

WILLENHALL LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Monday 18 July 2005 at 6.00 p.m.

At New Invention Junior School, Cannock Road, New Invention

Present

Mr. Peter Arch
Councillor Arthur Bentley
Councillor John Cook
Councillor Sean Coughlan
Mr. David Drewe
Councillor Mrs. Eileen Pitt
Acting Inspector Mark Wall
Councillor Mrs. Doreen Shires
Councillor Ian Shires
Mr. Stanley Taylor
Councillor Val Woodruff

47/05 The Partnership was advised that the meeting was inquorate and it was agreed that it adjourn for up to 15 minutes.

At 6.12 p.m. the meeting become quorate.

48/05 **Appointment of Chairman for the Municipal Year 2005/06 and use of president**

Resolved

That Councillor Ian Shires be appointed Chairman of the Willenhall Local Neighbourhood Partnership for the Municipal Year 2005/06.

49/05 **Introductions**

Members introduced themselves at the meeting.

50/05 **Locally Appointed Partners**

The report of the Constitutional Services was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

Having considered each application on its own merit, the LNP agreed to appoint the persons listed below as Locally Appointed Partners (LAPs) for the remainder of the current Municipal Year: -

Ref No.

99	Susan Peters
100	Mrs. Wendy Evans

Ms. Sue Peters joined the meeting.

51/05 **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Mr. R. Pandaal, Mr. Alan Porter, Mr. Ian Saville, Mrs. Vicki Till and Councillor Angela Underhill.

52/05 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2005, were submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2005, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

53/05 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

54/05 **Petitions**

There were no petitions submitted.

The Chairman informed the Partnership of the recent death of Councillor Harold Withnall.

Members paid tribute to Councillor Withnall and recognised the great loss to the Willenhall community and Walsall.

Members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

55/05 **Funding Priorities for Action**

The Partnership was advised that no costs had yet been identified for the projects listed in the report.

Resolved

- (1) That the following projects be approved, subject to further information, such as costs, timescales:-
 - (a) Kick start community safety;
 - (b) Engage with young people about their vision for Willenhall;
 - (c) Christmas lights
- (2) The Partnership noted:-
 - (a) that each project would be assessed by LNP Project Team to ensure they met the agreed criteria;
 - (b) that each project would be passed to the relevant Council Officer who would liaise with the project champion in order to decide what action needs to be taken to implement the decision of the LNP
- (3) That feedback from the project champions on progress be reported to the next meeting of the LNP.

56/05 **Partnership Plan and setting up of Work Groups**

The report of the Neighbourhood Partnership Officer was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The Chairman referred to attendance levels at the work groups and recognised that Members did have other commitments. The Partnerships were in their infancy and required a tremendous amount of support and felt that the Council should capacity build to commit additional resources to the Partnerships. As a result of this, it was felt that Members should concentrate on a couple of issues whilst the capacity building goes on.

The Chairman suggested that 2 working groups be set up to consider:-

- Looking at the delivery of services in the Willenhall area - this would involve all services and not exclusively Council services and would require input from Partners;
- The future – where would we like to see Willenhall in the next 15/20 years. This would include issues proposed within and out of Borough that would impact on Willenhall, including land use in the area .

Peter Arch referred to the involvement of patients in health service plans and felt that the Local Neighbourhood partnerships could be of great assistance in this. He undertook to carry out a presentation to a future meeting.

The Vice-Chairman of the Health Action Zone also indicated that he would like to be involved in the Working Groups.

The Chairman confirmed that the working groups would involve all Members of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership.

Resolved

- (1) That LNP members continue to attend at the workshop meetings;
- (2) That individual LNP members encourage wider participation in the task groups from community members
- (3) That 2 task groups be set up consisting of all Members of the LNP to look into:-
 - delivery of services
 - the future

At this juncture, the time being 7.10 p.m., the chairman adjourned the meeting for a 10 minute comfort break.

The meeting resumed at 7.20 p.m.

57/05 Involving Young People

The report of the Neighbourhood Partnership Officer was submitted:-

(see annexed)

After consideration it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That the work carried out to date be noted;
- (2) That Sue Peters be appointed to undertake the role of 'young people champion';
- (3) That approval be given to young people being invited to observe the LNP meeting in October or January;
- (4) That the Secondary Schools in the area be invited to nominate 2 young people to observe the LNP meeting in October 2005 or January 2006 and that they be requested to put forward their views.

58/05 Presentation – Gateways Project – Signage

Bruno Edwards of the Community Arts Team gave a presentation on Gateway Project signage in the Willenhall area and asked Members for their opinions and ideas on possible designs for signs and columns.

Members discussed the proposals and suggested a number of themes for inclusion on the signs.

Resolved

That a set of draft proposals be submitted to an all Member working group meeting.

59/05 **LNP Communication Officer**

The report of the Neighbourhood Partnership Officer was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That Councillor Ian Shires be appointed to undertake the role of Communication Officer for the Willenhall Local Neighbourhood Partnership.

60/05 **Public Forum**

Mr. Jeff Rushton of 79 Durham Avenue, Willenhall, addressed the Committee requesting the installation of a light outside the garages opposite his home in order to reduce the currently experienced nuisance.

Mr. Jim Weston of 10 Fenn Rise, Willenhall, addressed the Committee relating to the format of the meeting, the inclusion of members of the public present and consultation.

The Vice-Chair of the Housing Action Zone advised the Partnership that the Willenhall Community Forum was now operational and considered issues relating to facilities for older people and facilities for 14-18 year olds as well as drug misuse. He invited Members of the LNP to future meetings.

61/05 **Time and Venues for Future Meetings**

The report of Constitutional Services was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the venue for the meeting on 31 October 2005, be short Heath Junior School, Pennine Way, Short Heath, Willenhall;
- (2) That the Local Neighbourhood Partnership meetings commence at 6.00 p.m.;
- (3) That Task Group meetings be held at other venues as appropriate.

Termination of meeting

The meeting terminated at 8.15 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: