

**THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 5 APRIL, 2013. MINUTE NOS.52 AND 53 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL IN".**

## **LITHERLAND AND FORD AREA COMMITTEE**

**MEETING HELD AT THE GODDARD HALL, STANLEY ROAD, BOOTLE  
ON WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Councillor John Kelly (in the Chair)  
Councillors Lappin, Moncur, Mr. G. McNeight and  
Mr. M. J. O'Brien

**ALSO PRESENT:** 1 officer of Merseyside Police  
2 members of the public

### **47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hardy and Tweed and Advisory Group Member Mr. Walsh.

### **48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

### **49. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 January, 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

### **50. PUBLIC FORUM**

During the Public Forum the following issues were raised:

- (a) Mses. Halsall and Gallagher expressed their concern at the state of drains/grids in Church Road. The drains were completely blocked and overflowing. Also, when holes have appeared in the road they were repaired in a shoddily manner and the hedge at the side of the road was in a poor state, especially when compared to Northway, Maghull.

**RESOLVED:**

That Mses. Halsall and Gallagher's concerns be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for investigation and reply by the appropriate agency.

- (b) Mr.G.McNeight raised concerns about parking on Hatton Hill Road, Litherland. Cars were parked illegally, wing mirrors were being broken, and cars were speeding along the road. Also, the grass verges were being churned up and turned into mud-baths due to vehicles parking on them.

RESOLVED:

That Mr.G.McNeight's concerns be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for investigation and reply.

- (c) Mr.T.Murphy asked for the creation of lay-bys on Hatton Hill Road. He continued that the grass verge had become a mud bath because of all the vehicles that used it to park on. He reflected that the verge was once lovely and full of bluebells and daffodils.

RESOLVED:

That Mr. T.Murphy's concerns be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for investigation and reply.

- (d) Mr.S.Gerrard submitted a petition of 21 signatures which requested the continuation of parking bays on the park side of Hatton Hill Road to prevent the illegal parking on the grass verges, which are now a muddy mess and a continued cause of damage to resident's cars, mirrors, etc.

RESOLVED:

That Mr. Gerrard's concerns be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for investigation and reply.

## **51. POLICE ISSUES**

Inspector Atherton reported that, in Litherland Ward, compared to the same period last year: overall crime was down 9 incidents; robbery was down by 1 incident; burglary was down by 18 incidents; theft of a motor vehicle was down 1 incident; theft from a motor vehicle was down by 1 incident; criminal damage was up by 3 incidents; and anti-social behaviour (without Hoax) was up 17 incidents.

In Ford Ward, compared to the same period last year: overall crime was up 1 incident; robbery was down by 1 incident; burglary from the home remained the same; theft of a motor vehicle was down by 2 incidents; theft from a motor vehicle was up by 3 incidents; criminal damage was up by 13 incidents; and anti-social behaviour (without Hoax) was up 41 incidents.

RESOLVED:

That the Police be thanked for their presentation.

**52. PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE, BOWDEN STREET, LITHERLAND**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Built Environment for the approval for the progression of a Traffic Regulation Order, the effect of which would provide a disabled resident with a parking place directly outside their place of residency in Bowden Street, Litherland.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) all existing Traffic Regulation Orders, as described in paragraph 2.2 of the report be revoked;
- (2) a Traffic Regulation Order be introduced to create a Disabled Persons Parking Place in Bowden Street, Litherland as detailed within the report; and
- (3) the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the Order, be approved.

**53. PROPOSED WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS, HATTON HILL ROAD / SEFTON ROAD, LITHERLAND**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Built Environment that sought authority to amend the existing Traffic Regulation Orders on Hatton Hill Road and Sefton Road, Litherland by revoking the existing orders and making new Orders.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the existing Traffic Regulation Orders, as described in paragraph 2.2 be revoked;
- (2) new Traffic Regulation Orders for Hatton Hill Road and Sefton Road, Litherland, as detailed within the report, be approved for implementation; and
- (3) the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the council's intention to implement the Orders, be approved.

#### **54. TROUBLED FAMILIES PROGRAMME**

Further to Minute No.22 of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services) held on 20 November 2012, the Committee considered the report of the Director of Young People and Families in relation to the Troubled Families Programme.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services) considered the report at its meeting and resolved to refer the report to all of the Council's Area Committees for information.

The report set out the background to the programme; how troubled families were defined; and recent progress made within Sefton with its partners.

The report also outlined the nationally determined criteria being used, namely:-

- Crime and/or Antisocial Behaviour;
- Education and truancy or exclusion from school;
- Unemployment; and
- the Local Discretion which had been agreed as domestic violence and alcohol misuse.

RESOLVED:

That the report and early programme progress be noted.

#### **55. REVIEW OF AREA COMMITTEES**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning which sought views on the future number of Area Committees and the frequency of meetings.

As part of the Council's budget options the Cabinet had asked for consultation to take place on the following alternatives:-

- (i) to reduce the number of Area Committees from 7 to 3;
- (ii) to reduce the frequency of meetings of Area Committees from the existing cycle of meetings to 4 meetings per year.

The Council's Calendar of Meetings for the forthcoming Municipal Year was approved by the Council each year and included the schedule for Area Committee meetings, responses were required to be submitted to the meeting of the Cabinet on 28 March 2013 in order that the new Calendar could be finalised.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

**56. AREA MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Further to Minute No.44 of the meeting held on 30 January 2013, the Committee considered the report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning on the area management activities that had taken place in Litherland and Ford Wards since the last meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

**57. BUDGET MONITORING**

Further to Minute No.45 of the meeting held on 30 January 2013, the Committee considered the report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning that provided information on available resources for the Committee and progress on those items approved at previous meetings.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

**58. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Democratic Services Officer advised that the Cabinet at its meeting to be held on 28 March 2013 would recommend to Council (at its meeting to be held) on 18 April the adoption of a programme of meetings for the 2013/14 Municipal Year; this programme would include dates and times for meetings of the Area Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Democratic Services Officer be requested to notify all Members/Local Advisory Group Members of the programme of meetings for the Area Committee for 2013/14 once approved by Council.