

SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



Friday, 1 July 2011

at 10.00 am

**at Jutland Road Community Centre,
Jutland Road, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, Gibbon, Hargreaves, Hill, James, Lawton, A E Lilley, G Lilley, A Marshall, Preece, Turner, P Thompson and Wilcox.

Resident Representatives: Maureen Braithwaite, Peter Joyce, Rosemarie Kennedy, Iris Ryder and Michael Unwin

- 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 South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum meeting held on 8th April 2011
 - 4.2 Matters arising
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

6. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Dog Control Orders – *Waste and Environmental Services Manager*
- 6.2 Allotment Improvements – *Waste and Environmental Services Manager*
- 6.3 Housing Strategy – *Housing Strategy Officer*

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION and/or INFORMATION

- 7.1 20s Plenty – *Traffic Team Leader*

8. ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 8.1 Minor Works Report – *Neighbourhood Manager (South)*

9. WARD ISSUES FROM WARD MEMBERS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES

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 29th July at 2pm in Jutland Road Community Centre

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

WARDS

Fens
Greatham
Owton
Rossmere
Seaton

SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

8 April 2011

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 10.00 am in Jutland Road Community Centre, Jutland Road, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair:	Councillor Ann Marshall	-	Rossmere Ward
	Councillor Steve Gibbon	-	Fens Ward
	Councillor Cath Hill	-	Seaton Ward
	Councillor Trisha Lawton	-	Rossmere Ward
	Councillor Alison Lilley	-	Fens Ward
	Councillor Geoff Lilley	-	Greatham Ward
	Councillor Arthur Preece	-	Fens Ward
	Councillor Michael Turner	-	Seaton Ward

Resident Representatives: Maureen Braithwaite, Peter Joyce, Rosemarie Kennedy, Iris Ryder

Public: Dorothy Clarke and Stephen Myers

Officers:

- David Frame, Neighbourhood Manager
- David Mitchell, Neighbourhood Coordinator
- Sue McBride, Neighbourhood Development Officer
- Danielle Swainston, Sure Start, Extended Services and Early Years Manager
- Joanne Burnley, Senior Environmental Health Officer
- Sarah Tudor, Families Information Service Manager
- Sarah Harrison, Democratic Services Officer

Police Representatives: PCSO Julie Dobson, PCSO Parry, PC Carroll

Fire Brigade Representative: Dean Charnley

Housing Hartlepool Representative: Helen Ivison

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for one minutes silence be observed in respect of the recent death of Councillor Bob Flintoff.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Christopher Akers Belcher, Pamela Hargreaves and Marjorie James resident representative Michael Unwin and resident Michael Ward.

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

47. MINUTES OF THE SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2011

Confirmed.

47. MATTERS ARISING

Agenda Layout – It was pointed out that the list of resident representatives was incorrect and the Democratic Services Officer agreed to ensure that this was amended.

Mayoral Response - Resident Michael Ward although not present at the meeting had expressed his displeasure at the form of the response received from the Mayor, i.e. a copy of the press release. After discussion the Forum agreed that the Chair should let the Mayor know that the Forum were also unhappy with the form of response and requested that the Chair send the original letter of Mike's asking for the Mayor to give him a personal response. The minutes of the Council meeting of 24 February were tabled for information.

O'Briens – Resident representative Iris Ryder stated that the operative carrying out the road cleaning should have a

warning sign as this was taking place over the brow of a hill and was dangerous. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to alert O'Briens of this.

48. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM HELD ON 16 MARCH 2011

These minutes were received by the Forum.

49. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions.

50. CHILD POVERTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGY

The Forum was reminded that the Local Authority had a duty to produce a Child Poverty Needs Assessment and Strategy. The Child Poverty Working Group had drafted a Child Poverty needs assessment and a refreshed strategy and were in the process of consulting with interested parties for views.

The Forum was told that the Government measured poverty by saying that any adult with one child living on less than £145 per week was classed as living in poverty. Locally, children and young people in Hartlepool made up almost 20% of the population and almost a third of these were living in poverty. Hartlepool has one of the highest percentages of children living in poverty in the North East. An independent review had been carried out nationally which recommended the establishment of a set of 'life chances' indicators as well as establishing a foundation years education system covering 0 – 5 years. The Sure Start, Extended Services and Early Years Manager asked for views on how the Authority could support families currently

in poverty as well as preventing poor children from becoming poor adults.

Councillor Geoff Lilley highlighted that many working families were noticing a reduction in disposable income and the Authority should have a strategy in place in relation to childcare arrangements or the situation would become intolerable for many working families.

Councillor Alison Lilley asked what outreach support groups were available for families and was reminded of the Team Around the Primary School, Team Around the Secondary School and Children's Centres outreach support as well as multi-agency support from health visitors and financial advisors if required. There were also parent forums for families who wished to have support in this form.

