

## **PALFREY AND PLECK LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

**Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2006 at 6.30 p.m.**

**at Palfrey Community Association, Milton Street, Palfrey, Walsall**

### **Present**

Councillor Aqeel Aslam  
Councillor Joan Beilby  
Mrs. Eileen Edwards  
Inspector Andy Gilbert  
Mrs. Mandy Holcroft  
Mr. Manzoor Hussain  
Mr. Matloob Hussain  
Mr. Kirpal Kaliroy  
Mrs. ETTY Martin  
Councillor Mohammed Nazir  
Mr. Mark Pulford  
Mr. George Rowley  
Councillor Harbans Sarohi  
Councillor Mohammad Yasin

### **Officers**

Mr. Rob Flinter  
Mrs. Imke Goalby  
Mr. David Hancock

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### **Election of Chairman**

In view of the fact that it was the first meeting of the LNP in the 2006/07 Municipal Year, the first item of business for the LNP was to elect a Chairman. Nominees were sought for this position.

Councillor Nazir was the only nominee identified for this position.

### **Resolved**

That Councillor Mohammed Nazir be elected as the Chairman of the Palfrey and Pleck LNP for the 2006/07 Municipal Year.

113/06      **Election of Vice-Chairman**

**Resolved**

- (1)      That Mrs. Ety Martin be elected Vice-Chairman from amongst the WBSP nominated Partners;
- (2)      That Mark Pulford be elected Vice-Chairman from amongst the Locally Appointed Partners (LAPs).

114/06      **Introductions**

Members of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership (LNP) introduced themselves to the meeting.

115/06      **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Dennis Anson, Mr. Allah Ditta and Mr. Gary Fulford.

116/06      **Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2006, a copy having previously been circulated to each Member of the LNP, be approved as a correct record, subject to the amendments identified below:-

- (1)      Minute No. 108/06 (6) - Substitute Woodward's Road for Woodward's Close;
- (2)      Mr. Kaliroy being added to the list of apologies;
- (3)      Minute No. 111/06 - Substitute Sheridan Street for Sheridan Road.

117/06      **Matters arising**

In relation to Minute No. 108/06 (3)(ii), Ward Councillors sought the reason as to why they had not been invited on the site visit. Rob Flinter agreed to investigate and report back.

With regard to Minute No. 108/06 (6), Councillor Sarohi reported that the paving slabs were still damaged. The LNP requested that Gary Fulford be asked to investigate and report back.

In relation to Minute 111/06, Councillor Aslam asked why there were no updates or a report back on parking problems in and around Gower Street, Kingsley Street, Sheridan Street and Hough Road. Rob Flinter reported that he would endeavour to arrange for an update report for the next meeting.

118/06      **Declarations of Interest**

Mr. George Rowley and Councillor Yasin declared an interest on anything on the agenda in relation to Walsall Housing Group (WHG).

119/06      **Petitions**

A petition was received from a Mrs. Aston in relation to the right of way to the rear of properties on Jerome Road and Exeter Place, Alumwell Estate. The petition highlighted the theft, nuisance and anti-social behaviour problems being experienced by local residents and sought the LNP's support in providing gating for the alleyway.

**Resolved**

That the petition be forwarded onto the appropriate Council officer for them to investigate and respond directly to the petitioner and the three Ward Councillors.

120/06      **Terms of Reference**

A report and supplementary paper were submitted:-

(see annexed)

Imke Goalby, of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership Team, presented the report and explained to the LNP how its new Terms of Reference would operate. She also reported that there would be further amendments and additions to the Terms of Reference later in the year and the LNP would be made aware of the changes in due course.

**Resolved**

- (1) That the revised Terms of Reference, as approved by the Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership as tabled, be noted;
- (2) That the LNP adopts and signs up to the revised Terms of Reference.

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## **Locally Appointed Partners - Re-selection Process**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Imke Goalby reported that as the Partnership already had three vacancies for LAPs, there would be no need to ask anyone to stand down in 2006. However, the LNP was still required to decide upon a mechanism to determine which LAPs should be asked to stand down in future years.

