the Centre and to report back directly to Mary Green.

Owton Manor Lane – Resident Representative Mary Green asked whether Police could have an input in directing the traffic at busy times. Councillor James also highlighted that residents of Phoenix Close were experiencing problems during school drop off and pick up sessions and asked that the area be monitored during these peak times. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to ask the Traffic Team Manager to undertake this.

Disabled Parking at Fens Shops – Councillor Gibbon asked when the signage would be displayed and the Neighbourhood Manager said that he would look into this and hoped that it would be displayed by the end of February.

Coronation Drive – Although there had been a request that a member of the Tall Ships 2010 team attend the meeting, the Chair informed everyone that an update had been provided and circulated with the meeting papers.

41. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2010

These were received by the Forum.

42. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No items.

43. PLANNING AID

Kevin Lillie from Planning Aid North East gave a brief presentation on the organisation which offered free and independent professional planning advice to community groups and individuals who could not afford to pay professional fees. Planning Aid is not part of Central Government nor the Local Planning Authority, and could be contacted at ntco@planningaid.rtpi.org.uk Mr Lillie was available to answer any questions after the meeting. It was suggested that training sessions be held with Members and Resident Representatives as well as other residents groups on the benefits Planning Aid could offer.

The Chair thanked Mr Lillie for attending the meeting.

44. NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION & IDENTIFICATION OF SITE FOR NEW POWER STATION AT HARTLEPOOL

The Team Leader for Policy, Planning and Information advised the Forum that the Government was undertaking public consultation on a draft National Policy Statement on nuclear power generation and the siting of a new nuclear power station in Hartlepool. The statement explained the assessment of each power station site, why nuclear power was necessary and outlined Government policy on managing radioactive waste.

In May 2009 the Government had asked for views on the case for Hartlepool as a possible site for a new power station. In response HBC had said that the nomination of Hartlepool was worth consideration. Following the issue of the draft statement the Department of Energy and Climate Change had held a public consultation event at the Maritime Experience. Further consultation had been undertaken by HBC and a Question Time session held in January 2010. In February 2010 Cabinet had considered the consultation responses however the Government consultation was still due to run until 22 February 2010. Responses could be made via www.energynpsconsultation.decc.co.uk as well as by letter, fax or email. Contact details were provided within the report.

The Vice Chair queried why Cabinet had considered the Local Authority consultation responses prior to the end of the government consultation and asked whether this was in an attempt to influence public opinion. She also questioned the method of response to the Local Authority consultation as not all residents had access to the internet. The Team Leader for Policy, Planning and Information said that it was necessary

that Cabinet provide a response to Government and there was no intent to influence residents of the town. He acknowledged that the Authority had used an online questionnaire as part of the consultation, as well as public events.

Resident Representative Mike Ward urged people to respond to the Government consultation.

The Chair thanked the Team Leader for attending the meeting.

45. CORE STRATEGY – PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE PREFERRED OPTIONS REPORT

The Principal Planning Officer informed the Forum of the public consultation arrangements for the Preferred Options Report of the Hartlepool Core Strategy. The Core Strategy is the main planning document covering the next 15 years and the Preferred Options report formed part of the second stage in its production. It set out the broad principles for the development of the town up to 2026 including expansions within the town and a potential new Nuclear Power Station. The report was available for consultation until 26 March 2010 and during the consultation period there would be public displays in libraries, the shopping centre and town centre supermarkets. Details were given of how to submit comments.

He outlined details of the Strategy which included areas which would undergo development.

Councillor James asked that consideration be given to this strategy dovetailing with other Council strategies and cited the example of how in Kingfisher Close residents paid a parish precept for Elwick ward, yet children there were not eligible to attend Elwick School. She highlighted that it was important that

expansion plans for large housing sites included community facilities such as schools, churches and shops. This view was echoed by other attendees at the forum. It was clarified that access to and from the proposed south west expansion would be via the A689 and not via the Fens area. A transport assessment would be undertaken.

