

PLEASE NOTE VENUE

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



Wednesday, 29th November, 2006

at 10.00 a.m.

in West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue

MEMBERS: NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:

Councillors D Allison, S Allison, Barker, Clouth, R Cook, Fenwick, Fleet, Griffin, Jackson, J Marshall, Rogan, Shaw, Wallace, D Waller and Wright.

Resident Representatives:

John Cambridge, John Lynch, Joan Norman, Mary Power, Linda Shields, Joan Steel and Robert Steel. (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 11th October, 2006 (attached)
 - 4.2 Matters arising
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
- 6. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE ISSUES**
- 7. WARD ISSUES**

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Short Break for Tea/Coffee

8. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Fair Access to Care – Alan Dobby, Assistant Director (Support Services)
(Adult and Community Services Department)
- 8.2 Presentation - Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Update – Paul Briggs
(Also vote by Members on who will represent Forum on Stakeholder Board)

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION INFORMATION

- 9.1 Presentation - 2007/08 Initial Budget and Council Tax Proposals – Chief
Financial Officer
- 9.2 North Hartlepool Partnership (SRB) Update – North Hartlepool Partnership
Manager
- 9.3 Presentation - Hartlepool Connect – Changes to Civic Centre – Christine
Armstrong and Dale Owens
- 9.4 Verbal update - Access to Beaches – Ralph Harrison, Head of Public
Protection and Housing

10. ITEM FOR DECISION

- 10.1 Minor Works Budget Proposals – Neighbourhood Manager (North)

11. DATES, TIMES AND VENUES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- (a) Wednesday 10th January 2007 – North Police and Community Safety Forum
at 10am – venue to be notified.
- (b) Wednesday 31st January 2007 – North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum
at 10am at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue.

12. ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

WARDS

Brus
Dyke House
Hart
St Hilda
Throston

11th October, 2006

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Robin Cook - Hart Ward

Vice Chair: Linda Shields (Resident Representative)

Councillor Caroline Barker	- Hart Ward
Councillor Sheila Griffin	- Brus Ward
Councillor Jane Shaw	- Dyke House Ward
Councillor Denis Waller	- Brus Ward
Councillor Edna Wright	- Hart Ward

Resident Representatives: John Lynch, Joan Norman, Joan Steel, Robert Steel

Public: Alan Cook, Cath Torley, Liz Torley, John Maxwell, Dave Oliver, Alan Vale and Dennis Wilson

St Hild's School Pupils: Joanne Baxter, Shauna Hanley, Danielle Leighton, Beth Cormack, Hannah Duffy, Martin Burnside, Victoria Burnside, Sarah Burnside.

Officers: Dave Stubbs, Karen Oliver, Keeley Metcalfe, Tracy Rowe, John Ford, Garry Jones, Paul Mitchinson, Janet Skelton, Catherine Frank, Peter Frost, Gemma Clough, Paul Briggs, Sylvia Frain and Denise Ogden.

Housing Hartlepool Representative: Anthony Scarre

Police Representatives: PC Cranston

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Allison, S Allison, J Marshall and S Wallace. Also from Resident Representative John Cambridge

29. ELECTED RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES

The Chairman introduced the new Resident Representatives and advised that Julie Holdcroft had indicated that she could not take up the post after all due to family matters. The vacancy would be offered to the person who received the next highest vote in the election.

30. MINUTES

- (a) The minutes of the meeting held on 9th August 2006 were confirmed.
- (b) The minutes of the North Police and Community Safety Forum held on 6th September 2006 were received.
- (c) Matters arising – On arrival at the meeting, those attending were given a document detailing the Actions Taken in relation to issues raised at the last meeting. There were no further issues raised.

31. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Access to the Foreshore – A resident (AV) questioned the Cabinet decision on 9th October 2006 that the barrier at the entrance to the foreshore at Station Lane remain open. He felt that this could lead to other barriers/bollards being taken away and therefore allow what had been a dangerous practice of vehicles on the beach to return. The Director of Neighbourhood Services, Dave Stubbs, advised the Forum of the contents of the Cabinet report and indicated that only the one barrier at the top of Station Lane would be open, the others would remain locked. Residents in attendance had a number of queries and the Chairman suggested that a presentation on this issue be brought to the next meeting with the relevant Officer in attendance to answer questions.

