

PELSALL AND RUSHALL LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Thursday 12 August 2004 at 6.15 p.m.

at Springfields Community Centre, Springfields, Rushall, Walsall

Present

Mrs. E.A. Attfield
Councillor Ault
Councillor Griffiths
Acting Inspector Mark Howe
Councillor Longhi
Councillor Mrs. Micklewright
Councillor Perry
Councillor Walker
Ms. M. Wilcox

In Attendance

Mr. K. Dawson
Mr. R. Williams

Appointment of Chairman for this meeting

1. Resolved

That Councillor Perry be appointed Chairman for this meeting of the Pelsall and Rushall LNP.

Apologies

2. There were no apologies submitted for non-attendance at the meeting.

Declarations of interest

3. There were no declarations of interest.

Article 10 – Local Neighbourhood Partnerships – Extract from Constitution of Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

4. A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

5. That the contents of Article 10 of the Constitution of Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council be noted.

Local Neighbourhood Partnerships – Guidelines on Selection Process for Locally Appointed Partners

6. A report from Cabinet – 14 July 2004 was submitted:-

(see annexed)

7. Resolved

(1) That the contents of the report be noted;

(2) That the set of principles, criteria and general approach towards the selection of locally appointed partners to Local Neighbourhood Partnerships be endorsed;

(3) That it be noted that the selection meeting for Pelsall and Rushall Local Neighbourhood Partnership will be held on 7th September 2004 at 6.00 p.m.

Local Neighbourhood Plan and Consultation

8. A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Councillor Longhi said that the LNPs were important to Walsall Council and the local neighbourhood plans must be meaningful. He was concerned about the proposed timescale for producing the plan and said that he would rather the LNP took time to create a serious plan rather than a haphazard hurriedly produced document.

The Chairman supported Councillor Longhi's comments. He said that the timescale was tight and he was concerned that it would not be possible to reach everyone who the LNP wished to involve in the plan, i.e. representatives of organisations and individuals who wished to make a contribution within the next three to four months.

Councillor Longhi said that the general public's view of politics was at an all time low. He believed it would be wrong to build up the public's expectations for the plan and said that the LNP should not set itself to fail. The LNP needed a proper working document that everyone in the community could use.

Councillor Walker queried whether it would be possible to establish a sub-group to work on the plan.

As a point of information, Mr. Williams said that a workshop had been arranged following the next meeting on the local neighbourhood plan.

The Chairman referred to paragraph 5 of the guidance on the local neighbourhood action plan which stated that "it must be recognised that it may take several years before the full process of action planning is genuinely embedded within the Partnership and a full understanding of the emerging issues and priorities established." He said that, nevertheless, it was important for the Partnership to look at more immediate issues and quick hits and to involve all the LNP members in working on the plan. He believed that those not selected as LAPs should also be invited to become involved in this work.

9. Resolved

- (1) That the proposed approach to consultation and producing the first local neighbourhood plan, as outlined in the report now submitted, be adopted;
- (2) That the timescales for producing, approving and subsequently reviewing the first plan be noted;
- (3) That the standard template for producing the local neighbourhood plan, attached as an appendix to the report now submitted, be noted.

Summer Clean Up

10. A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Members were advised that all LNPs were being asked to nominate one site within the LNP area as a project for the Summer Clean Up. The aim of this was to help the LNP become an effective force and to encourage members of the public to become involved.

Members discussed possible sites for the Summer Clean Up. Suggested sites were:-

- High Heath Park/Spring Lane/Summer Lane
- Rushall Village Centre
- Cycle route from Pelsall to Rushall
- Floyds Lane

Councillor Longhi said that a clean up of the cycle route would be a safer option and would mean that people were kept away from the road.

The Chairman said that the area of the cycle path between Pelsall and Rushall would be a suitable area that would benefit from a clean up. He suggested that Rushall Centre, High Heath Park and Floyds Lane could be made the subject of future clean ups.

Mrs. Attfield offered to publicise the clean up in her school's newsletter and to include this in the school news which covered other primary schools in Pelsall.

Acting Inspector Howe said that he would notify the Pelsall beat officers about the Summer Clean Up so that they could prevent motor bike riders from trying to use the cycle route on this day.

Following further discussion it was:-

11. Resolved

That the Summer Clean Up be held on Saturday, 18 September 2004, at 10.00 a.m. Everyone to meet at the entrance to the cycle path, Station Road, Pelsall, and that Walsall Council's press office be asked to publicise the event.

Time and Venue for Future Meetings

12. It was agreed that the next meeting of the LNP would be held in Pelsall on 6 October 2004, at 6.00 p.m. at a venue to be announced.

Future meetings of the LNP would alternate between Rushall and Pelsall.

Termination of meeting

The meeting terminated at 7.05 p.m.