NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



Wednesday 30 June 2010

at 10.00 am

in West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:

Councillors Atkinson, Barclay, Barker, Cook, Fleet, Fleming, Griffin, Jackson, J Marshall, J W Marshall, McKenna, Plant, Rogan, Thomas and Wright

Resident Representatives:

Christine Blakey, John Cambridge, John Maxwell, Joan Norman, Linda Shields, Bob Steel and Joan Steel

- 1. INTRODUCTION TO NEW WARD MEMBERS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS
- 4. MINUTES
 - 4.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum held on 7 April 2010
 - 4.2 Matters arising

- 4.3 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the North Area Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum held on 21st April 2010
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
- 6. WARDISSUES
- 7. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

No items

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

8.1 Presentation on Neighbourhood Action Plan Forums – *Neighbourhood Manager (North)*

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

9.1 Minor Works Schemes – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*

10. ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS A GREED BY THE CHAIR

11. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the North Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum will take place on Wednesday, 28 July 2010 at 2pm at Throston Grange Community Centre, Glamorgan Grove.

The next meeting of the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum will take place on Wednesday, 18 August 2010 at 6pm at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue

4.1

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

WARDS

Brus
Dyke House
Hart
St Hilda
Throston

7 April 2010





The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm at Throston Grange Community Centre, Glamorgan Grove, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Mary Fleet - Dyke House Ward

Vice Chair: Linda Shields (Resident Representative)

Councillor Tim Fleming St. Hilda Ward

Resident Representatives:

John Cambridge, John Lynch, Joan Steel and Robert Steel

Public: Pat Andrews, G Elliston, Cath Torley, Alan Vale, Denis Wilson

Officers: Denise Ogden, Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services)

Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Services Officer Michael Dunn, Enforcement Co-ordinator Philip Hepburn, Parking Services Manager Peter Nixon, Senior Traffic Technician Kate Ainger, Pride in Hartlepool Officer

Ann Callaghan, Neighbourhood Development Officer

Katie Wilson, Neighbourhood Services Sarah Bird. Democratic Services Officer

Police Representatives: Acting Inspector Brown and Police Community Support Officers Fowler and Vinton

Fire Brigade Representative: Peter Bradley

Housing Hartlepool Representative: Janis Ledger

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Atkinson, Barker, R W Cook, Griffin, Jackson, Plant and Wright

and resident representative Maureen Waller.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

52. MINUTES OF THE NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2010

Confirmed as a true record.

53. MATTERS ARISING

Barnard Grove – The Parking Services Manager confirmed that there was evidence of resident parking affecting the grass verges, however he felt that enforcement of the current restrictions on the carriageway should suffice in alleviating the problem and this should not be added to the Minor Works Programme.

20 miles per hour schools speed limit

 The Senior Traffic Technician confirmed that there was a programme of works to introduce a 20 mph speed limit around 2005. schools and since restrictions had been applied outside 6 schools in the North area and there was funding for 2 more schools. Jesmond Road School and Dyke House. Other schools would be prioritised taking accident rates into account. A resident representative highlighted problems outside St Helen's school and the Senior Traffic Technician agreed to monitor this. After raising the issue, a resident representative was informed that the work in relation to Dyke House would be done coniunction with the planning application, so it was likely to be undertaken the following year.

54. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Fly Tipping on Beach — a resident highlighted continuing fly tipping on various locations. The Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services) said that surveillance of the area was ongoing.

Steetley Site – A resident highlighted that there was a pile of tyres in the area and the Fire Brigade representative agreed to pass this information on and have the site visited.

Tempest Road – A resident mentioned that there was fly tipping at number 26 and the Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services) agreed to have this removed.

Smyth Place – A resident representative stated that there had been various power cuts during the previous weekend causing inconvenience and expense as foodstuffs had gone to waste. The Neighbourhood Services Officer and the Housing Hartlepool representative agreed to find out the cause of this in case any compensation could be obtained.

55. WARD ISSUES

No items.

56. 50 PLUS FORUM

A representative from the Hartlepool 50 plus forum was unable to attend the meeting but had provided an updated newsletter which was distributed to those present at the meeting.

57. PRIDE IN HARTLEPOOL

The Pride in Hartlepool Officer updated the forum on various campaigns and events in the north of the town which had been supported by Pride in Hartlepool. The Forum had supplied £5,000 from the Minor Works budget to assist funding of these projects. However the total spend in the North Area amounted to £14,603.

The Pride in Hartlepool Officer again requested that £5,000 be provided from the Minor Works budget to assist with Pride in Hartlepool Projects for 2010 - 2011. However, as the meeting was inquorate, this request was deferred to the next meeting although those present expressed support for the projects. In the absence of the planned presentation because of technical difficulties, it was agreed that a copy of this would be circulated with the meeting papers for the next Neighbourhood Consultative Forum.

A resident representative asked how much funding the Pride in Hartlepool budget received and was informed that there was £13,000 core funding and £5,000 received from each of the area forums.

The Chair thanked the Pride in Hartlepool Officer for her attendance.

The meeting concluded at 2.30 pm

CHAIR

North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum Wednesday, 7 April 2010 Issues Raised/Action Sheet

| Issue Details | Action Taken | Officer |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| Smyth Place | Utility Company working in the area which created power cuts. This information was passed to complainant | Garry Jones |
| Property in Tempest Road | Fly tipping issue, ongoing problem with one resident. Fly tipping removed-continue to monitor situation | Garry Jones |

WARDS

Brus
Dyke House
Hart
St Hilda
Throston

North Area Police & Community Safety Consultative Forum

21 April 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Mary Fleet – Dyke House Ward

Vice Chair: Resident Representative Linda Shields

Councillor Reuben Atkinson - Dyke House Ward
Councillor Caroline Barker - Hart Ward
Councillor Edna Wright - Hart Ward

Resident Representatives: Christine Blakey, John Cambridge, Maureen Waller

Residents: David Nin, Cath Torley, Liz Torley, Alan Vale

Officers: Nicolas Stone, Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer

Karen Oliver, Neighbourhood Manager Katie Sheehan, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer Claire Wilson, Community Safety Assistant

Andrew Hughes, Community Safety Project Officer Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Services Officer Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Police: Inspector Mick Brown, Inspector Tony Green,

Housing Hartlepool: Natalie l'Anson

Fire Brigade: Peter Bradley

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allison, R Cook, Griffin and Plant.

31. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2010

These were confirmed as an accurate account.

32. MATTERS ARISING

No items.

33. UPDATE FROM POLICE

Inspector Mick Brown provided an overview of crime statistics for Hartlepool and also the North area of the Borough. Overall all crime was down by 5.6% although house burglaries and violent crime had risen. A summary of arrests, cautions, charges, warrants, AS13 and street encounters was also given.

He highlighted various police responses to areas of concern for residents including problems with youths causing annoyance in Miers Avenue, Middleton Road and Rogeri Place. He stated that it was likely that Operation Sunshine would be run again this summer to combat drinking in public places. Details were given of 'Cuppa initiatives induding with Copper'. Police and Communities Together (PACT), youth initiatives including a Youth Club at Brougham School. and Anti-Social Primary Behaviour awareness day (ASBAD).

A Member thanked the Inspector for his presentation and asked why if there had been 660 street encounters, only 3 of these had been cautioned. The Inspector explained that if a person was stopped it did not necessarily mean that an offence had been committed. A Caution was an alternative disposal for an offence rather than an arrest.

A Member asked whether there was a problem with youths at King Oswy Drive Shops, Gillens or the Clavering Play area. The Inspector confirmed that there had been incidents in these locations as well.

A Member queried whether the youth club at Brougham Primary Schools was run by Officers and was informed that officers supported other Partners in running this. The Member queried whether approaches had been made to Clavering or Barnard Grove to hold similar clubs. The Inspector confirmed that if the Brougham School project was successful it was hoped to roll this out to other areas. The Neighbourhood Manager gave details of other projects running in the area.

It was clarified that the Cuppa with a Copper initiative was planned to be held every month in every ward. A resident asked where these were advertised and was informed that the Police had a media strategy and utilised Radio Hartlepool, the Hartlepool Mail and the Police website as well as posters in supermarkets and the Ringmaster service.

A resident stated that she had not received any updates from Ringmaster recently. The Inspector agreed to pursue this with the team but hoped that it was because there had been no activity in that area.

A resident representative highlighted problems with youths hanging around shops and intimidating people. The Inspector said that outreach workers had been brought in and patrols stepped up as well as parents being informed.

A resident representative said that this was also occurring at Hartfields and suggested that the security aspect would have to be provided for in the proposed park. The Inspector agreed to make an assessment of the area and would have a patrol plan to keep situations under control.

The resident representative also highlighted youths breaking into building sites. The Inspector said that with regard to building sites, approaches had been made to the contractors who had initially been unwilling to respond. However,

because of the police IMAP system which details crime in specific areas, prospective house purchasers may have been put off. However using a problem solving technique, this had now been rectified.

A resident representative highlighted problems with traffic calming measures on Bishop Cuthbert exacerbated by some roads being adopted and others not. The Inspector said that the Police took road traffic offences seriously and consultation would take place between the Local Authority and building firms with regards to speed calming measures.

A Member asked whether Police Community Support Officers had been issued with radios and was informed that they had, although there had been initial teething problems, this meant that they did not now have to return to the Police Office to complete paperwork.

A Member referred to the problems in Rogeri Place and said that the area used to be well sought after but now undesirables inhabited the area. The Inspector said that police and Housing Hartlepool were working together to curb antisocial behaviour.

A resident representative highlighted speeding traffic on Merlin Way. Although she acknowledged there was an ongoing traffic review by the Local Authority, the problems continued to occur and she would like feedback in relation to the review. The Inspector said that he would ensure, through the Road Policing Unit, that the area was monitored and provide feedback to the resident representative on this. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed that a presentation would be brought to the next available meeting in order to update residents on the situation.

The Chair thanked Inspector Brown for his update.

34. UPDATE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE

The Community Liaison Officer, Peter Bradley provided numbers of fires which had occurred in the North Area of the town. Numbers continued to fall from the previous year. Home safety visits were continuing to be provided for residents.

He highlighted that the Steetley site was still considered a problem with 25 of the 43 deliberate fires in the area were attributed to this site. In the Central Estate area there had been no fires in the last three months and 15 home safety checks had been carried out during that period.

He also informed the Forum of diversionary events for young people including rugby, football, boxing and multi-sports sessions.

The Chair thanked the Officer for his update. The Neighbourhood Manager said that both the Police and Fire Brigade did a great deal for young people in the area and provision was also to be made for school holidays. The Forum had provided £10,000 a year for three years to ensure that there was a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in the area. The Playbuilder initiative would also ensure that there were lots of play areas in the north area.

35. ANTI- SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer provided statistics giving numbers of Anti-Social Behaviour Unit (ASBU) and Housing Hartlepool cases for January – March 2010. The ASBU unit cases were mostly rowdy and nuisance behaviour whilst the largest number of Housing Hartlepool cases were in relation to intimidation or harassment. Customer satisfaction was 100% in relation to

ASBU and 94% for the Housing Hartlepool Customer Satisfaction Standard although he acknowledged that the ASBU had a low response rate for feedback.

details of case He also provided outcomes and actions and Good Tenant Scheme applications. He said that when repeat victims were identified, problem solving measures would be put in place and support was given to vulnerable victims. He said that a recent inspection which had involved young people, had promoted plans for documentation being made easier for them to understand. He highlighted the Good Citizen day which raised the awareness of primary school pupils and this would be rolled out to primary schools in the town.

A Member asked whether there was any feedback on cases which were unresolved and which had been passed on to other agencies. She was informed that feedback would be given to the victim from ASBU cases but where cases were passed to other agencies to deal with they then became responsible for feeding back to the client actions they had taken. The officer suggested that the Principal Environmental Health Officer be invited to the Forums to update on his cases.

A resident representative highlighted problems with landlords who did not live in the town and therefore not bothered about the state of the neighbourhood of the premises which they rented out. The Officer said that there was townwide accreditation. selective licensing designated areas of the town as well as support from the regeneration and private sector housing team. There were also legal enforcement powers which could be used if necessary and the empty home There were many avenues strategy. through which residents could highlight issues of concern including residents Ward Members, associations,

Neighbourhood Services team, as well as the Police. The Officer said that people should not be frightened to report any issues as details of who had made complaints were not revealed to the perpetrator.

36. CRIME AND DISORDER CO-ORDINATION UPDATE

The Community Safety Project Officer outlined the structure of the unit based at 8 Church Street. He highlighted the new Domestic Violence magistrates court in the town. Priorities for the unit included reduction of violent crime including Funding had been domestic abuse. accessed from various sources including Community Cohesion and the small retail capital grants fund. The latter had been for target hardening used businesses. Examples of projects the unit was involved in were cited, including Operation Cleansweep.

