CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



Thursday 6th October 2005

at 10.00am

in Committee Room B, Civic Centre

MEMBERS: CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:

Councillors Belcher, Coward, Cranney, Ferriday, Fortune, Hall, Henery, Iseley, Kaiser, Kennedy, Lauderdale, London, Dr Morris, Payne, Richardson, Sutheran (Chair), Tumilty, R Waller and Worthy

Resident Representatives:

James Atkinson, Dave Berry, Ian Campbell, Bob Farrow, Patrick Finnan, Clive Hall (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Leck, Alan Lloyd, Billy Lynch and Norma Morrish

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 August 2005 (attached)
- 4.2 Matters arising

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

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

7. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

7.1 Multi-Use Area Games Strategy – Mr D Dunlop, Sports Consultant
8 - Oral report

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION INFORMATION

8.1 The Acute Services Review – Kevin Aston, PCT – Oral report

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

9.1 Minor Works Proposals – *Town Care Manager*

10 WARD ISSUES

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 1st December at 10.00am

WARDS

Elwick Foggy Furze Grange Park Rift House Stranton

CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

11th August 2005



MINUTES OF THE MEET

PRESENT:

- Chair: Councillor Lilian Sutheran - Rift House Ward
- Vice-Chair: Clive Hall (Resident Representative)

Councillor Kevin Cranney Councillor Gerald Hall Councillor Frances London - Foggy Furze Ward Councillor Carl Richardson - Grange Ward Councillor Ray Waller

- Foggy Furze Ward - Burn Valley Ward
- Stranton Ward
- Resident Representatives: Ian Campbell, Bob Farrow, Patrick Finnan, Elvelyn Leck, Alan Lloyd, Billy Lynch and Norma Morrish.
- Public: Roni Farrow, Dr Picken, Brian Hanna, Derek Mitchell, Kenneth Sharp, Mr Halbort, Pam Smithwhite, M E Lumley, Brian McBean, Kieran McAleavy, John Everett, William Morrish, Tom Saint, Mr Smailes, Mr Clark and Mr Kitching.
- Council Officers: Susan Atkinson, Borough Librarian Stuart Green, Assistant Director (Planning & Economic Development) Anne Laws, Team Leader (Policy, Planning and Info.) Paul Mitchinson, Highway Services Manager Dave Stubbs, Head of Environmental Management Phil Hepburn. Car Parking Manager Richard Waldmeyer, Principal Planning Officer

Community Network Officer: Lesley Hall

Cleveland Police Representatives: Lynn Beeston, PC K Anderson and PC Handley.

Primary Care Trust (PCT) Representatives: Kevin Aston and Ali Wilson

New Deal for Communities Representatives: Brian Dixon and Claire Clark

Housing Hartlepool Representative: Michelle Summersgill

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Belcher, Ferriday, Fortune, Iseley, Dr Morris, Payne, Tumilty and Worthy.

Also from Resident Representative D Berry.

The apologies of the Chief Constable were also submitted and the Forum was advised that he had agreed to attend the next meeting.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

None

12. MINUTES

- (a) Central Forum of 9th June, 2005 Confirmed.
- (b) Central Police & Community Safety Forum held on 7th July, 2005 – Received/Confirmed.

13. MATTERS ARISING

The Head of Environmental Management, Dave Stubbs, gave a verbal update on issues from the minutes of 9th June 2005.

Ian Campbell raised an issue relating to a group that was to be set up involving the Police, the Licensing Authority, Res Reps, representatives of the licensed trade and members of public - he asked if it was any nearer to being set up. DS indicated that he understood a meeting had been arranged. Brian McBean indicated that the Stephen Street problems were still ongoing. Police had been seen in the street. . This was noted by DS

Councillor Ray Waller suggested that if the Chief Constable is to attend the next meeting it might be better to have no other presentations/consultative items -The Chair agreed.

14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None at this time.

15. ANNUAL LIBRARY PLAN 2005/06

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

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

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

Because of time constraints at the Forum the Borough Librarian asked that anyone

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wishing to comment or raise issues should contact her by telephone on 523016, by e.mail on

<u>susan.atkinson@hartlepool.gov.uk</u> or by writing to her at The Central Library, York Road.

