

ALDRIDGE SOUTH AND STREETLY LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Tuesday 6 September 2005 at 7.00 p.m.

**at the Youth Centre Building, The Streetly Association, Foley Road
East, Streetly**

Present

Councillor John O'Hare (Chairman)
Councillor Tom Ansell
Inspector Gerry Byrne
Mr. Robert Gilham
Mr. Phil Griffin
Mrs Jenny Henney
Mrs Pauline Heydon
Councillor Eddie Hughes
Mr. Ron Perks
Mr. Dusan Popratnjak
Mr. Peter Roberts
Councillor John Rochelle
Ms. Sarah Witheridge

In attendance

Mr. Andy Burns
Mr. Mike Gaffney
Mr. Frazer Powell
Ms. Parveen Sangha

63/05.

Introductions

Each member of the Partnership and the officers present introduced themselves and explained in brief the organisation they represented.

64/05.

Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillor Garry Clarke, Councillor Brian Douglas-Maul, Mr. Tony Harrison, Mr. Dave Storr and Mrs Jan Taylor.

65/05. **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership held on 14 June 2005, a copy having previously been circulated to each member of the Partnership be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

66/05. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

67/05. **Petitions**

There were no petitions submitted for consideration at this meeting.

68/05. **Public forum**

69/05. **Anti-social behaviour/Condition of Roads – Streetly**

Mr. John King of 80 Blackwood Road, Streetly addressed the Committee. Mr. King said that there had been problems with policing in the Streetly area for a number of years and that he considered Streetly now to be a deprived area.

Mr. King said that there had been a general deterioration in the Streetly area and that residents had experienced problems with youths on motorbikes, litter, noise and general anti-social behaviour. He requested that something be done to address these problems.

Another resident said that he was concerned at the number of properties being built in the Streetly area and the lack of health provision being provided.

Inspector Gerry Byrne advised the Partnership and the members of the public present that he had been the Police Officer in charge of the Streetly area since May 2005. He said that there had been particular problems of anti-social behaviour in the Blackwood Park area, but the problems experienced in the Streetly area were unfortunately common throughout the borough.

Inspector Byrne said there was a problem of Police resources, there was far greater need for Police services than there had ever been before, he said that it was not just a policing problem but a social problem for society.

A resident of 15 Ferndale Road, Streetly, expressed his concern at the number of youths driving up and down Ferndale Road causing noise and nuisance to residents. He also expressed concern at the condition of the road surface and the number of potholes which were causing damage to cars and also noise for local residents. He said that when the Council cleaned the gulleys in Ferndale Road and repaired them, but the work was not inspected or carried out properly.

Inspector Byrne advised that he would investigate the matters raised and respond accordingly to the resident.

The Chairman thanked the resident for his comments.

Resolved

- (1) That Councillor Eddie Hughes investigate the concerns of the resident relating to the condition of Ferndale Road, Streetly and pursue the matter with the relevant Council service area and advise the resident accordingly;
- (2) That Inspector Gerry Byrne investigate issues of speeding traffic in the Ferndale Road area and advise the resident accordingly.

70/05

Provision of Doctor and Dentistry Services – Streetly

Mrs Jean Penkeith of the Streetly Health Watch advised the Partnership of residents concerns relating to the lack of health facilities in the Streetly area. Mrs Penkeith said that she and other members of the Health Watch were particularly worried by the lack of Doctor and Dentistry facilities in the Streetly area as there were a growing number of properties and residents.

The tPCT representative on the Partnership, Mr. Phil Griffin, said that the Health Authority was aware of this problem. He said that he would prepare a report in respect of the provision of both Doctor and Dentistry Services in the Streetly area for the next meeting of the Partnership.

There was general support from the Partnership to this proposal.

Resolved

That the tPCT be requested to submit a report to the next meeting of the Partnership, relating to concerns of residents in respect of a lack of provision of Doctor and Dentistry Services in the Streetly area.

71/05. **Youth provision in Streetly**

Mrs M. Merrix of Walsall Road, Streetly said that she believed there was a lack of provision for young people in the Streetly area and this was a matter which should be addressed by the Council.

The Chairman said that it was important that provision for young people in Aldridge and Streetly, was made by the Council.

Mrs Jenny Henney advised the Partnership that she was a youth leader at the Streetly Community Association and would be happy to provide details on the range of facilities that were available for youths in the Streetly area to Mrs Merrix and other parents.

72/05. **New build developments – Aldridge South and Streetly area**

A resident of 31 Tudor Grove, Streetly said that appropriate facilities and infrastructure were needed to meet the demand created by additional development that had taken place in the Streetly area. Other residents present at the meeting expressed similar concerns relating to the number of new build developments in both the Aldridge South and Streetly area.