A resident asked what would happen to green belt space around the town and was informed that it was preferable to develop on brown field sites but there would be loss of agricultural land if the proposed development to the south west of the town went ahead. However, any new developments would include green spaces.

Resident Joan Smith asked about access roads for the proposed development as it could put pressure on existing busy roads. The Principal Planning Officer said that a detailed transport assessment would be undertaken.

Joan Smith also asked whether the site at Brierton School was likely to be developed and the Principal Planning Officer said that at the current rate of demand, it was likely that houses would be built on that site.

Joan Smith gave details of a public meeting to be held on 22 March 2010 at 7.00 pm at Fens School to discuss the strategy.

Councillor Geoff Lilley asked that when planning consent was given for proposed developments, clauses could be inserted so that houses were not densely packed and were of the type that residents wanted.

A resident commented that jobs were necessary for the town and was informed that the Strategy should ensure that the dock area would remain industrial.

The Vice Chair expressed concern that the Strategy referred to the Southern Business Zone, including Graythorpe as an area for environmental waste management and eco industries. She asked why Seaton Carew should be subjected to the waste of the world. The Principal Planning Officer stated that the Strategy referred to recycling provision which was currently situated in the middle of the town. Councillor Turner highlighted that the landfill site at Seaton Carew had been in situ prior to the development of housing in the area. However he acknowledged that there were issues with the site when it was windy as lighter rubbish blew about the area. Councillor Hill agreed with these points.

Resident Representative Mike Ward clarified that the proposals in the strategy were still open for consultation and comment and was assured that the consultation was still ongoing. It was clarified that the strategy referred to outline and not detailed proposals. Mr Ward also commented that the proposed school for the Bishop Cuthbert estate was yet to be built. Councillor Hill said that public consultation in relation to schools had elicited that one was not required on that estate.

Councillor James put forward a resolution that in principal the Forum supported the strategy but as the South area of the town was likely to be heavily impacted with the Strategy, the Forum expected to be in prime position in consultations over actual plans for the core strategy.

Councillor Geoff Lilley said that he hoped that in relation to the disposal of waste sites that the council had a property strategy for dealing with this. The Principal Planning Officers said that a Waste and Mineral's plan was currently close to adoption and this would be covered in this plan.

The Chair thanked the officer for his attendance.

46. MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS

The Neighbourhood Manager presented the report to consider improvement schemes for potential funding from the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum Minor Works Budget.

Resident Representative Mike Ward stated that he was pleased that new lighting columns were to be installed in Newark Road and Crowland Road but queried why these would come out of the Minor Works budget. He was informed that the budget covered upgrading works rather than repairs or maintenance.

Councillor Cath Hill expressed concern at the scheme proposed for Kildale Grove and it was agreed that a site visit should take place with the three Ward Members.

The Forum approved the funding for the Minor Works proposed with the exception of the Kildale Grove scheme.

47. WARD ISSUES

Grass Verges – Councillor James asked that a consistent strategy for verge works throughout the South Area be implemented and it was agreed that Ward Members and resident representatives would be consulted.

Railings on the Front at Seaton Carew – Councillor Turner asked why not all of the railings had been painted. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to check and let him know.

Elizabeth Way Shops – The Vice Chair highlighted problems with traffic congestion because of inconsiderate

parking. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to look into this.

Lawson Road – The Vice Chair commented that only one side of this road had been re-surfaced. The Neighbourhood Manager said that the other side was being resurfaced that day.

Severe Weather Plan – Councillor James informed the meeting that because of recent severe weather, the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods, the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Neighbourhoods and the Chair of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum had been tasked with producing a Severe Weather Risk Plan. She thanked officers of the Local Authority for their response to requests for assistance from residents during the recent severe weather conditions.

Lithgo Close – Councillor Turner asked that the pavements be looked at. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator agreed to do an inspection of the area.

The meeting concluded at 11.43 am.

CHAIR

Report of: PRIDE IN HARTLEPOOL OFFICER

Subject: PRIDE IN HARTLEPOOL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Date: 9 April 2010

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the South Area Neighbourhood Forum on the progress of the Pride in Hartlepool Campaign and to request further funding for the coming year.