16. INSPECTOR'S REPORT INTO OBJECTIONS TO THE HARTLEPOOL LOCAL PLAN

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

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

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

- extent of town centre;
- mixed use areas;
- food and drink uses;
- low density housing policy and sites
- developer contributions for housing regeneration.

The report to the Forum contained detailed information relating to each of the above.

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

During pauses for questions and at the end of the presentation, discussion took place - notes of issues raised are detailed below:

Brian McBean (resident and Chair of North Central Steering Group) - said "Nathaniel Lichfield and Officers seem to have a fix on low density housing and on demolition of street houses - this is going to lead us to where are we going to put these people". The Assistant Director confirmed that the proposed Plan did include policies for the renewal of older housing areas.

Evelyn Leck, Resident Rep, raised Mixed Uses - "you are trying to keep these in the town Centre - but noise and anti-social behaviour is happening because people are going along York Road etc home from the town centre and take-aways etc at midnight - people want to get to sleep etc". The Assistant Director indicated that the Plan sought to separate new late night uses from residential areas.

Councillor R Waller, as a resident of Park Road East - said "I don't think any resident should have mixed use near their home". "Is mixed use too loose - how are we going to stop pubs extending". SG answered and Anne Laws added that the Plan would not encourage food and drink uses in sensitive areas close to housing. Derek Mitchell (Resident) asked about progress on the Transport Interchange. SG answered that it is committed and will happen.

Discussion took place on transport - from interchange to shopping centre and the need for train access to Durham -Tees Valley Airport.

Residents asked for clarification of "windfall sites" - SG gave example of The Queens Pub site and indicated the Planning authority are duty bound to look at all planning applications etc.

SG advised that Planning Committee on 3rd August had resolved to accept the Inspector's recommendation to delete the Briarfields site as a housing site.

Dr Pickens asked for views from the Forum on 4 issues which he read out. Dr Pickens said "about the allotments themselves - would you agree that Briarfields is one of the best allotment sites in Hartlepool. As a result we have a majority of members who have been in place for a long time - some over 20 years - as a result of that we have become a close knit community". SG said he was not in a position to comment. Dr Pickens had some criticism of Nathaniel Lichfield Report - SG said he would be happy to discuss it with Dr Pickens at a meeting the following week.

Evelyn Leck, Resident Rep - Vicarage Gardens flooding - she recommended improvements to sewer drainage -Noted by DS

Mr Smailes (resident) said - "re public meeting held on 16th October 2003 - re flooding - when it was recommended no more housing be built until flooding issue dealt with. If there is going to be a pause in housing - suggest Engineers get together to examine the sewers now. In order to deal with sewer near Briarfields site - fortuitous hold up but still needs sorting". SG indicated flooding/sewer capacity would be considered as part of any planning application.

Members of public and Councillor Hall commented that new build needed to be affordable.

Resident, Roni Farrow, commented that lots of people don't want new houses on the outskirts of town - they want houses in the centre of town refurbishing instead.

Resident Representative, Patrick Finnan said similar - "we need social housing also we need to hold on to the General Hospital site for the hospital not for housing". He also commented that allotments were a social amenity that was needed.

Resident. Tom Sant referred to Coronation Drive - he said this had previously been a rubbish site - he spoke of problems in Blackhall and at Seaton Carew and asked who would pay new home owners for restoration etc when problems of contamination occur. Officers advised that developers would be aware of history and any future problems would be their responsibility. SG indicated that Officers would not be proposing to recommend to Cabinet that Coronation Drive be used for housing.

Resident Rep, Ian Campbell commented on the Tunstall Farm Site - he said that flooding could be caused by further development - also there would be a ruinous affect on the landscape on the rural edge of Hartlepool - he also mentioned noise from gun firing from the nearby gun club. SG answered that any planning application would need to demonstrate that there is sufficient drainage with no impact on surrounding areas. Officers were unable to comment on the gun issue - the report of noise

saying where bad areas are.