Speed Camera Signs – The signs in King Oswy Drive (and Elwick Road) were reported to be small and placed at a high level on posts. Peter Frost reported that some remedial works were to be carried out in the following week.

Speeding Drive speed humps. A resident asked for an update. Peter Frost

advised that the Portfolio Holder had agreed to the hump closest to the tunnel being reduced to 75mm.

Zebra Crossing Holdforth Road – A resident asked for an update. Peter Frost advised that the update was included in the “Actions Taken” document. The approximate cost for a zebra crossing was £13,000. It was hoped that some funding could be obtained from the Minor Works Budget and possibly the NAP. Determination of an exact location was ongoing.

Thanks for painting at **bus stops in Winterbottom Avenue** were given by the resident who had raised the issue – congratulations for the completed work to be passed to the Officers concerned.

Cycle Route – Headland area – A resident complained that there were no signs/directions on this section of the route. KO indicated that she would speak to Ian Jopling on this issue.

Progress on the old Steetley site was questioned. – KO advised that there was to be a meeting on 17th October of the Land Owners and Ward Councillors. Planning Section had set up the meeting in relation to the Planning Application. The residents who had previously been involved in this issue were unhappy that they had not been invited to the meeting. DS explained that the meeting was in relation to the developers planning application.

Possible one-way traffic system on the Headland. A resident asked if there had been progress. KO advised that the North Hartlepool Partnership had issued work to be done in relation to the parking strategy and this issue was being discussed alongside it. The Forum would be kept informed.

A resident representative advised that Dr Thacker had asked if anything could be done to alleviate the **parking congestion in the Union Bank area**. At one point 73 cars were parked in the area. Peter Frost noted this issue and agreed to investigate.

A res rep asked if there had been progress on the **Zebra crossing request near the Brus roundabout**. Peter Frost advised of the difficulty because of the closeness to the roundabout – he said a pedestrian island was being considered – he would bring an update and costs to the next Forum meeting.

Cabins obscuring view of traffic – near Redheugh Gardens – Garry Jones indicated that the contractors had not sought permission – he agreed they were causing problems and said a notice had been served on them to move the cabins.

32. PRESENTATION – BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

The Children's Services Interim Assistant Director, Paul Briggs, gave a short version of his presentation on Building Schools for the Future. A copy of the Stage One Consultation Document was also made available for those present. Paul advised that the aim of the consultation was to share information with as wide an audience as possible and collect their views on possible ways forward.

In an overview, Paul explained that funding was being made available for the following:

- Primary Capital Programme (for Primary Schools)
- Building Schools for the Future (for Secondary Schools)
- College Development

Possibly with as much as £150m to be spent on Hartlepool's schools and colleges.

This first stage of consultation would run from the end of September to 3rd November. In addition to the Stage One Consultation Document, information could be viewed on the website bsf@hartlepool.gov.uk, nine public meetings would be held in addition to three Neighbourhood Forums and meetings with key partners. Paul said there were some hard decisions to be made but this was a fantastic chance to help the Council shape the future of secondary education in Hartlepool for generations to come. As Paul's presentation at this meeting was quite short he encouraged people to come to one of the other consultation events in the area.

Included in the presentation were slides relating to the following, and Paul expanded on each of these:

- What are we consulting about?
- BSF – The Main Facts
- Key Facts about Hartlepool Schools
- BSF – Some Key Issues

Paul indicated that no decisions had yet been made. Further consultation would be undertaken, depending on the outcome of the first round.

Following the presentation the following questions/issues arose:

- A resident representative asked what HBC's policy on private investment/academies. Paul advised that this issue was covered on page 10 of the document.
- Who will own the new schools? Paul advised that the Council would, as now.

- What will happen after the first round of consultation? Paul advised that he would report back to Councillors after the first round and there would be a second round (if necessary) in January/February 2007.
- Is there scope to link this in with Neighbourhood Action Plans (NAPs). Paul said yes, all possibilities would be considered.

Paul advised that Sylvia Frain would stay until the end of the meeting and if those present wished to complete the consultation paper and post it in the box then all suggestions would be taken into consideration.