The Chair thanked the Officer for his presentation.

37. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

West View Cemetery – A resident outlined damage which had been caused by three males to land owned by the Local Authority. The Inspector agreed to ascertain what could be done about this.

Hindpool Close – A resident stated that she believed that the speed humps in that street were not achieving a reduction in speed of the traffic and other measures should be put in place. A resident representative agreed with these comments.

Central Estate – A resident informed Police of a prowler trying door handles of bungalows. The Inspector agreed to investigate this.

The meeting concluded at 11.45 am.



Pride in Hartlepool

North Area Forum Update April 2010

Creatures of the Night Walk in North Cemetery – 8th May 2009



25 people attended the walk to see bats and owls in the cemetery

Tidy Town Campaign – Big Tidy Ups

- Spring Clean Hartlepool April-June 2009
- Hartlepool Borough Council became a local authority champion of the Big Tidy Up in September 2009
- Big Beach Tidy 20th September 2009
- Participating groups get assistance with community clean ups including free loan of equipment, free rubbish collection, and up to £100 towards costs





Clean Streets Campaign



- Pride in Hartlepool is working in association with the Dogs Trust and HBC's Enforcement Team to encourage responsible dog ownership
- The campaign is targeting schools across the town

Smarter Living Roadshow

- Smarter Living Roadshow launched in June 09 to celebrate World Environment Day
- Roadshows have visited Dockfest, the Horticulture Show, the Countryside Festival and many more throughout 2009
- Will be hosting a series of workshops and stalls at the Tall Ships event in August 2010





National Tree Week





20 participants braved the elements to plant a hedge in West View Cemetery on 29th November

Tree O'clock Event

Around 50 pupils, parents and staff from Jesmond Road School attempted to set a new world tree planting record!



Great Big Autumn Tree Giveaway

- The Giveaway ran from 2nd November to 1st December 2009
- 31 sets of 10 native tree "whips" and 12 pairs of fruit trees were given away



Pride in Hartlepool Awards 2009





North Area Projects Nominated for a Pride in Hartlepool Award:

- FAST Sculpture Group
- Friends of North Cemetery
- Zarron Barnes from St John Vianney's School
- Jesmond Road Primary School
- Throston Primary School Parent's Forum
- St Helen's Primary School

Small Grant Scheme Projects from the North Area

- Contribution from North Area Forum Minor Works Budget - £5,000
- Friends of Regent Square -£750
- Sacred Heart School £1,020
- St Helen's School £292
- Throston School £4,580
- Brougham School £2,500
- Central Estate Management Organisation - £961
- Friends of North Cemetery -£2,500
- Heugh Gun Battery Museum -£1,000
- Barnard Grove School £1,000
- Total funding allocation -£14,603



Request for Future Funding

- Contribution from North Area Forum Minor Works Budget -£5,000
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Pride in Hartlepool continues to go from strength to strength and therefore we would like to request further funding from the Forum for the coming year.

Thank you!



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North Hartlepool Youth Forum

Introduction

- 7 organisations who represent the 3rd sector and statutory sector Throston Youth Project, West view Project, Headland Future, Neighbourhood services, HVDA, community network and Central Correctors.
- We have been delivering youth activities in the North together for 18 months, which has been funded through the youth participation budget held with the local police and through our organisations delivering work in kind.
- Our biggest success was last summer where we engaged 224 attendances and 132 young people consistently engaged, with a total of 40 additional activities taking place.
- We are currently working with young people to devise a youth strategy and an action plan to develop youth participation in the North
- We currently meet fortnightly with the youth forum for the North with 20 young people involved in the group and its processes, these young people represent Throston, Dyke house, Clavering, Headland, West view, Central

Issues that the forum have raised

- Conflict with older members of the community (West view)
- Dog dirt (West view, Dyke House and Headland)
- Lighting (Throston)
- Mopeds till late at night (Central)
- Bike riders on pavements (Central)
- Tab ends (Headland)
- Increased numbers of young people drinking (Clavering)

Proposed Solutions By Young People

- Bins with tab tops
- Campaigns for tab boxes
- Skill share (intergenerational project)
- Educating people about picking up dog dirt
- More dog wardens or informing residents to contact wardens

Neighbourhood Services Involvement

- Feeding into the forum focusing on issues that they can address
- Helping the group to gain funding
- Inputting into the North forum strategy and action plan
- Sharing information on NAP priorities

Why We Are Here

- We are here on behalf of the North youth forum to request funding to continue addressing young peoples priorities in the North
- Young people will be making decisions about the best places this money can be spent which will be linked to their action plan and strategy
- Young people will report back through neighbourhood services on the impact of their work and contributions to the NAP priorities.

