

Willenhall Local Neighbourhood Partnership

Held at Willenhall Community and Youth Foundation, 19 Gomer Street, Willenhall

27 February 2007 at 6.00 p.m.

Decision List

Item	Decision	Action	Progress
Public Forum	<p>Rupy Pandaal stated that he had reported a problem at the Community Forum with regard to accessing a gate at Pool Hayes. He asked whether it would be possible for people to have a key to the gates. In response, it was reported that this issue would be investigated.</p> <p>Councillor Coughlan raised the issue of traffic calming in Western Avenue and asked what was being done to reduce the speed of cars.</p> <p>Councillor Creaney stated that one of the speed cameras along the Wolverhampton Road was behind a tree and needed relocating.</p>	<p>Paul Screen to investigate and report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>Paul Screen to investigate and report back.</p> <p>Parpinder Singh Randhawa to refer this to Inspector Simon Guilyfore to investigate and report back.</p>	

	<p>A member of the public stated that further road traffic measures were required on the Wolverhampton Road, as children on motorbikes would simply drive between the humps.</p> <p>A member of the public questioned whether vehicles travelling down Clarkes Lane would be allowed to turn left.</p> <p>Councillor Underhill reported that vehicles were being driven through Willenhall Town Centre during prohibited hours.</p> <p>Councillor Cook explained that efforts had been made to pedestrianise the area once before, however, this was not effective.</p> <p>A member of the public questioned what had happened to traffic wardens.</p>	<p>Paul Screen - That options for traffic calming be brought to the next LNP meeting.</p> <p>Paul Screen - This issue to be brought back to the next meeting.</p> <p>Simon Tranter - That these issues be taken to the Town Centre Working Group.</p> <p>In response, Steve Pretty explained that the Council would have authority to act in respect of decriminalise parking and would undertake enforcement action. It was estimated that this would be by April 2008.</p>	
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	<p>A member of the public questioned whether it would be viable to have a series of automatic bollards to ensure that vehicles could not enter or egress Willenhall Town Centre between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.</p> <p>A member of the public related to an issue regarding public transport provision from Short Heath to New Cross as the level and frequency was deemed insufficient.</p>	<p>Refer to Town Centre Working Group</p> <p>It was agreed that this issue should be taken up through a Health Community Action Group and that representatives from the bus operatives be invited to that meeting.</p>	
1. Apologies.	<p>Councillor Eileen Pitt Councillor Doreen Shires Councillor Val Woodruff Wendy Powell</p>		
2. Introductions	<p>Members at the LNP introduced themselves to the meeting.</p>		
3. Minutes: 10 and 29 January (Adjourned)	<p>Approved and signed as a correct record, subject to Wendy Powell's name being inserted into the list of apologies in the minutes of the 29 January 2007 (adjourned).</p>		

4. Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.		
5. Petitions	There were no petitions submitted.		
6. Presentation: (a) Foundation Trust – Raising Awareness (b) Community Wardens (c) Walsall Housing Trust Board – External Funding	Noted. Noted. Noted.	That this issue be placed on the next Health Community Action Group as a discussion item. (i) That the issue of wardens be considered at a future Community Safety Community Action Group; (ii) That Parpinder Singh Randhawa write to the WBSP to enquire why Safer and Stronger Pillar had not decided to fund the Warden Scheme and that this be reported back to the next meeting.	The issue of continued funding for the wardens was considered as part of the Local Area Agreement Target Action Planning review process which took place from October to January. Workshops were held, to which the wardens were invited, and this led to the prioritisation of activities for 2007/08 that would deliver LAA targets. As a result of reduced funding being available overall, the introduction of new initiatives (such as PCSOs and street champions) and the lack of

			hard evidence of the impact the wardens service has on LAA activities) the Pillar Executive Group decided not to continue funding the wardens service with effect from 1 April 2007".
7. Community Action Group: Feedback on Decisions	<p>Sue Peters gave a brief update in respect of Stronger and Safer Community Action Group meetings. Concern was expressed about the usefulness of Youth Opinions Unite and the level of attendance by its members.</p> <p>Concern raised regarding the Youth Conference. Officers explained that it hadn't met as yet as partners were being approached to become involved.</p>	The Chairman will liaise with Steve Pretty and add it as an item to a future Community Action Group when Youth Opinions Unite would be invited.	
8. LNP Pledges Review	Deferred to next meeting		

Information Items: 9. Walsall Housing Group – Youth Engagement Policy	The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting with Young Peoples' Services to talk to them about the lack of provision and to try to identify different elements of the Partnership in a bid to pull them together to do something constructive.	Chairman to liaise with Lead Officer and bring to Community Action Group.	
10. Funding Report	Rupy Pandaal reported that, regarding the Village Green, a meeting had been held with Black Country Ground Works. He requested that the consultation be widened to include young people.	Vicky Ransome to include youth.	
11. Christmas Lights	Noted		
12. Willenhall Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Noted		

<p>13. Update on items from last meeting</p> <p>Community Safety</p>	<p>Steve Pretty reported that regarding lighting on the alley on the Wolverhampton Road and Worcester Road and CCTV issues, there was a protocol between Council and the police and that this would be put to the CAG on 15 March.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That progress on projects be noted;</p> <p>(2) That project champions feed back to next meeting.</p>	<p>Consider at Community Action Group on 15 March 2007</p>	
<p>Termination of Meeting</p>	<p>Meeting terminated at 9.05 p.m.</p>		