33. COMMUNITY STRATEGY REVIEW 2006

Catherine Frank, Principal Neighbourhood Renewal and strategy Officer from the Hartlepool Partnership referred to the report, the plan and the Hartlepool Ambition Consultation 1st Draft that had been circulated to those present. She reminded the Forum of John Potts presentation to the Forum in June when the Community Strategy Review had been launched. Consultation over the summer had looked at the original strategy that had been produced back in 2002. There had been over 1100 responses to the questionnaire and those, as well as findings from a series of theme partnership workshops, had been taken into account in the 1st draft of the revised Community Strategy. This document was now out for consultation until Friday 17th November.

Catherine advised that copies were also available from the website www.hartlepoolpartnership.co.uk or by contacting the team on 284147. Catherine asked people to consider the questions set out in paragraph 7.3 of the

report. She advised that people can send their comments directly to the team or complete the online questionnaire. Alternatively, if residents would like to talk to the team then there would be a number of drop-in sessions across the town. In the North area these would be at:

- Headland Borough Hall 6-7pm on Tuesday 24th October;
- West View Community Centre 11-12 noon on Thursday 26th October;
- Throston Library 11-30-12.30pm on Friday 27th October

Catherine said the team looked forward to receiving comments.

34. DYKE HOUSE/STRANTON/GRANGE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The Head of Regeneration had circulated a detailed report and Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) Update for the Dyke House/Stranton/Grange area prior to consideration of the plan by the Hartlepool Partnership on 20th October 2006. A full copy of the Plan was attached to the report together with a summary document highlighting the priority concerns and the actions to address them.

The report contained information relating to:

- Consultation and the current position;
- Implementation of the plan;
- Financial implications;
- The contents of the plan;
- Recommendations;
- Reasons for Recommendations
- Background Papers
- Contact Officer

The Principal Regeneration Officer, Gemma Clough attended the Forum to

seek endorsement of the Dyke House/Stranton/Grange Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) Update which the Forum approved, with thanks.

35. NORTH HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT UPDATE

The North Hartlepool Partnership Manager, John Ford, presented a report updating the Forum on progress relating to activities and project development by the North Hartlepool Partnership.

The NHP Board had given consideration to a number of schemes/projects that could be supported with remaining SRB funds. The Board had approved funding contributions towards the following :

- Environmental improvements to the area at the top of Thorpe Street. A potential scheme was being firmed up.
- Environmental improvements and to provide for some parking spaces on the former putting green.
- Re-use of an "Asda" stone to be inlaid with granite blocks depicting pictures of St Bega and St Hilda to be located at the start of the Timeline as part of the Town Square development. It was anticipated that the official opening of the Town Square would take place on 31 October 2006.
- A granite celtic cross to be located in the external vicinity of St Hilda's church.
- Some paving works and the installation of bollards to the front of the Co-op on Northgate.
- Restoration/replacement of the stone plaque above the entrance to the Borough Hall.
- The purchase of bulbs to be planted at key locations around the Headland.

- The creation of a parking area for 23 vehicles behind the Co-op.
- Environmental improvements to Croft Gardens including provision to locate the "Big Catch" sculpture.
- Environmental improvements to Fairy Cove to include provision for re-instatement of a gun as per gun battery emplacement.
- A lighting scheme at Fish Sands to light up Town Wall and Sandwell Gate.
- Replacement of railings to front of St Mary's Church.

All of the above schemes were subject to obtaining planning / conservation approvals.

In August, the Partnership had sought the views of residents in the North Hartlepool area as to whether they wanted an Andy Capp statue. The results of the consultation had been in favour of having a statue with 406 yes votes and 121 no votes from respondents. The suggested location is near to the Harbour of Refuge, although this again would be subject to planning permission.

The Forum was informed that unfortunately the Heugh Gun Battery, which had appeared on the BBC television programme, Restoration Village, was not successful in going through to the Programme Final. However by appearing on the programme the Battery has received national publicity which may prove invaluable. The Trust continues with its plan to try to attract funds to restore the Battery.

The Chairman and those present thanked the North Hartlepool Partnership for the excellent work carried out so far, especially at the Town Square. He commented that true recognition should be given for this and other schemes. DS agreed to report this to CMT.