Policy document

the public

The Chairman thanked Paul for the presentation and asked residents to get in

would be passed on to the Public

The Forum formally moved and seconded that the Inspector's recommendation

supported but the Forum also noted the Inspector's suggestion that the site, excluding the former allotments area,

should be retained on a "shopping list" of

possible future housing sites to be considered in the light of monitoring of

The Highways Services Manager Paul

Mitchinson, (PM), presented a report

which detailed the Winter Service Policy

and Priorities, the objectives and statutory

basis, the limitations, the current position

A short presentation was also given and PM advised that the purposes of

consultation was to get the views of the public to enable him to prepare 4

Decision makers requirements

PM indicated that he would listen to

people's concerns and any suggestions, before the end of the current month to

A request was made by a Councillor for

information to be put out on Radio

Cleveland or Hartlepool Radio, daily -

allow him time to finalise his plans.

Information leaflet for members of

Service delivery vehicles

site be

relating to the Briarfields

17. WINTER SERVICE PLAN

and recommendations.

documents:

(i)

(ii) (iii)

(iv)

Protection Division.

housing supply.

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touch with any comments (contact details on report).

Ronnie Farrow asked if it would be possible to develop a cycle route ---Windermere Road to Belle Vue Way. PM agreed to take this back to relevant officers.

18. NORTHUMBRIAN WATER AUTHORITY UPDATE

Geoff Hartis from Northumbrian Water Limited gave an update on problem areas. In relation to Haswell Avenue there had been no problems since the bad storms. Baiting for rodents in the Stockton Road area had taken place with "partial takes". Re-bating had since taken place and NW were working with Public Protection (Adrian Hurst) in other hot-spot areas.

Evelyn Leck, Resident Rep advised that rats still come out of sewers at Burn Valley, Marske Street; also near Strathmore House and School. DS advised that Public Protection do bating and work is being done on these areas.

Evelyn Leck also reported that manhole cover in or near Russell Street is being lifted up and food put down it - there is a food takeaway shop on the nearby corner. NW said they would put a bolted manhole cover on.

Roni Farrow requested more bins at the car park/coach park, Seaton Carew. DS noted.

19. PRIMARY CARE TRUST UPDATE PRESENTATION

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

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

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

On the subject of the Joint Committee of PCTs that had been set up to organise consultation and make decisions on the Tees Review - comments were made from the Forum that the meetings of this group should not be held behind closed doors. Also concern was expressed about the Group being chaired by Middlesbrough (with possibility of second vote of the Chair at relevant times), and the possible Vice-Chair being from Stockton. A Res Rep advised that she understood the PPI Forums were already planning to put in a complaint.

Resident Representative, Patrick Finnan, reminded the Forum that Peterlee and Easington residents also use UHH.

It was moved and seconded that a letter should go from this Forum detailing its concerns and recommending that the group should have an Independent Chairperson.

20. DECRIMINALISATION

The Car Parking Manager, Phil Hepburn, gave a presentation on Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE), which covered the following:

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

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

Discussion following and the following issues/questions arose:

Resident Brian McBean raised the issue of Welldeck Road longstanding problem glad something can now be done. And finance does not restrict actions.

Cllr Carl Richardson asked for something to be done about taxis parking outside Yates etc on bus stops.

Cllr R Waller raised parking in Cameron Road, Belk, Furness etc when Pools matches are on - situation should be monitored.

Evelyn Leck, Resident Rep, said new taxi rank Stockton Road - "an accident waiting to happen".

A resident asked the position on cyclists on pavements - this remains a Police matter

Brian McBean said that School problem areas need sustained effort not just once a fortnight.

Res Reo Patrick Finnan - commented that Hart Lane double parking needs

Phil Hepburn agreed to note and act where appropriate on all the issues raised.

21. MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS

The Forum were asked to consider schemes for potential funding from the Central Neighbourhood Consultative Forum Minor Works Budget.

The report gave full details on schemes for landscaping and related work in a number of locations and traffic safety schemes in two areas.

The Forum approved the expenditure of all schemes as described in the report, subject to the final approval of the Portfolio Holder. The total cost of the schemes approved was £18,249.

