

**ST. MATTHEWS AND BIRCHILLS/LEAMORE**  
**LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

**8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2007**

**ACTION SHEET - PROGRESS REPORT**

<b>AGENDA NO.</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
1.	Apologies Substitutes		
2.	Declarations of interest		
2.1	Welcome to new Member		
3.	Petitions		
4.	Presentation Re: Increasing life expectancy by reducing inequalities	Considered after LNP Funding report	
5.	Minutes - 16 <sup>th</sup> November, 2006		

5.1.	Former Mellish Road Methodist Church	Noted that building erected on consecrated ground and that it would need to be de-consecrated before it could be used for any other purpose	Information passed to appropriate project officer
6.	<p>Progress Report</p> <p>Gulley area at rear of library, Beechdale</p> <p>Gladstone House</p> <p>Environmental issues in Caldmore</p>	<p>Noted that some pruning work had been carried out but further work needed to be undertaken on the area of disputed land.</p> <p><b>Contact:-</b> Keith Stone 01922 652100</p> <p>Noted that a proposal to use the site for private housing was being considered.</p> <p>Noted that a report would be submitted to next meeting of the LNP on this issue.</p> <p><b>Contact:-</b> Keith Stone 01922 652100</p>	<p>Referred to Grounds and Street Cleansing Service Manager - Street Pride</p> <p>Report on agenda for meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2007 at Item 6(b)</p>

	Derelict flats above shops in Stephenson Square	<p>Noted that the BCHA Board had rejected a regeneration scheme for the area as not viable.</p> <p><b>Contact:-</b> Steve Law 01922 652075</p> <p>Mark Wade 01922 652169</p>	<p>Chief Executive at BCHA has recently received her Board's approval to fund consultants to write a 'Plan for Beechdale'. This will include all potential development opportunities in Beechdale as well as The Square and the flats above the shops. This approach is designed to maximise impact, partner interest and funding for the area. The Plan will receive input from all interested parties, including the Council and WHG.</p>
7.	Public Forum	<p>(a) Noted how successful youth work had been in Bloxwich and that the service wanted to expand into the LNP's area and, ultimately, to network with all LNPS;</p> <p>(b) Noted that Surestarts area was being extended into the Butts and along Mellish Road and Aldridge Road adding approximately 1200 homes to Surestart area;</p>	

		<p>(c) Alleygating - a member of the public felt that provision of further gates would be a waste of money. Chair was of the view that if local residents were keen to have them and ensured they were used properly, then they would be successful;</p> <p>(d) Car parking in Caldmore area - the view was expressed that there was a need for car parking in the LNP area to be upgraded and expanded.</p> <p>Noted that the Bus Showcase Scheme in the Caldmore area would allow parking on one side of the road after 7.00 p.m. so this would help the situation. On question of enforcement of waiting restrictions, it was reported that with the decriminalisation of parking enforcement, Wardens would be employed by the Council rather than the Police from April, 2008. More Wardens would be employed. While their main priority would be Walsall Town Centre, it would also be possible</p>	<p>See Agenda Item 6(b)</p>
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		for them to target problem areas such as Caldmore Road.	
8.	LNP Funding  LNP funding - supplementary report	<p>Note report in relation to 2005/06 and 2006/07 allocations but agrees not to continue funding for 'Rat on a Rat' leaflet campaign.</p> <p><b>Contact:-</b> Narinder Singh Chumber 01922 653508</p> <p>Report noted and funding recommended as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fencing in Brace Street - support scheme subject to consultation between Caldmore Housing and Ward Councillors - recommended funding of £2,044.50</li> <li>• Fencing in Buckle Close - support the proposals - recommend funding of £4,785.18, including VAT (noting that the project would not attract match funding from Caldmore Housing Association as suggested in the report)</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Caldmore Green Working Party - development costs. Agreed recommend funding for a maximum of 5 workshops (£1,500)</li><li>• Environmental improvements to car park - rear of Beechdale Lifelong Centre, Stephenson Square - Agreed recommend funding of £300</li><li>• Concrete bollards - Agreed recommend funding of £2,400 for bollards at Leamore Lane, Bloxwich Road and Green Lane, as per report</li><li>• Match Funding for Internet Café in Beechdale Lifelong Learning Centre - Agreed recommend funding of £3,960</li><li>• Community development/ sustainability funding for Croft Community Association - Agreed recommend funding of £2,000</li></ul>	
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	Presentation Re: Increasing life expectancy by reducing inequalities	Presentation noted.	
9.	Community Action Groups	<p>(a) LNP Members continue in attendance at CAG meetings;</p> <p>(b) Note progress of CAGs.</p>	
10.	Date and venue for next meeting.	Noted.	
	Termination of meeting	7.15 p.m.	