A resident asked if the wood fence along the coastal side of the Headland could be removed to allow people to enjoy the view. John Ford advised that PD Ports had been asked if viewing panels could be inserted.

A Councillor asked if the area near the Gun Battery could be tidied up in any way. JF agreed to look at this.

36. PRESENTATION – ALTERNATIVE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The Director of Neighbourhood Services, Dave Stubbs, gave a presentation on the Increased Recycling Service.

The current service was outlined as follows:

- Weekly Refuse Collection;
- Fortnightly Recycling collection for paper, cans, glass and textiles;
- Bring Centres for above materials and plastics;
- Free Bulky Waste Collection Service;
- Household Waste Recycling Centre;
- Energy from Waste Incineration;
- Landfill.

During the presentation Mr Stubbs outlined why it was necessary to change the current system and outlined the increased recycling as follows:

- Provide residents with a brown 240 ltr wheeled bin for green waste composting;
- Provide residents with a poly bag for plastic bottles and cardboard recycling;
- Blue box and bag for cans, glass and paper;
- Residual waste will be collected in current green wheeled bin;

- Alternate collections.

Kerbside Collections to be made as follows:

Week one – Green Waste – Brown Bin
Plastic & Cardboard – White polybag

Week two – Residual Waste – green bin
Cans, glass and paper – blue box/bag

Dave outlined the findings of the Phase 1 Pilot scheme that had been running in the South area of town. Recycling rates of 40% were being achieved from both rounds in the South every week.

Phase 2 would run as follows:

- Two Refuse Rounds, Central and North Forum areas;
- First leaflet to residents sent out w/c 11.09.06;
- 'What and How' leaflet sent out to residents w/c 25.20.06;
- Question & Answer sessions: Round two w/c 2.10.06 and round six w/c 9.10.06;
- Containers and calendar to residents.
- Door Steppers 1-1 consultation working from 3pm to 7pm weekdays and weekends;
- First collection of recyclables 16th October or 23rd October, depending upon round.

Some of the residents commented that they had not received leaflets. Dave said They could be in the later rounds but would eventually receive them.

Some residents had only very small garden areas and said they would not need brown bins. Dave said these would be collected if not required.

A resident referred to possible maggots in the summer. Dave said this had occurred in the South but had been easily dealt

with. Any property with a problem on the new arrangements would be visited by a NS Officer.

A resident asked when the recycling site on the Headland would be reinstated. Denise said this would be looked at again in the next few weeks.

A Resident Representative congratulated the Officers involved for the work done and for overall waste management efficiency.

A resident referred to the rubbish in the area of no-mans land at the north end of town, near Crimdon bank. Dave said this was a difficult area to manage because of the traffic situation but the area would be checked.

37. PRESENTATION – GULLEY CLEANSING AND REPAIR SERVICE

The Neighbourhood Officer, Garry Jones, advised the Forum of the Gulley Cleansing and Repair Service. He indicated the following:

- We currently have 2 cleansing wagons. The town is split in 2 halves one working in each half
- We deliver a 3 part service
- The first is a Routine Cyclical service
- At the beginning of each month the teams are given there months back of works to do.
- There are 22,500 gullies to clean all get cleaned once some more than once.
- That works out at 1000 a month for each team.
- They need to average one every 5 minutes
- If there is a problem getting access to a gully possibly a car parked

over the gully the team will make a note of the location and return to it.

- If there are problems with the gullies ie, a soft blockage, the teams will attempt to clear it
- If it is a solid blockage they will make a note of the location and pass it on to our drainage and repair service. As they have a lot of gullies to get through and do not have the time to spend on problematic gullies.
- It takes approximately nine working months to cleanse all the gullies in the town the other three months of the year are taken up doing reactive work.
- The second service we deliver is our reactive service. Reacting to customer enquiries and any gully issues picked up by our inspectors. Also when there is heavy rainfall. There have been 126 customer enquiries since April
- The third service we deliver is our drainage and repair service. This is the works that have been identified by our gully cleansing teams or where problems have been identified such as flooding, and investigations are necessary Engineering solutions need to be found also funding for the works. There are routine 3 monthly meetings with Northumbrian Water Limited (NWL) to discuss Drainage issues
- Regular customer enquiries this summer: Smelling drains. Unusually dry summer the gully dry out. Normally there is water in the gully that traps the smell coming from the sewer

Following Garry's presentation the following issues arose:

A resident representative who had previously reported problems in the Bungalows area in lower Bruce Crescent

asked to be informed of the timescales for cleansing in that area. Garry agreed to provide the information directly.

