

Willenhall LNP Task Group Meeting
Transforming Your Space (TYS) schemes in the LNP area
01/12/04

Attendance:

K. Agha (Walsall MBC), Simon Tranter (Walsall MBC), Clive Morris (Walsall MBC), K. Parsons (Walsall PCT), Councillor J.Woodruff, Councillor A.G Bentley, Councillor D. Shires, Councillor I. Shires, Ian Saville (Willenhall Housing Trust), Rupy Pandaal (Willenhall LNP), J. Moody (Walsall MBC).

Apologies:

Alan Porter, Stan Taylor, Tim Challens.

Issues Raised by Group

- Not everyone knew about the meeting.
- Members complained that the room was too cold (Councillor Shires said he had reported this on a number of occasions).
- Members wanted it noting that there was no support from the Authority from either Constitutional Services or Lead Officers (Tim Challens had sent apologies).

TYS Issues Considered

KA gave a short presentation (attached) on the schemes due to be implemented in the LNP's area. The group made the following comments:

- Refurbishment of existing sites was welcomed by group. However, questions were raised concerning the future maintenance of the facilities. **The group requested a report to the next LNP as part of a YYS update with regard to future maintenance.**
- Manor Farm proposals – Councillor D. Shires raised concerns over the proposals and wider play provision across the estate. CM reported that he had begun dialogue with the residents association. **Councillor I. Shires suggested that a gate near the facility, leading from the estate to the open space, should be looked at.**
- The police and young people/youth groups/youth services in the area need to be involved in the detailed consultation.
- General comment – anti social behaviour hotspots exist across the area which could utilise a wardens' service if available.

Coppice Farm

- After a lengthy discussion regarding consultation to date which has raised a number of wider issues in the area, the group agreed that the YYS programme was not the appropriate mechanism to look at these wider issues and an

alternative approach was needed. **Lead Officers are to be requested to prepare a paper on how the Coppice Farm issues can be pursued.**

- The group identified a number of alternative sites to benefit from the TYS funding:

- Ullswater Road
- Pennine Way
- Hawthorne Road

Gomer Street

Group agreed that unless the land at Gomer Street can be acquired at nil cost for the purpose of the scheme by the end of this year, the alternative environmental project at Willenhall Memorial Park should be pursued.

Group requested Officers to investigate the alternative sites for Coppice Farm and recommend the most appropriate scheme for the TYS programme. A report needs to be presented to the January LNP meeting detailing this and progress on other schemes in the LNP's area.