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ST MATHEWS, LEAMORE AND BIRCHILLS  
LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP  
DISABILITY WORKING GROUP MEETING

HELD AT THE  
TOWN HALL ON 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2004

PRESENT

Terry Edis (WATMOS)  
Cllr Barbara McCracken (WMBC)  
Ken Whittingham (WDPC)  
Andrew Moulton (WDF/ WSUC)

APOLOGIES

David Sheerer (WEYS)

Barbara McCracken opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Barbara made the group aware of three priorities that needed to be addressed and discussed today.

1. Making It Easier To Get Around
2. Access To Local Services
3. To Feel Safe And Secure

A discussion was opened on priority 1.

Pavements in the town centre are very uneven

Dropped kerbs should be put in place with tactile signage to assist the visual impaired

Kerbs should be flush with the road surface area with no lip especially in the town centre and should be of a width to sustain wide prams and pushchairs and electric scooters and wheel chairs. This practice should be adopted borough wide.

Andrew offered as a reference that the reports from the Disability Forum workshops can be handed over to the local neighbourhood partnership.

Barbara said as an action to talk to Marco Longhi to investigate the possibility for the replacement of installation of any dropped kerbs to the new standard is used.

A discussion under the heading of Shopmobility was taken and quoted that Shopmobility is a very visible sign to every one in the borough and outside, that we are committed to disabled people and access to the town.

Shopmobility should be located strategically eg. Saddlers centre car park with designated parking bays in place.

Action Barbara to look into businesses sponsoring a scooter to aid the scheme.

Transport. The LNP should take up dialog with travel wise (Marie Newton) to look at the possibility of setting up a partnership board for transport with the inclusion of LNP reps and other strategic bodies like the CEN in attendance.

#### Access to Service Priority 2

GP surgeries need to be audited, Andrew said the PPI are doing a borough wide audit, we need to pull out a list of surgeries in our LNP area from this audit.

To compile a questionnaire to address the above issue to the community.

Info there must be a school doing a AVCE on health and social care, they could possibly do this piece of work which would involve and engage young people in the process. Head teacher of Frank F Harrison School may be able to take this up. The same for other projects other schools in our area could take up or be involved in other projects or work for the LNP.

#### Safe and Secure Priority 3

Ken said that a video should be compiled in various formats and languages for people to access on topics like e.g. how to keep safe, how to keep your house safe and secure. Personal alarms etc. Action Ken will sample.

Encourage more Neighbourhood Watch areas.

Give awareness training to police fire and ambulance services on disability, impairments, culture etc.

Action Barbara will investigate which portfolio holder should represent this.  
Action LNP Police rep to be notified of this.

Housing wardens should be trained in advocacy and communication appraisals and they should be monitored and made accountable to tenants.

Terry Edis left the meeting for another appointment.

Next LNP Meeting to be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

Venue to be arranged.