A Hart Ward Councillor reported that grass cuttings are left and go into the gullies causing blocks. Garry noted this.

A resident reported that because vehicles often cover the gullies around the Brus Shops they are not cleared out as often as others. Garry indicated that they are usually done on Sundays or in the early hours to avoid vehicles. Paul Mitchinson noted the problem.

38. SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION OFFICER (KEELEY METCALFE) AND PUPILS FROM ST. HILD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

The School Environmental Action Officer, Keeley Metcalfe, introduced pupils from St Hild's School with whom she had been working on environmental projects. The group is called The Saints and each of the members present gave a short presentation as follows:

- The Saints began in January 2006. We meet every Wednesday night with Miss Baxter and Miss Metcalfe to discuss environmental action for St Hild's and our local community
- We are looking for support, advice and experience from the board.
- We are concerned about Hartlepool and the fact that Global warming might mean we get swallowed by the sea.
- It is important for us to reduce CO2 emissions by saving energy

in school and promoting this at home too.

- It is important for us to highlight the importance of saving water as our summers become hotter and our winters drier.
- We must consider the transport we use and make walking and cycling attractive to people in our community
- We are keen to improve our school grounds. We need recycling facilities, compost bins, bird boxes, litter picking equipment, benches, more bins and plants to create a more eco friendly environment.
- We are keen to help improve the local environment and will offer our services for any work that will help to improve the local area for our community.
- Recycling is a big issue for us. We waste so much paper and none of it is recycled at present. We think this is shocking! Can you help us make plans and put them into action by providing recycling boxes for classrooms and collecting our paper every day? Storage of the waste paper is our biggest hurdle at present.
- We welcome you to visit us at St Hild's on a Wednesday afternoon from 3pm to discuss our way forward.
- Thank you for allowing us to visit you. We are very grateful for the chance to put our views across.

- We are committed and passionate about improving our environment and encouraging people to GO GREEN!

The Chairman thanked the pupils and agreed the importance of recycling and the environment.

Those present at the Forum appreciated and enjoyed the pupils' presentations and asked the children to come along to speak to the Forum at some time in the future.

The Chairman requested that a letter be sent to the school thanking the children for their work and for telling the Forum about it.

39. MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS

The Forum were asked to agree to recommend the following minor works schemes to the Portfolio Holder for approval:

- Hart Ward – Sandbanks Drive Verge Works – properties affected No's 1-3, 5-7, 9-11 and 60 – cost £4,296;
- Brus Ward – Winterbottom Avenue Verge Works – properties affected No's 37-41, 47, 42-48, 66-68 and 82-84 – cost £27,520;
- Parking areas – Throston Grange Estate - £4,500;
- Parking Areas – Pine/Ivy Grove areas – cost £3,000;
- St Hild's ECO Group – cost £200;
- St Hilda Ward – St Hilda's Church – landscaping etc – cost £1,500.

Some of the schemes would require consultation with local residents.

Decision – The Forum agreed that all the above schemes should be recommended to the Portfolio Holder for approval.

A Hart Ward Councillor referred to the land at Gibson Grove/Miller Crescent and asked if there had been any progress. Garry Jones agreed to investigate.

A Hart Ward Councillor also raised the issue of bollards near 9 /Speeding Drive. The estimated cost of £2,700 was high. Bushes were not acceptable. Garry Jones agreed to take a further look.

40. WARD ISSUES

Request for more litter bins and collection - Northgate Shops (near Chemist) – KO noted.

Coast Road pavement cleansing – the steps down are not cleared and there are overhanging bushes etc. Ward Councillors felt jobs should be done as a matter of course. KO noted.

41. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

To be held on Wednesday 29th November 2006 commencing at 10am at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue.

ROB COOK

CHAIRMAN

Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: FAIR ACCESS TO CARE CONSULTATION

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 We are asking a wide range of people and groups for their views on a possible change to social care services. This report is to introduce a presentation and discussion on this issue.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 People needing help to stay at home are assessed, and either given access to statutory care services (home care, domiciliary care etc), or for those with lower levels of need given advice and information on services in the community (Drop In Centres, Luncheon Clubs etc).
- 2.2 The change the Cabinet would like to consider is raising the threshold, so that fewer people are eligible for statutory care, and more receive advice and information. Some of the savings would be used to support better preventative services in the community open to all. The remainder would help improve statutory services to those in most need.
- 2.3 Views are being collected for consideration by Cabinet in January 2007. A more detailed explanation will be provided at the Forum meeting.

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 The Andy Capp Statue has now been commissioned. It is expected the statue will be delivered and installed in March/April 2007.
- 2.2 The Town Square was officially opened on 31st October 2006 and was attended by hundreds of adults and children who appeared to enjoy the event. The official opening was performed by Margaret Fay OBE, Chairman of ONE NorthEast who unveiled two plaques detailing the official opening and Saint Bega and Saint Hild. Feedback has proved positive with very favourable comments on the Time Line running through the History Garden.
- 2.3 Heugh Gun Battery – Funding applications are pending for the full restoration of the site.
- 2.4 The NHP Board has given further consideration to a number of environmental schemes:
- i) Northgate Fenceline – scheme to incorporate metal window panels will not now proceed due to advice from the Harbour Police who deemed the proposal would weaken security to the port.
 - ii) The proposal to create a small parking area on the putting green has been withdrawn following local residents' and Parish Council opposition to the proposal.
 - iii) Fairy Cove Terrace – the contract is soon to commence with completion expected early New Year.

- iv) Works are also underway to provide car parking on Graham Street at the back of the Co-op. Again works are expected to be complete early New Year. Also bollards are being installed to the front of the Co-op.
- v) Bulb Planting – the bulb planting is now complete throughout various locations on the Headland.
- vi) Potential Schemes/Ideas for the top of Thorpe Street are currently being worked up with pupils from St Bega's Primary School.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Forum note the report.

Report of: Neighbourhood Manager (North)

Subject: MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Minor Works Budget remaining for this financial year, to 31 March 2007, is £27,748

A number of schemes are detailed below to address concerns raised by Ward Members and residents in the North Forum area.

3 Throston Ward - Hart Lane Rose Beds

- 3.1 Following requests from residents concerning the appearance of the six rose beds opposite their properties. A new planting scheme is proposed to remove the existing roses and to replant with ground cover plants, such as Hebe Cotoneaster and Potentilla, this will provide residents with all year round colour, and will be of low maintenance. Hart Lane is also a main route within the North area.

The cost of this scheme is **£2,350**

4 Throston Ward - Throston Grange Library Glamorgan Grove

- 4.1 Residents living adjacent to the Throston library, have experience over a long period of time problems with anti social behaviour. It is proposed therefore, that a scheme to provide 400mm high bow top style fencing to be placed on the existing wall, plus the removal of the existing steps, which will help reduce the level of anti social behaviour. These areas are where youths primarily congregated. Officers have consulted with the Crime Prevention and Neighbourhood Policing teams. This scheme will compliment work already carried out in this location.

The cost of this scheme is **£9,900**

5 Hart Ward - Easington Road/Birkdale Close

- 5.1 A request from residents in the Birkdale Close area to plant more trees on the grassed area opposite their houses, to continue the tree line that runs along the grassed area on Easington Road. The proposal is to plant a total of twelve trees.

The cost of this scheme is **£1,800**

6 Brus Ward - Holdforth Road Zebra Crossing

- 6.1 In relation to a resident petition, which was presented to this Forum, the Highways Department have investigated the level of traffic, pedestrian use and road casualties. The results of this investigation was presented to the Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio Holder. Although it was identified as a location which would benefit from having a crossing, it was not given high priority. The cost to provide a zebra crossing would be £14,000.

This issue was also raised at the West View Resident Neighbourhood Action Plan Forum. The Forum have offered £4,000 toward the scheme, and have asked that the Neighbourhood Consultative Forum consider funding the remaining sum of £10,000.

Contribution towards this scheme **£10,000**

7 **RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1 The Forum is asked to consider all schemes. Approved schemes will need to be presented to the Regeneration, Liveability and Housing Portfolio for final approval.