

BROWNNHILLS AND ALDRIDGE NORTH LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Monday 10 July 2006 at 6.00 p.m.

in the Conference Centre, Shire Oak School, Walsall Wood

Present

Russ Yeomans (substitute for Inspector Jack Ashley)
Ken Best
Douglas Birch
Councillor Barbara Cassidy
Councillor Roger Collins
Councillor Anthony Harris
Councillor Alan Paul
Ms Jackie Plant
Councillor Keith Sears
Mrs Patricia Thomas
Alan Paxton – West Midlands Fire Service

96/06 Appointment of Chair

Resolved

That Councillor Alan Paul be appointed Chairman of the Brownhills and Aldridge North Local Neighbourhood Partnership for the current Municipal Year.

97/06 Appointment of Two Vice-Chairman

Resolved

The appointment of both Vice-Chairs be deferred until the meeting scheduled to be held on 12 September 2006.

98/06 Introductions

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

99/06. **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Inspector Jack Ashley, Councillor Dave Tuner, Mr Ian Bourne, Ms. Georgina Fereday, Mr Kevin Lowry, Mr Keith Astin, Lynda Cooper and Councillor Dave Turner.

100/06 **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2006, a copy having previously been circulated to each member of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership, be approved as a correct record, subject to Lynda Cooper being added to the list of those present at the meeting.

101/06. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

102/06. **Petitions**

None Received.

103/06 **Terms of Reference**

A report and supplementary paper was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Julie Ball of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership Team presented the report and explained to the LNP how its new Terms of Reference would operate.

Resolved

- (1) That the revised terms of reference as approved by the Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership be noted;
- (2) That the LNP adopts and signs up to the revised Terms of Reference.

104/06 **Locally Appointed Partners – Reselection Process**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Julie Ball reported that, as there were sufficient vacancies for LAP's, the LNP would not be required to ask anyone to stand down in 2006.

Members of the LNP considered the processes for reselection and agreed that a process would be identified, if required, in 2007 and 2008.

Resolved

- (1) That the changes in the selection process be noted;
- (2) That the mechanism for re-selection be identified, if required, in 2007 and 2008;
- (3) That Ken Best's resignation from the LNP be noted;
- (4) That it be noted that no further Locally Appointed Partners would be required to stand down in 2006;
- (5) That the findings of the Equalities Impact Assessment on LNP Membership be noted.

105/06 Community Action Groups

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Julie Ball reported that each LNP were requested to establish two Community Action Groups (CAG'S) which would replace the 'Task Groups'. One CAG would focus on safer, stronger communities whilst the other would focus on Health and people.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of Chairs to each CAG. It was suggested that the appointment of Chairs be deferred and that a letter seeking nominations be sent to all members.

Resolved

- (1) That the move from Task Groups to Community Action Groups be noted;
- (2) That the terms of reference for the Community Action Groups be noted;
- (3) That the dates for the Community Action Groups for the Municipal Year, as detailed in the report, be agreed;
- (4) That the appointment of Chairs be deferred;
- (5) That a letter be sent to all members seeking nominations for the position of Chairman for both CAG's.

106/06 Local Neighbourhood Agreements

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Members considered the proposal to publish the pledges in a Local Neighbourhood Agreement document to be distributed to LNP members and service deliverers in August, 2006.

Resolved

- (1) That the developments around the Neighbourhood Agreements be noted;
- (2) That the finalised pledges be noted.

10706 Local Neighbourhood Funding

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That progress on funding priorities 2005 – 2006 be noted;
- (2) That the criteria for the allocated funding 2006 – 2007 be noted.

108/06 Urban Design Framework

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the report be noted.

109/06 Removal of public call boxes

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the Cabinets decision about the role it wishes to see the LNP take in the local consultation about the removal of public call boxes in an area/local neighbourhood, be noted.

110/06 Green Spaces Strategy

This item was withdrawn.

111/06 Affordable Warmth Strategy

Mandy Findlay, Energy efficiency officer, delivered a presentation on the affordable warmth strategy.

Resolved

That the presentation be noted.

112/06 Sponsorship of traffic island

This item was deferred to the meeting scheduled to be held on 12th September, 2006.

113/06 Public Forum

Q1. Concern was expressed regarding the tone of a response from the Leader of the Council, to a member of the public, regarding Brownhills and Aldridge North Local Neighbourhood Partnership.

A. The Chairman reported that he would report on this issue to the next meeting.

Q.2 Question received as to why Walsall Pride had referred to the Brownhills and Aldridge North Local Neighbourhood Partnership as Brownhills Local Neighbourhood Partnership and not Brownhills and Aldridge North Local Neighbourhood Partnership

A. Julie Ball assured that this would not happen again and that it would be correctly stated as Brownhills and Aldridge North Local Neighbourhood Partnership in future issues.

Q.3 It was requested that interested residents be notified of future tree works undertaken at Brownhills Common as tree's were being cut down without any notification. The fire service further requested that any tree debris left from works carried out be cleared as they are often set alight.

- A. Parpinder Singh Rhandawa would investigate the possibility of incorporating this into a CAG with a view to invite an officer to attend and consult the public.
- Q.4. A question was received regarding the planning process that led to the erection of a telephone mast at The Anchor Public House in Brownhills.
- A. Officers would investigate the process followed and provide information to John Parkinson, 35 Fullelove Road, Brownhills, West Midlands, WS8 6BW.
- Q.5. Problems experienced with drains on the Fullelove estate were reported at the meeting. It was stated that it was very difficult to get accountable bodies to clear drains once they become blocked.
- A. The Chairman reported that he would contact WHG and gather information for the next meeting.
- Q.6. It was asked if the driveway to the new Community Centre on the Brownhills Island could be extended to join Holland Park.
- A. Officers would undertake to provide a response to the next meeting.
- Q.7. An issue was raised regarding CCTV in Brownhills.
- A. Officers agreed to provide an update to the next meeting.
- Q.8. The implementation of 'One Stop Shops' in District Centres was discussed.
- A. Julie Ball provided a response in Sue Grainger's absence and agreed to circulate a briefing note to members of the LNP.

Termination of meeting

The meeting terminated at 8.20 pm

Chairman:

Date: