

# **PALFREY AND PLECK LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 at 6.30 p.m.**

**at Joseph Leckie Community Technology College, Walstead Road  
West, Walsall**

## **Present**

Councillor Dennis Anson (Chairman)  
Councillor Joan Beilby  
Mr. Michael Bentley  
Mrs Mandy Holcroft  
Mrs. ETTY Martin  
Mr. Mark Pulford  
Councillor Harbans Sarohi  
Mr. Keith Whittlestone  
Councillor Mohammad Yasin

## **Officers**

Mr. Robert Flinter  
Mr. Narinder Singh Chumber  
Mrs Kathy McAteer  
Mr. John Greensill  
Mr. Neil Picken

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## **Introductions**

For the benefit of the members of the public present at the meeting, Members of the Partnership and officers introduced themselves and the organisations they represented.

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## **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were submitted on behalf of E. Edwards, G. Rowley, A. Gilbert and L. Smith.

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## **Minutes**

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Palfrey and Pleck Local Neighbourhood Partnership held on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2005, a copy having previously been circulated to each Member of the Partnership, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest received.

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### **Local Area Agreements**

The LNP noted a presentation which was delivered by Mr. Ross Bell, the Assistant Director of Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership (WBSP):-

(see annexed)

Mr. Bell informed the LNP of the role of LNPs in the context of the Local Area Agreement. Mr. Bell explained that LNPs would be acknowledged as part of the group structure of WBSP and the WBSP pillar groups would be looking to the LNPs for service innovation involving the local community and other agencies. The overall aim of the LNPs in Walsall's local area agreement was to establish LNPs as multi-agency partnerships engaged with service providers at a local level who would be able to facilitate service change for the wider community. Further more he stated that WBSP looked forward to working with the LNP and its Task Groups to deliver the Local Area Agreement agenda.

Mr. Bell then undertook to respond to questions directed to him from the LNP and members of the public.

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### **The Work of the Palfrey Community Associations**

The LNP noted a presentation from Councillor Tim Oliver in relation to the work of the Palfrey Community Association.

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### **The Work of the tPCT in the LNP Area**

The LNP received a presentation from Mrs Etty Martin on the work of the tPCT in the LNP area.

Arising from the discussions at the meeting, it was noted that the figures which were presented to the LNP did not include statistics on prostate cancer.

## **Resolved**

That ETTY Martin report back to the next meeting on the figures and statistics relating to prostate cancer and ways of raising awareness.

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## **Gateways Project**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The LNP welcomed Bruno Edwards and Glen Buglass from the Community Arts Team.

Both officers explained that new signs would be provided at significant entrances to the borough and various gateways throughout the area. Each LNP area would receive new signage individual to each area and each sign would be displayed in a prominent location.

The officers sought the LNPs views with regard to the pictures and text set out for the design of the signs to see if they reflected the local area adequately.

The LNP conveyed their views and made several suggestions/tweaks where improvements could be made.

## **Resolved**

- (1) That the designs for Palfrey and Pleck be endorsed;
- (2) That the LNPs comments and suggestions be incorporated into the final design before the signs are erected.

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## **Funding Priorities for Action**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

- (1) The progress made to date be noted;
- (2) Progress be reviewed at the next meeting;
- (3) That it be noted that each project would be formally assessed by the LNP project team;

- (4) That it be noted that each project would be passed to the relevant Council officer who would liaise with the project champion when required;
- (5) One (£1000.00 programme ideas) of the “Motiv 8” programmes be funded in each Ward;
- (6) That the LNP host an information gathering event;
- (7) Robert Flinter seek information regard Walsall Council’s priority for the land adjacent to Joseph Leckie Community Technology College and confirm land ownership details of the land at the back of the TMO/Library on West Bromwich Road and if possible present this information to the Partnership at its next meeting;
- (8) The Partnership support in the development of plans to create recreation open spaces within the Delves area subject to the land ownership/priority issues identified above in (7);
- (9) Funding be approved in the sum of £4,650.00 to provide sports coaching.

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#### **Partnership Plan, including Feedback from Task Group Meetings**

##### **Resolved**

- (1) That LNP members continue their attendance at workshop meetings;
- (2) That individual LNP members encourage wider participation from community members within the Task Group;
- (3) To note future dates of Task Group meetings.

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#### **Improving Security in Neighbourhoods**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

##### **Resolved**

That the report be noted and requests for further interventions continue to be submitted as part of the rolling programme next year.

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**Parking Problems in Gower Street, Walsall**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

It was reported that the feedback from the public was required by 31 January 2006.

**Resolved**

That the report be noted.

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**Public Forum**

Issues of local interest were raised throughout the course of the meeting and were responded to directly.

**Termination of Meeting**

The meeting terminated at 9.20 pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....