2. PRIDE IN HARTLEPOOL UPDATE

2.1 Pride in Hartlepool has supported the following campaigns and events in the South Area during 2009/10:

2.2 Children in Need

Pride in Hartlepool was approached by the BBC who wanted to make a film about young people doing a community clean up for the Children in Need appeal. A group from the South Hartlepool Youth Forum were joined by Pudsey Bear for the filming which took place outside the community centre on Wynyard Road. The group picked up litter and helped clean up some graffiti on the community centre wall. The film was shown on the BBC news in the run up to the big Children in Need night.

2.3 Big Tidy Up Campaign – South Area Tidy Ups

The Big Tidy Up campaign continues to run across Hartlepool. Although the campaign runs all year round there are two big promotions to get people involved. The first of these is Spring Clean Hartlepool, which usually runs during April and May, but in 2009 had to be extended until the end of June due to demand from groups wanting to organise community clean ups.

- 2.3.1 The second promotion falls in September and October. In September 2009 Hartlepool Borough Council were selected as one of 11 “Local Authority Champions” of the Big Tidy Up campaign. As part of this we have pledged to run a number of Big Tidy Ups across the town helped by a high profile advertising campaign funded by Tidy Britain. The advertising campaign, under the heading “Lets Tidy Hartlepool Together”, used bill boards and posters across the town to spread the Big Tidy Up message.

- 2.3.2 Pride in Hartlepool is also planning to link the Big Tidy Up campaign to the Tall Ships event in August by asking groups and businesses to join the “Tall Ships Green Team”. This initiative aims to help community groups, residents and businesses to clean up the town ready for the big event. Groups and organisations that sign up to join the Green Team will receive practical help to

clean up their neighbourhoods, including free loan of equipment, skip hire and funding towards additional costs.

- 2.3.3 During 2009/10 6 Big Tidy Ups have been carried out in the South Area and 48 bags of rubbish have been collected.

2.4 Big Beach Tidy

As part of the Maritime Conservation Society's annual Beach Watch event Pride in Hartlepool teamed up with the Countryside Wardens, the South Area Development Officer and the Beach Safety Officer to organise the Big Beach Tidy on the 20th September. The event also tied in with International Coastal Clean Up Day and the Big Tidy Up campaign.

- 2.4.1 The event was attended by around 50 people who collected 35 bags of rubbish during 90 minutes of litter picking. Participants also carried out a survey of the litter on the beach. The event concluded with refreshments and some beach games for the children.

2.5 Clean Streets Campaign

The Clean Streets Campaign was launched on the 22nd April 2009. The campaign has been developed by the Pride in Hartlepool Officer in partnership with the Dogs Trust and aims to promote responsible pet ownership. The campaign targets schools through a fun, interactive assembly which teaches children how to worm their pets and how to clean up after them safely. The children then design posters to be displayed on around the school perimeter fencing asking people to keep their school routes free of dog fouling.

- 2.5.1 During 2009/10 2 Clean Streets Assemblies have been held in South Area schools.

2.6 Smarter Living Roadshows

The Smarter Living Roadshows were developed as a partnership project between the Pride in Hartlepool, Climate Change and Recycling Officers, the Sustainable Travel Team and the Countryside Wardens. We also have three external partners: Hartlepool Water, Rossmere Allotments Association and Dogs Trust. The aim of the Smarter Living Roadshow is to take the environmental improvement message directly to the people of Hartlepool.

- 2.6.1 The Roadshow combines a traditional information stall offering leaflets and information for families on how they can make small changes to become greener and which can also save money off their household bills; with displays, demonstrations and fun practical activities. Some of these include "vegetable gardening on a shoestring" demonstrations, a design-a-bag-for-life activity and making natural Christmas decorations.

