

PALFREY AND PLECK LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Monday, 18th September, 2006 at 6.30 p.m.

**at Alumwell Business and Enterprise College, Primley Avenue,
Walsall**

Present

Mr. Mark Pulford (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)
Mrs. ETTY Martin (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Dennis Anson
Councillor Aqeel Aslam
Councillor Joan Beilby
Mr. Allah Ditta
Mrs. Eileen Edwards
Mr. Gary Fulford
Sergeant Pat Garrett
Mr. Manzoor Hussain
Mr. Matloob Hussain
Mr. Kirpal Kaliroy
Councillor Harbans Sarohi
Mr. Keith Whittlestone
Councillor Mohammad Yasin

Officers

Mr. Rob Flinter
Mr. Narinder Singh Chumber
Mr. David Hancock

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Introductions

Members of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership (LNP) introduced themselves to the meeting.

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Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Nazir and Mrs. Mandy Holcroft.

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Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 31st July, 2006, a copy having previously been circulated to each Member of the LNP, be approved as a correct record.

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Matters arising from the minutes

The LNP did not raise any issues.

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Declarations of Interest

Mr. Matloob Hussain and Mr. Allah Ditta, Union of Muslim Organisations (UMO) Walsall. Councillor Yasin - Walsall Housing Group (WHG).

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Petitions

A petition was submitted to the LNP by a Mr. H. Rashid on behalf of the Abu Bakr Trust. The petition expressed the Trust's support of the UMO Walsall in acquiring the Camden Street Arena.

Resolved

That the petition be forwarded onto the relevant Council officer for consideration.

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Camden Street Sports Arena

This report was withdrawn and will now be considered at the next meeting of the LNP.

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Community Action Groups

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Narinder Singh Chumber, from the LNP Team, presented his report to the LNP.

Resolved

That:-

- (1) LNP Members continue in attendance at the Community Action Groups meetings;
- (2) The progress of the Community Action Groups be noted.

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LNP Funding

A report and supplementary report were submitted:-

(see annexed)

Narinder Singh Chumber presented his report to the LNP.

Resolved

That:-

- (1) The progress on the funding priorities be noted;
- (2) The current spend be noted;
- (3) The criteria for the allocated funding for 2006/2007 be noted.

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Public Forum

Question from Mr. N. Patel - Can the Council provide car parking bays along Primley Avenue to allow for a free flow of traffic?

Question from Mr. P. Andersow - With reference to the two schools in Bell Lane, can the Council introduce double yellow lines along its common side to help alleviate parking and highway problems?

Request from Mr. Allah Ditta - Can the Council investigate and report back on traffic and congestion problems caused by the wine warehouse on Darlaston Road (near the junction with Whittles Road)? Delivery lorries often park on the road and restrict the free flow of traffic.

Request from Mr. Manzoor Hussain - Can the footpath in the vicinity of Jessel Road be looked at as it is in need of repair and is a health and safety concern?

During the Public Forum, several Members of the public reported that they had had difficulty following the meeting as they could not always hear what was being discussed. As a result, it was agreed that the feasibility of purchasing or acquiring a microphone system be investigated. Furthermore, reference was made to the lack of advertisement of the LNP meetings.

Resolved

That the above issues be referred to the relevant Council officer(s) for them to investigate and respond direct.

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Selection Panel for Locally Appointed Partners

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Narinder Singh Chumber presented his report to the LNP. The report sought to establish a Panel with the responsibility for selecting Locally Appointed Partners on to the LNP. The Panel would comprise two Ward Members, one LAP and one WBSP partner to form the Selection Panel and nominations for these positions were sought.

Resolved

That:-

- (1) Councillors Nazir and Anson be selected to join the Panel from amongst the Ward Representatives;
- (2) Mark Pulford be selected to join the Panel from amongst the LAPs;
- (3) Etty Martin be selected to join the Panel from amongst the WBSP partners.

Termination of Meeting

The meeting terminated at 7.35 p.m., following an adjournment between 6.40 p.m. and 6.50 p.m.

Chairman

Date