

RESCHEDULED WILLENHALL LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday, 8 September 2004 at 7.00 p.m

at the former Housing Office, The Square, New Invention, Willenhall,

Present

Councillor Bentley
Inspector Bostock
Councillor Cook
Mr. D.W. Drewe
Ms. K. Parsons
Councillor Mrs. Pitt
Councillor Mrs. Shires
Councillor I. Shires
Mrs. V. Till
Councillor Underhill
Councillor Withnall

1/04. Appointment of Chairman for the meeting

Resolved

That Councillor I. Shires be appointed Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2/04. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Woodruff and Coughlan.

3/04. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4/04. Article 10 of Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council Constitution

An extract setting out Article 10 of the Council's Constitution was submitted:-
(see annexed)

Resolved

That Article 10 of the Council's Constitution be noted.

5/04. Selection Process: Locally Appointed Partners

The selection process for Locally Appointed Partners was submitted:-
(see annexed)

Councillor I. Shires referred to the notes of the inquorate meeting and it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That a representative be sought from Walsall Housing Group;
- (2) That two places be reserved for young people, via the secondary school nominations, and the closing date for nominations be extended to a date before the October meeting;
- (3) That consideration be given to reserving a place for a fire service representative;
- (4) That a selection panel of one member per ward and two partners be considered appropriate.

6/04. Local Neighbourhood Plan and Consultation

The process for the Local Neighbourhood Plan and consultation was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The Partnership was reminded of the sub-group meeting that had taken place on the 9th August 2004. The Partnership agreed to ratify the previous decision and it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That consideration be given to holding an “event” in each ward in order to involve the public in developing the local plan;
- (2) That consideration be given to providing a resource booklet for all Local Neighbourhood Partnerships on the variety of engagement and communication (good practice);
- (3) That the notes of the sub-group be noted;
- (4) That the events be facilitated.

7/04. **Summer Clean Up**

The report on the Summer Clean Up was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The attention of members was drawn to the notes of the meeting held on 27 July 2004, and it was considered that a working group should be set up to look into the wider implications of this issue.

Resolved

- (1) That an “Environment Working Group” be set up to look at improving the environment within the Partnership area, there being no limit to the people who would sit on the working group;
- (2) That the working group meet within the next two weeks for its initial meeting and feed back to the partners.

At this juncture, Mrs. Shaw representing the over 50's citizens, addressed the Partnership on the lack of facilities for the over 50's. She referred to the Primary Care Trust strategy for health for older people. She expressed concern at proposals to dismantle a successful over 50's club and indicated that the provision should be retained and encouraged.

Councillor I. Shires requested a report on facilities for the over 50's indicating facilities available, funding and any issues around funding.

Mr. Jim Weston asked the Partnership to look ahead two years from now and at what would happen with any decisions and where does the Partnership stand in relation to the Council.

Councillor I. Shires referred to grants received by the Council and it was hoped that small groups would be operating throughout the Willenhall area discussing issues relevant to it. The Partnership was a Committee of the Council.

Ms. K. Parsons stated that existing structures could be involved in the work of the Partnership. With regard to the Clean Up Campaign, the Health Service had links with families and could assist.

Councillor Withnall referred to the opportunity to integrate all the different services at a local level in order that partners could be successful by working together.

8/04. Time and Venue for Future Meetings

The report on the time and venue for future meetings was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the next meeting be held at Willenhall School, subject to availability and that the meeting be advertised as widely as possible.

At this juncture, Miss Wendy Evans addressed the Partnership regarding the provision of litter bins within the Square, New Invention, as the three that had been provided had been burned. The developers had stated that they needed permission from the Council to fit new litter bins.

Ward Members agreed to take this matter on board.

Termination of Meeting

The meeting terminated at 8.25 p.m.