

PALFREY AND PLECK LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Monday, 4th October, 2004 at 7.00 p.m.

at Palfrey Community Association, Milton Street, Palfrey, Walsall

Present

Councillor Dennis Anson
Councillor Aqeel Aslam
Councillor Joan Beilby
Mr. Michael Bentley
Mr. Allah Ditta
Mrs. Eileen Edwards
Mr. Gary Fulford
Inspector Andy Gilbert
Mrs. Mandy Holcroft
Mr. Matloob Hussain
Mr. Kirpal Kaliroy
Mr. Ali Mohammed
Councillor Mohammad Munir
Mr. Mark Pulford
Mr. Ian Rose
Mr. George Rowley
Councillor Harbans Sarohi
Mr. Keith Whittlestone
Councillor Mohammad Yasin

Officers

Ms. Kauser Agha
Mrs. Julie Ball
Mr. Rob Flinter
Mr. Bhupinder Gill
Mr. Steve Lewis
Mr. Frazer Powell

9/04

Introductions

For the benefit of the members of the public, Members of the Partnership and officers, introduced themselves.

10/04

Apologies

There were no apologies submitted for non-attendance at the meeting.

11/04

Appointment of Locally Appointed Partners

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That having considered the report and the recommendations of the Selection Panel, it was agreed that the persons listed below be appointed as Locally Appointed Partners (LAPs) on the Palfrey and Pleck Local Neighbourhood Partnership for the remainder of the current Municipal Year 2004/2005:-

Mr. Allah Ditta
Mrs. Eileen Edwards
Mr. Gary Fulford
Mrs. Mandy Holcroft
Mr. Manzoor Hussain
Mr. Matloob Hussain
Mr. Kirpal Kaliroy
Mr. Ali Mohammed
Mr. Mark Pulford
Mr. George Rowley

The Locally Appointed Partners were then invited to join the meeting.

Each of the Locally Appointed Partners then joined the meeting, except Mr. Manzoor Hussain, who had advised that he could not attend this meeting.

12/04

Appointment of Chairman

Councillor Mohammad Yasin was nominated as Chairman of the Palfrey and Pleck Local Neighbourhood Partnership for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2004/2005. There being no further nominations submitted it was,

Resolved

That Councillor Mohammad Yasin be appointed as Chairman of the Palfrey and Pleck Local Neighbourhood Partnership for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2004/2005.

13/04

Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Palfrey and Pleck Local Neighbourhood Partnership held on 20th July, 2004, a copy having previously been circulated to each Member of the Partnership, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14/04

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

15/04

Presentation - Local Neighbourhood Partnerships

Councillor Aqeel Aslam gave a brief presentation to the Partnership and the members of the public present on Local Neighbourhood Partnerships. The meeting was advised that Walsall Council had launched nine Local Neighbourhood Partnerships (LNPs) in the Borough to work with local residents to discuss and make progress on key community issues.

Councillor Aslam advised that the nine LNP areas were based on Ward boundaries comprising:-

- Aldridge South and Streetly
- Blakenall and Bloxwich
- Brownhills and Aldridge North
- Darlaston
- Palfrey and Pleck
- Pelsall and Rushall
- Pheasey and Paddock
- St. Matthews and Birchills/Leamore
- Willenhall

Councillor Aslam said that Council officers would attend meetings of the Partnership to give advice, answer questions and take a record of the decisions made.

16/04

LNP meetings

The Partnership was advised that LNP meetings were open to the public and would meet in each LNP area every three months. It was confirmed that the details of dates, times and venues for meetings would be available on the Council's website and to members of the public by contacting their Ward Councillors for their area or the relevant Council officers.

17/04

Local Plan

The partnership was informed that one of the key issues for LNPs would be the production of a Local Plan for their area which would highlight local problems, key issues and priorities. The Local Plan would be based on a comprehensive set of background information and statistics and would enable LNP Members to make an informed series of decisions in respect of their area. Each LNP would manage and monitor its Local Plan, which would be consistent with the vision of Walsall Council and the Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership and that short term Task Groups could be established to take forward key issues in respect of each LNP Plan.

As part of the development of the Local Plan, it was confirmed that there would involve extensive consultation with local residents, businesses, service providers and voluntary community groups to ensure that all interested parties have an input into the preparation of the Plan.

Councillor Aslam said it was crucially important that members of the public were actively involved in the work of the LNP by participating in the preparation of the Local Plan and attending LNP meetings.

Resolved

That the content of the presentation on Local Neighbourhood Partnerships be noted.

18/04

Petitions

Mr. Mark Pulford handed in a petition signed by the occupants of 102, 104, 106 and 108 New Mills Street, Palfrey with the request that the gate at the side of their four properties be replaced with a metal one as a number of properties in the area had been burgled.

Resolved

That the issues referred to in the petition submitted by the residents of 102, 104, 106 and 108 New Mills Street, Palfrey be investigated by the relevant Council service area and that a report on the matter be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership.

19/04

Public Forum

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Kirpal Kaliroy circulated to each Member of the Partnership a copy of documentation relating to the work of the South Walsall Health Action Zone. This information was noted.

Mr. Kasujee, of 127 Lord Street, informed the Partnership that he did not consider that many people knew the various improvement projects which were taking place in the Palfrey and Pleck areas and said it was important that these were drawn to public attention.

Mrs. S.J. Spencer, of 47-49 Dale Street, advised the Partnership that in her opinion, the selection process for Locally Appointed Partners had been very badly organised and handled and that people had not been kept advised of the process.

Mr. Muhammed Lulu Miah, of 182 Milton Street, said that he was very interested in supporting the work of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership and wished it success in the future.

20/04

Transforming Your Space

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The report was presented by Councillor Yasin. Councillor Yasin advised the Partnership that the Transforming your Space Programme totalled expenditure of just over £2.7 million in funding with £1.7 million being secured from the Big Lottery Fund.

Resolved

That the Palfrey and Pleck Local Neighbourhood Partnership:-

- (1) Note the details of the Transforming your Space Programme in Walsall;
- (2) Endorse the proposals detailed for the Palfrey and Pleck LNP and include these in the final Local Neighbourhood Plan.

21/04

Local Neighbourhood Plan

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The report was introduced by Councillor Munir.

Resolved

That the Palfrey and Pleck Local Neighbourhood Partnership:-

- (1) Note the revised guidance on producing the first Local Plan;

- (2) Note the outline details of the planned workshop following the conclusion of this formal meeting.

Termination of meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, the meeting terminated at 7.55 p.m.

Chairman

Date