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## LITHERLAND AND FORD AREA COMMITTEE

### MEETING HELD AT THE GODDARD HALL, STANLEY ROAD, BOOTLE ON WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER, 2009

PRESENT: Councillor Moncur (in the Chair)

Councillors P.Hardy, Tweed, Mrs.J.Burnhill,  
Mrs.L.Cluskey, Mr.J.Kelly, Mr.G.McNeight,  
Mr.M.J.O'Brien and Mr.B.Walsh

5 members of the public

#### **25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brady, Cluskey and D.Hardy.

#### **26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

#### **27. MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July, 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

#### **28. OPEN FORUM**

During the Open Forum the following questions/comments were submitted:

- (a) Mrs.C.Owens asked for funding to install two 'dropped kerbs' to pavements in the vicinity of Richard Martin Road, Litherland. She said, that due to mobility problems, her 84 year old mother needed to use a electric mobility scooter but there were no 'dropped kerbs' to enable her to use the scooter. She went on to ask whether the Committee would fund the installation of two 'dropped kerbs' in Richard Martin Road, Litherland.

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RESOLVED:

That the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director be requested to submit a report, which includes costings, regarding the possible installation of 'dropped kerbs' at Richard Martin Road, Litherland.

(b) Mr.G.McNeight, complained regarding the following issues:-

- Cars parked in congested areas.
- Cars parked illegally in Disabled Drivers' Parking Bays, Sefton Street, Litherland.
- Vehicles driving into Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant without signalling and driving out onto dangerously busy Hawthorne Road.
- Cars driving out of the petrol station and turning right into oncoming traffic. Exit from the petrol station should be restricted to left turn only.
- Cars speeding down Marina Avenue, Litherland – which is restricted to 'access only'.
- Cars parked on yellow lines along Marina Avenue, their drivers using the Subway sandwich takeaway and shops in Sefton Street, which meant service vehicles were unable to pass.

All of the above problems had been reported to the Police and authorities, but nothing has been done.

RESOLVED:

That the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director be requested to respond to Mr.McNeight's comments.

(c) Mr.B.Walsh submitted a petition from local residents in respect of traffic issues in the vicinity of Sefton Street / Field Lane, Litherland.

RESOLVED:

That the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director be requested to respond to Mr.Walsh.

(d) Mrs.J.Merity complained about the poor state of the grass verge on Sefton Street – adjacent to subway, under the Princess Way fly-over, Litherland.

RESOLVED:

That the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director be requested to respond to Mr.Merity.

- (e) Mrs.B.Holland, complained about the poor state of the grass verge on Sefton Street – adjacent to subway, under the Princess Way fly-over, Litherland.

RESOLVED:

That the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director be requested to respond to Mrs.Holland.

## **29. POLICE ISSUES**

No representative of Merseyside Police attended the meeting.

## **30. STREET GAMES PROJECT - UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

Further to Minute No.76 of 18 February 2009, the Committee considered the report of the Leisure Director that advised of the Partnership approach adopted to tackle ongoing issues relating to anti-social behaviour from young people in the south of the borough.

The report indicated that Street Games was a new national charity aimed at promoting sport for young people living in the most disadvantaged communities with tried and tested ways of engaging young people who were currently not involved in sport; detailed the Street Games community sessions in South Sefton and that with respect to the Litherland and Ford Wards, sessions were held at the Stanley Estate (the “Backie”) – Fridays 6.30pm to 8.30pm

RESOLVED: That

- (1) it be noted that quarterly reports will be submitted to the Area Committee to demonstrate the success of the Street Games project; and
- (2) the locations of the Street Games sports activities be noted.

## **31. BOOTLE CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS**

The Committee considered the request of the St.Oswald and Netherton and Orrell Area Committee and the report of the Leisure Director that requested a capital contribution of £5,000 from its own resources for the year 2009/10 towards a programme of works at Bootle Cemetery. A similar request was also to be made to Linacre and Derby Area Committee on 21 September, 2009.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) consideration of this item be deferred till after the meeting 21 September meeting of the Linacre and Derby Area Committee; and
- (2) any future decision be addressed by Ward Councillors through the devolved budget.

### **32. INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN AREA COMMITTEES**

The Committee considered the report of the Planning the Economic Regeneration Director that outlined a research proposal to be conducted by the Young Advisors on the involvement of young people in Area Committees.

Mr.M.Smith, a Young Advisor, received and answered questions from the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Involvement of Young People in Area Committees report be noted.

### **33. UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - SEFTON STREET, LITHERLAND**

Further to Minute No.84 of the meeting held on 15 April 2009, the Committee considered the report of the Planning the Economic Regeneration Director following a request made by an advisory member for parking restrictions to be considered at the traffic island on Sefton Street and at the junction of Sefton Street and Field Lane, Litherland.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Update on Request for Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Sefton Street, Litherland report be noted; and
- (2) additional parking surveys be carried out following the installation of parking restrictions on Field Lane and a further report be made to the 28 October meeting of the Committee

### **34. BUDGET MONITORING**

The Committee considered the report of the Planning the Economic Regeneration Director that provided information on available resources for the Area Committee area and progress to date on those items approved at previous meetings.

RESOLVED:

That the current financial position and the progress to date on items previously agreed, as detailed within the report, be noted.

### **35. PROGRESS REPORT**

The Committee considered the report of the Legal Director that set out the comments of the appropriate Officers on questions raised in the Open Forum at previous meetings of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Progress Report be noted.

### **36. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with the agreed programme of meetings for this Area Committee, the next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 30 September 2009, commencing at 18:30 at Cathy Roberts Memorial Hall, Osborne Road, Litherland.**

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