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ST. OSWALD AND NETHERTON AND ORRELL AREA COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT THE BOOTLE DAY CENTRE, LINACRE LANE,
BOOTLE ON THURSDAY, 1 JULY 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Brennan (in the Chair)
Councillors Bradshaw, P. Dowd and Maher.
Local Advisory Group Member: Mrs. M. Elson.
Superintendent P. White and
Inspector S. Thompson – Merseyside Police.
4 Members of the public.

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Dowd and Mahon.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

13. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Area Committee held on 27 May, 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

14. LYNDZAY ROBERTS, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR

The Chair referred to the continued absence from duties of Lyndzay Roberts, due to a health-related matter.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee's best wishes for a speedy recovery be conveyed to Lyndzay.

15. ONE VISION HOUSING - PROGRESS/PRIORITIES/OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKING WITH THE AREA COMMITTEE

The Committee considered a presentation by Mr. Mike Coyne, Neighbourhood Manager of One Vision Housing which updated on the work undertaken in the Committee's area. The organisation had undertaken capital work at a cost of £26,073,201 and still had projects costing £1,409,588 to complete.

RESOLVED:

That Mr. Coyne be thanked for his presentation.

16. OPEN FORUM

During the Open Forum, the following matters were raised:-

(a) Ms. P. Brown asked if the Council could pave the grassed area fronting Gorsey Lane, since residents had been asking for off-road parking for many years.

It was agreed to request Mr. M. Kilpatrick, the Area Co-ordinator, to arrange for a written response to be sent to Ms. Brown.

(b) Ms. G. Nolan referred to ongoing problems of youths behaving in an anti-social manner and causing annoyance and disruption in the Copy Farm Park area of Netherton. She also asked if the park could be cleared of weeds, broken glass and refuse and if noticeboards could be provided at the entrances to the park.

Inspector Thompson indicated that the Police were involved in an operation in this area with a view to identifying the youths concerned, but he felt that a co-ordinated plan of action was required. Councillor P. Dowd referred to a site visit which would be held at the park next Wednesday and he hoped that all possible options could be considered. Mr. Kilpatrick, the Area Co-ordinator, agreed to progress this issue after the site visit.

(c) Ms. L. Crosbie had written to thank Members of the Committee for the birthday card received by her son on his 18th birthday and asked how feedback on local issues could be relayed to local Councillors. It was agreed that meetings of this Committee was the perfect means by which local people could alert Councillors of local issues.

17. POLICE ISSUES

Superintendent P. White introduced himself and explained that he was attending the meeting in order to acquire an awareness of local problems. Inspector Thompson referred to a number of issues including:-

- Operation Hatfield, targeting anti-social behaviour in areas including Marian Square, Orrell Mount (which had quietened down recently), Copy Farm Park, Old Roan Railway Station and King Avenue (with St. Augustine's field to the rear in Liverpool)
- a number of arrests and anti-social behaviour contracts relating to plastic pipes being used to propel missiles
- work being undertaken with residents of Roseworth Avenue, off Bull Lane
- a successful conviction in respect of a prolific local burglar

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- significant seizures of drugs and 42 arrests in recent months for drugs offences
- the continuation of Operation Handle by P.C.S.O.'s
- the conviction of two offenders for the theft of boilers in the Netherton area
- the arrest of a prolific shoplifter in the Marian Square shopping precinct
- a number of burglaries targeting older people
- a meeting being held next Wednesday in Springwell Park Primary School to discuss youth disorder and a problem with motorbikes in the area
- arrangements to site a mobile Police Station at the Marian Square shopping precinct.

The Chair referred to a number of burglaries in the Harris Drive area whereby keys had been accessed and residents' cars driven off. Inspector Thompson confirmed that CCTV footage from the nearby St. Robert Bellarmine Primary School was being examined as part of Police enquiries into these incidents.

RESOLVED:

That the Police representatives be thanked for their attendance at the meeting.

18. PROTOCOL FOR LIFTING THE MORATORIUM ON THE SITING OF MOBILE PHONE MASTS ON COUNCIL LAND

The Committee considered the report of the Environment and Technical Services Director, which sought comments on the draft protocol to govern the lifting of the current moratorium on siting telephone transmission masts on Council-owned land, prior to re-consideration of the matter by the Cabinet.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the proposed Protocol for Lifting the Moratorium on the Siting of Mobile Phone Masts on Council Land be noted; and
- (2) the Cabinet be informed that this Area Committee believes that all Area Committees should be given the power to make decisions at a local level regarding the siting of masts.

19. PARK RANGER SERVICE REVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS

The Committee considered the report of the Leisure and Tourism Director that provided an update on the recent review undertaken on the Park Ranger Service. The report explained that the review was undertaken as a matter of good practice following its first full year in operation. The report

highlighted both successes and directions for the future for the Park Ranger Service.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the successes and achievements of the Park Ranger Service be noted; and
- (2) the intention for the Park Ranger Service to continue to promote and develop a network of volunteer Park Rangers, be noted.

20. IMPROVEMENTS TO PLAY FACILITIES AT DEARBARN PARK / OLLERY GREEN

Further to Minute No.59 of 29 October, 2009 the Committee considered the report of the Leisure and Tourism Director seeking the Area Committee's support to improve play facilities at the Dearbarn Park/Ollery Green Play Area, Netherton, to be funded from the Council's Play Builder allocation.

The report set out details of the outcome of consultation with residents in the catchment area around the two sites. It was proposed that the play scheme at Dearbarn Park be scaled down to provide a smaller, informal play facility at a central location in the site and that some of the existing play equipment in Ollery Green Play Area be improved and upgraded.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the approach outlined in the report be supported; and
- (2) the Committee's dissatisfaction at the lack of progress in replacing a slide in the Ollery Green Play Area for which Neighbourhoods funding had previously been agreed, be recorded and the Leisure and Tourism Director be requested to submit an update on this matter at the next meeting.

21. BUDGET MONITORING

Further to Minute No.8 of the meeting held on 27 May 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Director that provided information on available resources for the Committee and progress on those items approved at previous meetings.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Ward budgets for 2010/11 and progress to date on items agreed previously be noted; and
- (2) the ongoing issues from 2009/10 be noted.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with the approved programme of meetings for this Area Committee, the next meeting be held on Thursday, **26 August 2010** at **Netherton Activity Centre, Glover's Lane, Netherton, commencing at 6.30 p.m.**

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