

# **PALFREY AND PLECK LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 at 6.30 p.m.**

**at Alumwell Business and Enterprise College, Primley Avenue,  
Walsall**

## **Present**

Councillor Dennis Anson (Chairman)  
Councillor Aqeel Aslam  
Councillor Joan Beilby  
Mr. Allah Ditta  
Mrs. Eileen Edwards  
Mr. Gary Fulford  
Mr. Matloob Hussain  
Mrs. ETTY Martin  
Mr. Mark Pulford  
Mr. George Rowley  
Councillor Harbans Sarohi  
Councillor Mohammad Yasin

## **Officers**

Mr. Narinder Singh Chumber  
Mr. David Hancock

### **101/06      Introductions**

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

### **102/06      Apologies**

An apology for non-attendance at the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor Munir.

103/06

**Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Palfrey and Pleck Local Neighbourhood Partnership held on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2006, a copy having previously been circulated to each Member of the Partnership, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

104/06

**Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Yasin, Mr. Rowley and Mr. Fulford all declared an interest with regard to anything on the agenda in relation to WHG.

105/06

**Petitions**

A Mr. S. Moulton handed in a petition relating to the land at Gower Street which sought for local residents to purchase the land.

**Resolved**

That the petition be forwarded to the relevant Council officer for them to consider and respond direct to the petitioner.

106/06

**The work of the Walsall Housing Group in the LNP area**

A Mr. G. Brookes, Mrs. C. Wildman and Mr. G. Fulford delivered a presentation to the LNP on the work of Walsall Housing Group (WHG) in the LNP area.

The three presenters discussed the various developments that were taking place within the LNP area or were planned for the future. In particular, discussions took place in relation to the Marion Talbot site and a development planned for Pleck.

The LNP sought further clarification on the proposals for each site. Plans were still at the draft stage and the LNP were informed that the finer details were still being negotiated and the Local Authority would be involved throughout the process.

The Chairman thanked the speakers for their presentation.

107/06

### **An affordable warmth strategy for Walsall**

A Mr. Stephen Rowley delivered a presentation to the LNP on an initiative called "An affordable warmth strategy for Walsall". This initiative brought together all the available resources and expertise on the issue of affordable warmth and made it more widely available and accessible to the people of Walsall.

Mr. Rowley informed the LNP of the various points of contact for advice on the matter.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Rowley for his informative presentation which could benefit many of the residents within the LNP area and Walsall as a whole.

108/06

### **Funding priorities for action**

A report and supplementary report were submitted:-

(see annexed)

#### **Resolved**

That:-

- (1) progress made to date on the various projects identified be noted;
- (2) progress be reviewed at the next meeting;
- (3)
  - (i) in relation to the project to develop play facilities for all ages in the Delves area Phase 1 be postponed and the LNP be recommended to identify any other suitable sites;
  - (ii) Phases 2 and 3 be endorsed by the LNP and a site visit be convened on the site involving the Ward Councillors, Keith Whittlestone and Tom Briscoe and that Tom Briscoe updates the LNP on any progress at the next meeting;
- (4) in relation to the press articles celebrating the LNP area, that the press article be deferred pending re-consideration by the LNP;
- (5) in relation to the new funding project identified for shelter for Pleck Park, that the project be passed to the relevant Council officer with a recommendation from the LNP that £5,000 be allocated to this project. Furthermore, that the LNP be consulted on the type of shelter and that a report be submitted by the Parks and Open Spaces Team to a future meeting on the proposed design for the approval by the LNP;

- (6) in relation to the environmental improvements to Woodwards Close, Mr. Gary Fulford to investigate which paving slabs are damaged.

109/06 **Partnership Plan, including feedback from Task Group meetings**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Narinder Singh Chumber, of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership Team, fed back on the outcome of previous Task Group meetings. Furthermore, he reminded all those who were present that the next Task Group meeting was scheduled to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2006.

110/06 **Public Forum**

A Mr. R. Appleby asked a question relating to parking problems on the grass verges at Bescot Stadium, Walsall during market days. Members felt that the LNP should liaise with the Football Club and the market traders to highlight the problem and try to help alleviate the situation.

A Mr. S. Moulton asked a question in relation to Gower Street. He wished to know when an update would be brought back to the LNP and if officers were aware that funding may still be available from the SRB to help with the hard surfacing of the road verge or two roadways either side of the grass verge in Gower Street. It was reported that there was an update on this matter planned for the next meeting of the LNP.

**Resolved**

That:-

- (1) in relation to the question concerning parking on grass verges at Bescot Stadium, a letter be sent from the Chair to the Football Club and market traders conveying the LNP's concerns and requesting that the matter be investigated and reported back to the LNP at its next meeting;
- (2) in relation to the question concerning Gower Street, that the question be forwarded to the relevant Council officer for him/her to respond direct to the question.

111/06

**West Midlands LTP Settlement and Transport Capital Programme  
2006/08**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The LNP noted the report.

Arising from the discussions at the meeting, there was a request for a report on plans for Darlaston Road/Pleck Road and, in particular, parking problems in and around Gower Street, Kingsley Street, Sheridan Road and Hough Road (in and around Hough Road Estate).

**Resolved**

That this request be forwarded onto the relevant Council officer for him/her to investigate and report back to the next meeting of the LNP.

**Termination of Meeting**

The meeting terminated at 8.25 p.m.

Chairman .....

Date .....