The Chairman said that the Partnership appreciated the concerns, of residents, but elected members need to consider the broad implications of such development rather than the detail of particular planning applications.

Resolved

That the Development Control Committee be advised of the concern of the Partnership relating to the number and density of new build developments in the Aldridge South and Streetly area and the lack of appropriate infrastructure and services required to support and sustain such developments.

73/05. **Community Empowerment Network – Use of Section 106 monies in the Aldridge and Streetly Areas**

Mrs V. Bates of 56 Bankside Crescent advised the Partnership that given the amount of building which had taken place in Aldridge and Streetly over the past few years, the Community Forum Network for Aldridge and Streetly wished to have a report on the use of Section 106 monies, showing the amount of money which had been raised in the two areas and paid to Walsall MBC.

Mrs Bates said that the Community Forum did not consider that the monies raised by the use of Section 106 had been used for the benefit of

residents in the Aldridge and Streetly area. Mrs Bates requested that the concerns of the Community Forum on this matter be acknowledged and that a report on the use of Section 106 monies in the Aldridge and Streetly area be submitted to the Community Forum meeting in October 2005.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Bates for her views on the above matter.

Resolved

That the Partnership support the request for a report on the use of Section 106 monies in the Aldridge and Streetly area to the Community Empowerment Network meeting in October 2005, and ask that the matter be investigated by the appropriate Council Executive Director and that a copy of any report prepared be circulated to each member of the LNP for information.

74/05. **Late Item**

75/05. **Locally Appointed Partners (LAPs) – Selection Panel**

The Partnership was advised that there had been a meeting of the LNPs Selection Panel immediately prior to the meeting and that the following applications had been considered and recommended for appointment as Locally Appointed Partners:-

Mr. Dave Storr
Ms. Sarah Witheridge

The report of the Head of Constitutional Services was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Reason for urgency – The Partnership agreed to consider the report as urgent business as the next meeting of the LNP was not until 6 December 2005, and a decision at this meeting would enable any persons appointed as Locally Appointed Partners to participate in the work of the Partnership at the earliest opportunity.

Resolved

That the following persons be appointed as Locally Appointed Partners (LAPs) on the Aldridge South and Streetly LNP:-

Mr. Dave Storr
Ms. Sarah Witheridge

The Chairman welcomed Ms. Sarah Witheridge to the meeting and advised that Mr. Dave Storr had submitted apologies as he could not attend.

76/05. **Hundred Acre Playgroup Site**

Councillor Eddie Hughes gave a presentation to the Partnership on progress made relating to the problems of anti-social behaviour experienced at the Hundred Acre Playgroup site in Streetly. The Partnership was advised that the play group had paid for the installation of security fencing at the site. Councillor Hughes confirmed that he was still in discussion with Council officers regarding the boundary of the site and that this matter was being investigated and that information would be provided when it was available.

Resolved

That presentation on the Hundred Acre Playgroup, Streetly site by Councillor Eddie Hughes be noted.

77/05. **Aldridge and Streetly Partnership Plan, Feedback from Task Groups Meetings**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That LNP members continue to attend work shop meetings;
- (2) That LNP members continue to encourage wider participation from community members within task groups;
- (3) That the LNP note the progress of the Transforming Your Space scheme;
- (4) That the LNP note the dates of future task group meetings;
- (5) That the LNP agree to undergo a Partnership Plan Review

78/05. **Funding Priorities for Action**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

- (1) That the LNP note the progress made to date in respect of funding priorities for action;

- (2) That the LNP agree to review progress on funding priorities for action at its next meeting.
- (3) That the LNP note that the work at the Streetly Community Association relates to progress on works to the changing rooms at that site.

79/05. **External Funding**

The Partnership received a presentation from Mr. Mike Gaffney on the work of the Council's external funding team. The meeting was informed that the external funding team comprised:-

Mr. Andrew Rainsford
Mr. Michael Gaffney
Mr. Suresh Pala

The LNP was advised that the reasons for the existence of the external funding team were to:-

- Stretch and maximise the use of budgets;
- Resource delivery of the Walsall Vision;
- Maximise European Union funding streams;
- Enable access to other funding streams by community/voluntary groups.

Members were advised that the External Funding Team worked with a number of voluntary organisations across the borough and in conjunction with the Council's Local Neighbourhood Partnerships. Mr. Gaffney advised the meeting that he would be the officer for the Aldridge South and Streetly LNP area.

The Chairman on behalf of the Partnership thanked Mr. Gaffney for the presentation.

Resolved

That the contents of the presentation on external funding be noted.

80/05. **Termination of meeting**

The meeting terminated at 8.45 pm

Chairman:.....

Date:.....