22. WARD ISSUES

Bob Farrow, Resident Rep, congratulated and thanked Officers for the "magic" displays of flowers etc on Coronation Drive.

Clive Hall raised concerns that he had found out about an important issue through Mail - in relation to a Drug/Youth Centre in Stranton Ward - he was not happy that this had been done without any discussion with residents / groups etc. Also, there is a children's dance centre in the same building and the proposals did not seem appropriate. DS accepted that consultation had not taken place. Cllr R Waller outlined the position and the Chair asked that Alison Mawson come to the Forum to explain what is proposed. Evelyn Leck, Resident Rep reported that drug pushers are following the needle van. DS noted this to pass to relevant officers.

23. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 6th October commencing at 10am in Committee Room BH, Civic Centre.

Next Central Police and Community Safety Forum to be held on Thursday 3rd November commencing at 10am - venue to be advised.

L SUTHERAN

CHAIR

Report of: Director of Neighbourhood Services

Subject: MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. LANDSCAPING

- 2.1 <u>Stockton Street:</u> The landscaped area outside the College of Further Education on Stockton street running up towards Albert Street is overgrown and a due to its location collects litter from passing traffic and pedestrians crossing the road from Church Street to Middlegate Grange Shopping Centre. The forum has received a request remove the shrubs **£1,814.**
- 2.2 <u>Bell View Way:</u> The landscaped area running alongside Tesco's and Longhill Industrial Estate is getting tired and again due to the high volume of traffic litter is often trapped in the beds making the area look untidy. The New Deal for Communities have funded some substantial environmental improvements over the last two years with the final phase being improvements to the highway due to take place this financial year. To complete the scheme the forum is asked for fund the removal of the shrub beds running alongside Tesco, grass seed the area and crow lift the trees. The cost of this scheme is **£3,390.**
- 2.3 <u>Newhaven Court & Hucklehoven Way:</u> The forum will recall supporting the Burbank Neighbourhood Action Plan regarding environmental improvements. The forum has been approached by the residents in Newhaven Court to have the shrub beds removed in the Car Park removed. £6,000 has been found from Community Safety Grants to complete the works, however the forum is asked to fund the removal of the large shrub bed opposite the college on the bend of Hucklehoven way and replant with an avenue of trees matching the one next to the Fire Station on Hucklehoven Way. The forum is asked to contribute **£3,615.00**
- 2.4 <u>Naisberry Park</u>: The public walkway running through Naisberry Park from Tarnston Road up to Cairnston Road up to the forest area, has over the last 18 – 24 months been subject to a significant amount of anti-social behaviour. Residents have suffered arson attacks to their fence lines, conifer boundaries, the area is a hot spot for graffiti and the police and fire brigade are often called upon. This is a public right of way and as such cannot be closed, following a site visit with residents and officers from all agencies including the crime prevention officer, the forum is asked to fund environmental improvements involving the introduction of some new street

lanterns and replacing some existing ones, together with the removal of shrubs overhanging the boundary fence lines and the removal of shrubs at the various access points to the walkway. The cost of this scheme is **£10,500** (Street lighting works £4310 and Landscaping works £6190).

3 HIGHWAYS

- 3.1 The forum regularly receives requests for the tarmacing of grass verges due to problems residents experience with car parking; the worst area for this is in the Central Forum area is Rift House, the Forum receives £15,000 from the Highways maintenance budget to fund these schemes. To continue this programme the forum is asked to consider the removal of the grass verge in Burns Avenue. The cost of carrying out these works is **£9,500**.
- 3.2 Residents have approached the forum asking for bollards to be installed along the grass open space on Colwyn Road to prevent cars parking and destroying the area. The cost of installing 5 bollards is **£750**.

4 **RECOMMENDATION**

- **4.1** Members are asked to approve the expenditure of subject to approval of the Portfolio Holder for Town Care Management.
- 4.2 The total cost of schemes proposed is **£29,569.**
- 4.3 The total cost of the schemes approved at previous forums **£49,749.**
- 4.4 Minor works monies remaining is **£7,682.**

