- 2.6.2 The Roadshow was launched in time for World Environment Day in June 2009 and has featured at various events across the town including Dockfest, the Recycle Now Week event in Middleton Grange Shopping Centre and the Horticulture Show in the Borough Hall. The Smarter Living Roadshow will continue to run at venues across the town throughout 2010 and the Pride in

Hartlepool Officer is currently working with the partners to bring the Roadshow to the Tall Ships event in August.

2.7 Tree O’Clock Event

National Tree Week ran from the 26th November to the 6th December 2009. To support this initiative Pride in Hartlepool teamed up with the Countryside Wardens, the Ecologist and the Arboricultural Officer to hold an event on the 5th December in the North Cemetery which involved pupils, parents and staff from Jesmond Road Primary School. The event formed part of a national world record attempt to plant the most trees in one hour organised by the BBC Breathing Places Campaign. Pride in Hartlepool funded the cost of the 345 native trees planted by the group which were added to the national total.

2.8 Great Big Autumn Tree Giveaway

In November 2009 Pride in Hartlepool hosted its second annual Great Big Autumn Giveaway. To tie in with the National Tree Week events this year trees were given away free to schools and community groups across Hartlepool. In all, 31 sets of 10 mixed native “whips” and 12 pairs of fruit trees were given away. The aim of the Giveaway was to increase tree cover in the town to enhance local neighbourhoods, improve air quality and provide food and shelter for wildlife.

2.9 Pride in Hartlepool Awards

The Pride in Hartlepool Awards were held on the 9th December 2009 at Hartlepool’s Maritime Experience. The South Area was well represented at the Awards with nominations from:

- Friends of Seaton Station
- Rossmere Allotment Association
- Cath McCluskey from Rossmere Allotment Association
- Seaton Carew Nursery

2.9.1 Of these, Cath McCluskey won both the Eco Champion Award and the Pride in Hartlepool Award for Best Overall Entry for her enthusiasm for the promotion of the “grow your own” ethos.

2.10 Small Grant Scheme Projects

The following projects all received an award from the Pride in Hartlepool Small Grant Scheme during 2009/10:

- Manor Residents Association received £1,500 for a poly tunnel for their community allotment
- Queen’s Meadow Care Home received £142 towards the cost of their garden project
- The Friends of Seaton Station received £2,500 towards the cost of station improvements
- Owton Manor Resource Centre received £800 towards the cost of developing a community garden
- **Total spend in the South Area - £4,942**

3. PREDICTED FUTURE SPEND IN THE CENTRAL AREA 2010/11

3.1 As the contribution from the Forum is used to award grants via the Small Grant Scheme it is difficult to predict how it will be spent over 2010/11 as this

will be dependant on what projects apply to the Scheme. However, the 2009/10 projects outlined above serve as an example for the 2010/11 spend where all the money donated by the South Area Forum was allocated to projects in that area.

- 3.2 Therefore, Pride in Hartlepool request funding of £5,000 from the South Area Forum for 2010/11.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That the South Area Forum note the report and consider the request for funding for the Pride in Hartlepool Small Grant Scheme.

Report of: Neighbourhood Manager (South)

Subject: MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider improvement schemes for potential funding from the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum Minor Works Budget.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Minor Works Budget available for the financial year to 31 March 2011 amounts to £87,000.
- 2.2 A number of schemes are detailed below to address concerns raised by Elected Members, Resident's Representatives and Residents of the South Forum Area.

3. PROPOSALS

3.1 Horticulture Schemes

(i) Seaton

(a) Kildale Grove £850

This scheme was previously brought to the forum however a decision was postponed until Ward Councilors could look into the scheme in more depth.

In order to prevent youths playing football on a small piece of land adjacent to houses, and distressing the residents there, it is proposed to enhance the aesthetics of the area by creating three shrub beds to approximately mirror the opposite corner of the street, which was undertaken as a Minor Works Scheme last year. The price includes:

- Create and shape new shrub beds
- Supply and install weed control fabric
- Supply and spread bark mulch to site
- Plant with Hebe and Phorium as specimen plants

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Forum is asked to consider the above scheme. Approved schemes will need to be presented to the Neighbourhoods and Communities Portfolio for final approval.