Any Questions?

North Neighbourhood Action Plan Forums (NAPS) <u>An overview</u>

Aim of Hartlepool Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy is: To continue the regeneration of Hartlepool and ensure that local people, organisations and service providers work together to narrow the gap between the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods and the rest of the borough, so that in the future no-one is seriously disadvantaged by where they live.

NAPs play a key role in delivering the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy at a local level and have been developed in each of the town's priority neighbourhoods.

The North have 5 NAP areas

- Dykehouse/Stranton & Grange set up 2002

- West View/ King Oswy 2006

- Headland 2006

- Central Estate 2006

- Throston 2008

- NAPs meet monthly
- Chaired by local resident
- Work alongside a range of Service Providers
- Work alongside local elected Ward members
- Work alongside Resident Representatives

NAPs link into the Local Strategic Partnership via the eight Theme Partnership Groups

- Housing
- Health & Wellbeing
- Culture & Leisure
- Jobs & Economy
- Strengthening Communities
- Community Safety
- Life Long Learning & Skills
- Environment

Overview of key Projects St Oswald Street/Wharton Street improvement scheme



Match Funding NAP
SCRAPT
Community Safety

Resident survey June 10 Feedback:

Removal of flower beds, vast improvement Reduction in Anti Social Behaviour Reduction in litter More Road Space Easier parking for residents

Family Case Workers – across all NAP Forum Areas 2008-2009

- Project to help local people back into Employment and training
- Outreach workers engaging residents from workless households
- Family Case Workers engaged with 404 unemployed residents
 - 128 completed a training course
 - 67 studied toward/obtained employment
 - 44 obtained employment
- 7 Of the 9 Family Case Workers have gone on to secure further employment

Trees of Beautification



Tree planting across all areas:
Match funded by North Neighbourhood
Consultative Forum



Pedestrian baskets across all the NAP of NAP areas-key routes:

Match funded by North Neighbourhood

Consultative Forum

Information Boards

Environmental Improvements





Central Estate

Central Estate

Youth Work Projects across all NAP areas

 Match funded by Home Office

 Development of a North Youth Strategy





Your Councillors & Resident Reps

Your Ward Resident Reps



Bob Steel
Vice Chairman
Hart Ward



John Cambridge St Hilda Ward



Joan Steel
Hart Ward



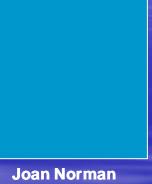
Linda Shields
Sub-Vice Chairman
Dykehouse Ward



Christine Blakey
Hart Ward



John Maxwell
Brus Ward



Throston Ward



Your Ward Councillors

Dykehouse Ward Councillors

Hart Ward Councillors

St Hilda Ward Throston Ward Councillors

Brus Ward Councillors



Mary Fleet



Rob W Cook



John Marshall



Peter Jackson



Michelle Plant



Stephen Thomas



Edna Wright



Tim Fleeming



Allan Barclay



Trevor Rogan



Reuben Atkinson



Caroline Barker



John W Marshall



Christopher Mckenna



Sheila Griffin

Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: MINOR WORKS SCHEMES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

Scheme One Various Wards - Dropped Crossings

- 1.2 The dropped crossing strategy was introduced to all three Forums in 2001/02. Since this time each Forum have, each financial year, continued to commit the sum of £3,500 toward the ongoing rolling programme to provide dropped crossings throughout the town.
- 1.3 To enable the rolling programme to progress as planned it is requested that the North Forum allocate £3,500 as a continuing commitment to this strategy.
- 1.4 Contribution cost towards Dropped Crossing Strategy £3,500.

