

# **WILLENHALL LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

**Monday 30 January 2006 at 6.00 p.m.**

**at Willenhall Community and Youth Foundation, Gomer Street, Willenhall**

## **Present**

Councillor Ian Shires (Chairman)  
Mr. Peter Arch  
Councillor Sean Coughlan  
Councillor Carl Creaney  
Mr. David Drewe  
Wendy Evans  
Susan Peters  
Councillor Mrs. Eileen Pitt  
Mr. Alan Porter  
Councillor Angela Underhill  
Inspector Mark Wall

## **73/06 Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and those present introduced themselves.

## **74/06 Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Arthur Bentley, John Cook, Doreen Shires and Val Woodruff, Inspector Rowe and Raj Singh (WHG).

## **75/06 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2005, were submitted:-

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2005, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**76/06 Locally Appointed Partners**

The report of Constitutional Services was submitted:-

(see annexed)

**Resolved**

That, having considered the application on its merits, the Willenhall Local Neighbourhood Partnership approve the appointment of Mrs. Vera Birch as a Locally Appointed Partner (LAP) for the remainder of the current municipal year

**77/06 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**78/06 Petitions**

There were no petitions submitted.

**79/06 Presentations**

**(a) Gateway Features**

The report of the Community Arts Team was submitted:-

(see annexed)

and Bruno Edwards and Glen Buglass, Creative Development Team, outlined to the Partnership the progress so far.

The Partnership was advised that the location for the signs would be:-

- near the Key Way
- Essington Road
- Lichfield Road
- the town centre sign will be erected in Wolverhampton Street

After discussion it was,

**Resolved**

(1) That the designs be agreed, subject to the following amendments:-

- The picture depicting the market scene should depict a scene from Willenhall Market
- A section showing Rough Wood be included if possible
- A local Sikh Temple to replace replace the art work
- In the text take out references to:-

resurfacing

change pubs to public houses

18th Century should only be mentioned once

- Take out reference to J. Harper & Co. and include reference to Union Lock

(2) That the feed-back sheet should be completed and returned to the Community Arts Team and, if necessary, a Working Group would be called to consider any substantial changes

**(b) Local Area Agreements/Partnership Plan and feedback from Task Group meetings**

Ross Bell of the Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership gave a brief presentation on Local Area Agreements:-

(see annexed)

Members were advised that, in the event of the Local Area Agreement being successful, the Borough would be rewarded with a grant of £8.75 million

**Resolved**

That the presentation be received.

### **Action Plan 2006/07**

A copy of the Action Plan was circulated at the meeting:-

(see annexed)

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the Partnership note the linkages between Local Area Agreements, the Partnership Plan and the Neighbourhood Policing Teams;
- (2) That all Local Neighbourhood Partners continue in attendance at Workshop meetings and individual Members of the Partnership encourage wider participation from the community and the dates for future meetings be noted;
- (3) That the skeleton of the Community Plan for Willenhall Local Neighbourhood Partnership be agreed as the Work Plan over the next three years was starting to develop.

At this juncture, the time being 7.20 p.m., the Chairman adjourned the meeting for five minutes .

### **(c) Neighbourhood Policing Team**

Inspector Williams and Sergeant Benbow gave a brief presentation on neighbourhood policing:-

(see annexed)

Sergeant Benbow outlined changes in shift patterns that would provide cover in the area on weekdays and at weekends and these would be linked to a 24 hour response team.

The police would meet with Community Leaders to discuss issues within their area.

Councillor Shires referred to a role within the process for the Community Forum.

### **Resolved**

That the information contained in the presentation be noted.

80/06 **Short Breaks development for Adults with a Learning Disability in Coltham Road, Short Heath**

The report of the Head of Learning Disabilities was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The Chairman expressed that consultation with local residents should be meaningful and responsive.

**Resolved**

That the contents of the report and the planned consultation with local people be noted.

81/06 **Funding priorities for action**

The report of the Neighbourhood Partnerships Team was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Councillor Coughlan requested that funding be made available for the replacement of trees at Tenbury Close in order to prevent anti-social behaviour.

Members were concerned that the Partnership should develop strategic issues.

Councillor Underhill referred to the need for sufficient time to be allocated to investigate the provision of Christmas lights and confirmed that temporary lights had been provided in Lane Head and Short Heath, the permanent lights had now arrived and would be included in next year's display.

There was £5,000 left in the budget for this project and Lane Head and New Invention areas could be considered for inclusion.

Councillor Shires informed the meeting that consideration should be given to a Festival of Light involving all faith communities in the area and starting with the Arboretum Illuminations.

Councillor Underhill agreed to contact businesses in the area with regard to them taking part in a competition for the best window display during the festive season.

**Resolved**

(1) That the progress on the projects contained in the report be noted;

- (2) That the report from the Project Champion be noted and that Councillor Underhill contact the business community requesting that they take part in a competition for the best window display during the festive season;
- (3) That the request from residents of Tenbury Close for replacement trees to protect their property from anti-social behaviour be investigated

#### 82/06 **Community Forum Update**

Two update documents relating to the issues raised by Community Forum at the last meeting of the Partnership were submitted:-

(see annexed)

and Wendy Evans gave a brief update.

#### **Resolved**

- (1) That the contents of the reports be noted;
- (2) That the matter be referred back to the Community Forum to enable them to work with the three Ward Councillors to enable work at The Square, New Invention, to be carried out on the following matters as individual projects and that they be referred to the Local Neighbourhood Partnership in due course:-
  - improved parking and access routes
  - upgrade bus stop provision
  - improve the immediate environment
  - clean up
  - public house – tidy up

#### 83/06 **Public Forum**

A representative of the Willenhall Community Forum addressed the Partnership in the public forum requesting information on the health link to the Local Neighbourhood Partnership.

The Community Forum representative also requested that the Carnival Parade be re-instated.

#### **Resolved**

That the tPCT representative on the Local Neighbourhood Partnership give a presentation to the next meeting of the Willenhall Local Neighbourhood Partnership

**Termination of meeting**

The meeting terminated at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman: .....

Date: .....