51. FAMILIES INFORMATION SERVICES HARTLEPOOL (FISH)

The FISH Manager attended to inform the meeting that the service had moved out of the Central Library but was now based in Children's Centres across the town. The service provided information, advice and assistance to families about services and support available for them.

Resident representative Iris Ryder suggested that details of the service's new location should be prominently displayed in the Central Library as families relied on the support of FISH. The FISH manager suggested that more families could be reached by the service being out in the community. The Neighbourhood Development Officer agreed to publicise details of the service.

Councillor Lawton asked whether the service liaised with Hartlepool Families First and was informed that there were good links between the services.

Resident Rosemarie Kennedy asked how the service was funded and was informed that there was an early intervention grant from central Government which funded preventative services.

52. SELECTIVE LICENSING

The Senior Environmental Health Officer provided details of the current consultation of selective licensing of private landlords in additional areas of the town. However, none of these proposed areas were in the south of the town.

It was clarified for Councillor Geoff Lilley that if a landlord had only one property which was rented out to a family member, if it was in one of these areas, then a licence would not be required.

53. WARD ISSUES

Refuse and Recycling Collection – Resident representative Iris Ryder asked on behalf of a resident whether bins and containers should only be brought to the front of premises in Seaton Carew. The Neighbourhood Manager asked for specific details as to location but this was not known. The Neighbourhood Coordinator would speak with the resident concerned as to the location and nature of the problems being experienced.

Museum Road – Resident representative Iris Ryder highlighted confusion caused now that this road is two way. She was informed that there were traffic cones and signage in place to indicate this.

Litter Pick at Fens Beck – Councillor Geoff Lilley highlighted that after a recent litter pick by volunteers and the countryside wardens, the area was now immaculate and thanked all who attended.

Ramp across Beck – Councillor Geoff Lilley suggested that a barrier be placed at the Environment Agency ramp in order to prevent access by off road bikers. The Neighbourhood Coordinator agreed to see whether this would be viable.

Recycling – Councillor Mike Turner suggested that the council publicise which charities benefit from the recycling of goods. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to liaise with the Waste Management Team Leader to see whether this was possible.

Ward Boundaries – The Chair informed the meeting that there was a current twelve week consultation taking place on Ward Boundaries and a proposed reduction in Ward Members. Residents could visit www.lgbce.org.uk or local libraries and community centres if they wished to comment on the proposals.

Councillor Hill commented that she did not like the suggested Ward names. Councillor Turner suggested that the current system of election by thirds would have determined the number of ward members. Councillor Geoff Lilley said that he was saddened by the suggested Park Ward which would contain some of the Villages as the rural communities would lose their identity.

Thanks – The Chair thanked the meeting for its support during the year she had been Chair and thanked Sarah for her support and wished her well for the future as it was also her last meeting.

The meeting concluded at 10.54 am.

CHAIR

Report of: Neighbourhood Manager (South)

Subject: MINOR WORKS REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report to the Forum details of the Minor Works Budget allocation for 20011/2012 and the Forum's role with regard to the proposal and approval of schemes.

2 OUTLINE OF CONTENTS

- 2.1 In 2010/2011 the Forum was responsible for recommending and undertaking Minor Works for the general improvement of the South Area from a budget allocated by the Council.
- 2.2 The Forum has been delegated £25,000 for this financial year, 2011/2012, as a Minor Works Budget. As was the case in 2010/2011, an additional allocation of £18,000 has been made from Highways Budgets (£8,000 from the Local Transport Plan and £10,000 from the Highways Maintenance Budget). This money will address specific highways issues raised by the Forum in the South Area.
- 2.3 Further to this, an additional £15,000 has again been allocated to the Forum to address the common issue of the conversion of grass verges to hard standing, where the Forum considers this appropriate.
- 2.4 The framework, when considering proposed schemes, will continue as in previous years, as follows:
- (i) Outline schemes to be proposed by Members, Residents, Residents' Representatives or Officers:
 - (ii) The Chair and Vice Chair of the Neighbourhood Consultative Forum will assess the proposal and where appropriate, instruct Officers to cost the works and report to the Forum;
 - (iii) Reports to the Forum will include estimated costs, alternative options where appropriate, residents' views and any other related information.
 - (iv) Minor Works Schemes are likely to include any works of improvement to the area which benefit the community or a number of individual residents and enhance the quality of life in the neighbourhood. Individual repairs and

improvements would not normally be funded from this budget but would be referred to other departmental budgets.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Forum is asked to note that:

(i) £25,000 is available for general Minor Works schemes.

(ii) £18,000 is available for highway related schemes.

(iii) A further £15,000 has been allocated to specifically address the issues concerning grass verge re-instatement.

Total budget available £58,000