Scheme Two – Telford Close/Brunell Close

- 1.5 Members will recall that a request to provide a footpath between Telford Close and Brunell Close was presented at the North Consultative Forum in July 2009. Due to budget restrictions there were insufficient funds to carry out the proposed works. Members requested that consideration be given to this scheme in the new financial year.
- 1.6 Members are reminded that a grassed area currently links Telford and Brunell Close.
- 1.7 The request is to construct a footpath across the existing open space in order to formally connect the above areas. Cost £12,500.

<u>Scheme Three – Clavering Shopping Parade/ St Marks Church Hall</u>

1.8 Officers have been requested to identify ways in which to prevent vehicles crossing the public footpath to park and deliver goods to the general dealers. This practice has resulted in a high level of damage to the footpath and forecourt. In order to prevent this it is proposed that new bollards be installed. Cost £1,600.

<u>Scheme Four – Town Square Tree Base replacement</u>

1.9 Many of the trees situated at the Headland Town Square were planted and then surrounded at their base with gravel bound resin as a design feature. Over the past 18 months as the trees have grown the resin has lifted away and has become damaged. As this has progressed so to has the level of vandalism which has rapidly increased the deterioration. Several of the trees are in a poor condition and are likely to need replacing, others however can be saved. In order to ensure that there is no further tree damage, the existing resin bases will need to be removed. The proposal includes the removal and replacement of existing bases, whilst it is suggested that the same gravel bound resin design is retained, the surface area will be reduced in order to provide a larger collar of soil around the base of the tree for increased flexibility and growth. Cost £5,750.

Scheme Five –Sandbanks Drive Grass verge Scheme

1.10 To complete the verge works programme that commenced in the last financial year. There are three areas where the grass verge is to be removed and replaced with tarmac opposite house numbers 46 - 52 numbers 45 - 47 and number 10. This works would complete the grass verge programme in this area. Cost £5.000

<u>Scheme Six – King Oswy Drive Grass Verge Scheme</u>

1.11 Residents have made requests to have part of the grass verge removed and replaced with tarmac. The request is for outside property numbers 228 – 210 and numbers 203 – 217.

A consultation in the area was carried out and the results were

- 19 letters posted
- 15 returns
- 10 in favour of this scheme
- 5 were not in favour.

The works would consist of removing approximately a one metre wide strip from the kerb edge and replace with tarmac. Cost £10,750

<u>Scheme Seven – North Youth Participation Strategy</u>

1.12 Key agencies both voluntary and Statutory are currently developing a North Youth Participation Strategy. This Strategy outlines the key objectives towards increased participation and consultation of young people within our North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum location. This work started in 2009 with funding from the Home Office Participatory Budget fund, which was aimed at getting young people to highlight their concern and fears around Community Safety and Crime. This was a very successful project which

resulted in a North Youth Forum being set up The Home Office have offered further funding of £8,000 in order to assist in developing Participatory Budgeting this year. Very little funding is available which helps tackle issues raised by our young people. The North Consultative Forum is asked to help with the development of this Strategy by providing £10,000 as part of the Minor Works funding in order to strengthen the involvement and role of young people within the North Consultation Forum process. Cost £10,000.

<u>Scheme Eight – Parton Street removal of raised bed</u>

- 1.13 Parton Street lies within the Dyke House Ward. Funding has been found via a number of sources over the years in order to remove the 1970's designed raised shrub beds. The beds are unsightly and by their design are often the cause of anti-social behaviour. Four of the five streets have now had the beds removed, and replaced with improved parking and trees. The DH/S/G NAP have over the years provided the lion share of funding, as the removal of the beds has been a high priority. Community Safety and the authorities SCRAPT funding has also been used. However, funding has now reduced significantly with reduced opportunities to complete the final phase of this long running project.
- 1.14 The cost to complete this scheme, to remove the raised beds in the upper part of Parton Street will be in the region of £50,000. It is the intention of the Neighbourhood Manager to apply for Community Safety Funding; however, this requires an element of "Match Funding". The Forum is asked to consider to provide £15,000 to be put forward as Match Funding in order to assist with the application for Community Safety funding. Should the bid be unsuccessful it is proposed that the £15,000, should the Forum agree, would be returned to the Neighbourhood Consultative Forum this financial year, Cost £15,000.

Scheme Nine – Pride in Hartlepool

Please see attached presentation. Cost £5,000.

1.15 <u>Total amount of schemes put forward £69,100</u> <u>Minor works fund in the year 2010-11 £87,000</u>

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Forum is asked to consider the above schemes.