

BROWNHILLS AND ALDRIDGE NORTH LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Monday 27 September 2004 at 6.00 p.m.

in the Conference Centre, Shire Oak School

Present

Inspector J. Ashley
Mr. G. Crowther
Mr. S. Forsdike
Councillor A. D. Harris
Ms. J. Moncton
Councillor K. Sears
Councillor D. J. Turner

14/04 Adjournment of meeting

The meeting was adjourned for 15 minutes as it was inquorate.

Councillor Harris apologised for the delay in starting the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Local Neighbourhood Partnership. Members gave a brief introduction.

15/04 Presentation: Local Neighbourhood Partnerships

Councillor Harris gave a presentation setting out the background, membership and process for meetings of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership:-

(see annexed)

He referred to the openness and informality of meetings in order to encourage members of the public to take part.

At this juncture the meeting became quorate.

Resolved

That the presentation be received.

16/04 **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cassidy, Collins and Paul.

17/04 **Appointment of Local Appointed Partners**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the persons listed below be appointed as Locally Appointed Partners for the remainder of the current municipal year:-

Douglas Oliver Birch
Georgina Fereday
Gail Jacqueline Plant
Lynda Cooper
Patricia Thomas
Kevin Lowry

18/04 **Appointment of Chairman**

Resolved

That Councillor A. Harris be appointed Chairman of the Brownhills and Aldridge North Local Neighbourhood Partnership for the remainder of the current municipal year.

19/04 **Minutes – 19 July 2004**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2004, were submitted.

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2004, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

20/04 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Harris briefly outlined situations when members might declare an interest in an item on the agenda and advised the Local Appointed Partners that they would be given full details at their induction session.

The following members declared interests as indicated and at the relevant point in the meeting took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Turner	-	Governor of St. James and Watling Street Junior Mixed Schools
Linda Cooper	-	Governor of Brownhills West Primary School
Councillor Sears	-	Governor of St. James and Castlefort Primary Schools
Patricia Thomas	-	Governor of St. James Primary School

21/04 **Petitions**

There were no petitions received.

22/04 **Public Forum**

Mr. Barry Poxon, 7 Oakenhayes Drive, Brownhills expressed concern about the starting time of the meeting and asked that consideration be given to change the time to commence at 7.00 pm.

The Partnership agreed to review that start time at their next meeting.

Members of the public also raised the issue regarding advertisement of the meetings.

Karen Adderley informed the Partnership that the meeting had been advertised in the local press and on the Council website. The Council was looking to display posters in the local area in libraries/post offices to provide a wider publication.

The Partnership was advised that there would be consultation and activity sessions on the Local Plan and this would raise public awareness.

Mr. D. Mills, 32 Dingle Road, Clayhanger asked the Partnership for details on becoming a member.

Ms. Adderley explained the campaign to seek nominations for locally appointed partners and stated that further nominations would be sought from areas within the Partnership that were currently under represented. Members of the public could become involved in working groups that would be set up by the Partnerships.

In response to a question by Mr. Poxon, the Partnership was advised that local issues would be discussed and the Chairman advised the Partnership that the Kentucky Fried Chicken site at Oak Park, was being considered.

Ms. Adderley confirmed that the production of the Local Neighbourhood Plan would prioritise key issues that local people and the Partnership wanted to address, the document would become a Council document and impact on the Council and Partners.

With regard to the question from the residents of Watermeade Grange, Ms. Forsdike confirmed that she would obtain a briefing note on the situation at the Health Centre in Brownhills and forward it to members of the Partnership. She confirmed that funding was still in place for the project.

Mrs Thomson of 18 Curlew Drive, Watermeade Grange, Brownhills asked the Partnership for information on the possibility of Watermeade Road becoming a through road.

The Partnership requested officers to investigate the matter and to inform both Mrs Thomson, Mrs Robinson and members of the Partnership direct.

Mr. Poxon, 7 Oakenhayes Drive, Brownhills asked for the present position in relation to a dispute by residents of Oakenhayes Drive and Oakenhayes Crescent regarding the opening of the footpath following a petition that had been presented at the last Brownhills/Aldridge North District Committee.

Mr. Poxon was advised that the matter would be investigated and a response would be forwarded to him direct.

23/04 **Transforming Your Space**

A report on Transforming your Space was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Steve Lewis advised that in April 2003 the former District Committee had identified its priorities as set out in paragraph 6.2 of the annexed report and other potential funding could be included in this initiative and help progress other priorities.

Members referred to the need to provide security for parks/play areas to safeguard investment and curtail anti-social behaviour.

Members stressed the importance of considering the whole area covered by the Partnership.

Karen Adderley advised that each of the 9 Neighbourhood Partnerships would develop their own Neighbourhood Plan, this would feed into the budget and service planning process.

Resolved

- (1) That the Partnership note the details of the Transforming Your Space programme in Walsall;
- (2) That the proposals detailed for the Brownhills and Aldridge North Local Neighbourhood Partnership be endorsed and included in the final Local Neighbourhood Plan.

24/04 **Local Neighbourhood Plan**

The report on producing the first Local Plan was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Members were advised that its first piece of work was to produce a Local Plan for the Partnership area and work would be undertaken to identify key priorities. Members were advised that a workshop would take place at the end of the meeting on the process involved.

RHCS Consultancy would support the process and would give a presentation to the Forum at the end of the meeting.

The Local Partners asked for clarification on their term of office.

Karen Adderley undertook to provide a briefing note for the Local Appointed Partners on this matter.

Resolved

- (1) That the revised guidance on producing the first local plan be noted;
- (2) That the Partnership note the outlined details of the planned workshop following the formal meeting.

Termination of meeting

The meeting terminated at 7.40 pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....