The LNP held the general consensus that more needed to be done to attract young people to the LNP and to get them involved in the LNP process.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the changes in the selection process be noted;
- (2) That the LAP re-selection process for 2007/08 and subsequent years, be undertaken in the order specified below:-
  - (i) Firstly, to ask Members to step down;
  - (ii) Secondly, using the 'attendance' mechanism;
  - (iii) Finally, using the 'names out of a hat' mechanism;
- (3) That the findings of the Equalities Impact Assessment on LNP membership be noted.

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## **Community Action Groups**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Imke Goalby reported that each LNP would establish two Community Action Groups (CAGs) which would replace the old Task Groups. One CAG would focus on Safer and Stronger Communities, whilst the other would focus on People and Health. Imke highlighted that the report also sought the LNP's approval for dates of CAG meetings during 2006/07.

Etty Martin informed the LNP that there was a tPCT workshop planned for the People and Health CAG on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2006 which would look at health provision within the LNP area. All would be welcome to attend and participate.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the move from Task Groups to CAGs be noted;
- (2) That the Terms of Reference of the CAGs be noted;
- (3) That the dates set out for the CAGs in 2006/07 Municipal Year, as detailed in the report, be agreed;
- (4)
  - (i) That George Rowley be appointed as Chairman for the CAG on People and Health;
  - (ii) That Kirpal Kaliroy be appointed Chairman for the CAG on Safer and Stronger Communities.

### 123/06 **Local Neighbourhood Agreements**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Imke Goalby introduced the report. She drew Members' attention to the final pledges which had been agreed at a previous meeting of the LNP.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the current developments around the Neighbourhood Agreement be noted;
- (2) That the finalised pledges be noted.

### 124/06 **LNP Funding**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Imke Goalby introduced the report and highlighted the various updates contained therein.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the progress on funding priorities for 2005/06 be noted;
- (2) That the current spend be noted;
- (3) That the criteria for the allocation of funding for 2006/07 be noted;

- (4) That funding in the sum of £5,350 for the proposal for use of one-off resources in support of Local Plan for the Delves play area, as detailed in the report now submitted, be endorsed and that it be forwarded onto the Funding Team with a recommendation from the LNP that it be approved in consultation with the LNP Team;
- (5) That a report be brought back to a future meeting on alleygating to the rear of Bridge Street to Oxford Street;
- (6) That a report be brought back to a future meeting on alleygating to the rear of Whitehall Road.

125/06 **Removal of Public Call Boxes**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

**Resolved**

That the Cabinet's decision concerning the role it wishes to see the LNP take in the local consultation about the removal of public call boxes in the LNP area be noted.

126/06 **Sponsorship of Traffic Islands**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Rob Flinter advised that if any potential sponsors were interested in the scheme, that they should forward their details directly to Steve Chapman in Street Pride.

**Resolved**

That the report be noted.

127/06 **Urban Design Framework**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Cherry Shine, from Regeneration, was in attendance at the meeting and delivered a presentation on various plans for Walsall Strategic Corridors and Gateways Initiatives in respect of the A454 and A461 Corridors.

Furthermore, Cherry informed the LNP that there would be a consultation day relating to the above on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2006 at Pleck Library.

### **Resolved**

That the report and presentation be noted.

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### **Public Forum**

The LNP received the following questions during Public Forum:-

**Question from Mr. Appleby** - Have the Council any powers to require landowners with land at gateways into the Borough who have neglected the land/property to take remedial action?

**Question from Mr. Uddin** - Why is Camden Street so neglected? It is in need of refurbishment.

**Question from Mr. Moul** - Problems with prostitutes at the rear of Pleck Park. Can the gates on the road kerb area be locked and unlocked to help alleviate the problem?

**Question from Mr. Moul** - Can the alley from Gower Street to Hough Place be cleaned up as there are bricks and sweet papers all down the alley?

**Question from Mr. Riggon** - the African Caribbean Community Centre is located along the A454 gateway route into the Town Centre. We have the ambition to develop the site and our Centre. How can the LNP support us in this ambition? We would be pleased to present our ideas to the LNP or appropriate body/forum.

### **Resolved**

That the above questions be referred to the relevant officers/service areas for them to investigate and respond direct to the questioners.

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### **Issues arising from discussions at the meeting**

Mr. Matloob Hussain requested that an agenda item and report be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the LNP on Camden Street arena.

**Termination of Meeting**

The meeting terminated at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman .....

Date .....