

Willenhall Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 10th January 2007

Community Action Groups

Purpose of the Report

To provide an update on the progress of the Community Action Groups

Recommendations

1. For LNP members to continue in attendance at the Community Action Group meetings.
2. For the LNP to note progress of Community Action Groups
3. For CAG chairs to feedback on progress at the next LNP meeting

Update

16th November 2006 – Safer and Stronger CAG

This SSC CAG discussed various topics including street champions and neighbourhood policing, the CAG was well attended by LNP members and the public. Street champions coordinator Abdul Meah attended to explain the difference between the various community safety initiatives i.e. neighbourhood watch, members were encouraged to promote the initiative within their local vicinities. For further information on Street Champions Abdul Meah can be contacted on 01902 611400

Police representatives provided updates on local issues and progress, members provided their input and suggested areas of work for the police to focus their resources. The new environmental projects for 2006/2007 were discussed and it was agreed the working group would feedback progress into the main LNP.

A more detailed action and notes sheet is enclosed.

13th December 2006 – Health & People CAG

As part of the CAG members were asked to suggest new and innovative ways to recycle household goods. Representatives from Streetpride facilitated the discussions with the notion to take back new ideas and explore the possibilities of funding some creative ideas. If anyone requires further information on the drive to generate new ways of recycling please contact Steve Chapman, Streetpride, on 01922 653344.

Members expressed concerns of the growing number of Mobile Phone masts in the area, a report will be presented to the LNP about the location of Mobile phone Masts. The LNP will then where possible aim to influence locations of future masts.

Crime and Community Safety Intervention Group (CSIG)

CSIG is the Boroughs monthly tasking and coordination meeting, which focuses on targeting specific areas. CSIG rotates across the borough and during the period of CSIG will blitz an area by allocating more than usual resources within the area. The next CSIG intervention is to cover Willenhall and will start on the 22nd January 2007 lasting for 8 weeks. If any LNP members or residents feel there are issues that need addressing or would like further information please contact: Clair Gwynne, Community Liaison Officer, Safer Walsall Borough Partnership on 07841721163 Gwynne@walsall.gov.uk.

A more detailed action and notes sheet will be circulated in due course.

Future CAG'S

CAG's taking place before the next LNP:

Safer and Stronger CAG 6pm – 8pm 18th January 2007 @ New Invention Local Committee C/o
The Community Offices The Square New Invention Willenhall, WV12 5EA

Health and People CAG 6pm – 8pm 14th February 2007: Venue TBC

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Date: 16th November 2006

Issue	Action	By whom
<u>Short Term</u> (within 3 months)		
<p><i>Street Champions Scheme</i></p> <p>The scheme is an additional service to the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme and provides training to local volunteers, the training enables local people to identify problems in their areas such as ASB, fly tipping as well as any other environmental activity.</p>	<p>Members suggested that environmental issues are logged with a Street Champion prior or during the LNP meetings to ensure all reporting is monitored through a robust reporting mechanism.</p>	<p>Abdul Meah and Susan Peters</p>
<p><i>Neighbourhood Poling Priorities</i></p> <p>Bridge North Grove Park</p> <p>ASB and large groups of young people are gathering at the Park, in particular the young people are congregating near the canal, which makes it difficult to Police.</p> <p><u>Pool Hayes Shops</u></p> <p>Problems with Young People causing ASB and intimidating passers-by around the Pool Hayes Shops.</p> <p>Coppice Farm Dispersal Order-</p> <p>Has now ceased.</p>	<p>Contact Parks Warden to ensure that there is a System to lock Parks</p> <p>Meeting taking place on the 22nd November to discuss plans for a dispersal order.</p> <p>Request the next Safer and Stronger CAG consider action to ASB and Youth provision in the area</p>	<p>.</p> <p>Sergeant Ashby</p> <p>Safer Walsall Borough partnership</p>

Community Action Group Action Sheet

<p>Monitor the situation over the next couple of months</p> <p>PCSO'S</p> <p>On 20th November Willenhall will have additional PCSO'S working along side the Police.</p>	<p>Write to Superintendent to request the exact staffing structure of Police in Willenhall and job description of PCSO'S</p>	<p>LNP chair/CAG chair</p>
<p><u>New Invention dual carriageway</u> (near Sommerfields) being used as a rat run</p>	<p>Contact Highways to set up speed cameras or any other deterrents.</p>	<p>Paul Screen – highways</p>
<p><u>Medium Term (3-6 months)</u></p>		
<p><i>Advertising on Community Board/ Sponsorship of Islands</i></p> <p><i>It was raised that there were illegal advertising boards displayed on the island at Cannock Road, and at the island by “Sharkey’s Swimming Club”.</i></p>	<p>Protocol for advertising.</p>	<p>Street Pride</p>
<p>Environmental Projects</p> <p>As part of a restoration project consultations to the changes at Forest Gate will be taking place beginning of January 2007.</p> <p>Ground work Black Country will be spear heading a feasibility study on the Green space, as well as identifying additional funding to deliver the project.</p>	<p>Working Group will inform members of any dates/progress at future meetings.</p>	<p>Working Group</p>

Accompanying Notes: Please note these are notes and not minutes for the CAG and are intended to give you a brief update.

Update from Previous actions

Neighbourhood Policing Update

Walkers Fold

Letters have been sent to Quad bike owners identified at Hawthorn Park. The situation has improved.

Canal Project

With the consent of the Waterway Board, ASB barriers to prevent the area being used as race tracks are in negotiation.

Coppice Farm area

Sergeant Ashby reported that the Dispersal order in Coppice Farm has been effective, in parallel with the dispersal order a referral was also made to Youth Services, since, a detached Youth Work team have been doing work with young people on Tuesday evenings. Jo Walker has been working with young people and using the technology Bus on Thursday evenings, which will be on-going until the end December 2006.

Funding

Section 106 Funding

Simon Tranter informed members that a new accountability framework is currently being developed

Monmore bungalows

Walsall Council in partnership with Walsall Housing Group (WHG) has agreed to Fund extra gating around the garage area at Manmore bungalows.

Street Champions Scheme

Abdul stated that Willenhall is 1 of 5 Street Champion pilot areas in Walsall before the scheme is rolled out across the borough. Abdul also reported that information packs had been taken at the last Safer and Stronger Meeting, but there had been no uptake from CAG members. In addition Abdul has visited various Housing Associations, Places of Worship and BME Groups to promote the scheme in the Willenhall area.

Next Meeting: Safer and Stronger CAG, 18th January 2007 6pm-8pm at The New Invention Committee Offices, The Square. Willenhall.
