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LINACRE AND DERBY AREA COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM - TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON MONDAY 12TH JULY, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Friel (in the Chair)
Councillors L. Cluskey, Gustafson and Kerrigan; and

Local Advisory Group Members:
Mr. J Costello, Ms A. Myers, Mr. F. Roberts, Mr. D.
Robinson and Mr. N. Woods.

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fairclough and Mrs. Rouse (Advisory Group Member).

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was received:

Member	Minute No.	Interest	Action
Councillor Gustafson	Minute No.21(b) Open Forum question regarding alley gates	Personal – works for a company which manufactures alley gates	Remained in the room, took part in consideration of the item and voted thereon.

19. MINUTES

Mr. Roberts, Advisory Group Member, indicated that it was his understanding that Minute No. 6 (f) had resolved that a letter be sent to the Governor of Liverpool Prison requesting that prison staff be discouraged from parking in the Aintree Road area and in streets in the vicinity of the prison.

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) Minute No. 6(f) be amended to state that a letter be sent from the Area Committee to the Governor of Liverpool Prison expressing concern about prison staff parking in the Aintree Road area and in the vicinity of the prison and requesting that they be asked not to park there; and
- (2) subject to the above amendment, the Minutes be approved as a

correct record.

20. FEEDBACK ON ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Martin Kilpatrick, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator reported on action from previous meetings:

- 20 (a) In respect of Minute No. 6 (g) regarding noise and air pollution problems emanating from the Docks Estate, Mr. Kilpatrick informed the Committee that the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company had been approached by Mr. Greg Martin, Principal Environmental Protection Officer in respect of drawing up a Complaints Investigation Protocol. In this respect a Docks Liaison Meeting had been arranged for 19 July 2010.

Arising from this meeting, a report would be prepared by the Environmental and Technical Services Director for submission to the next Linacre and Derby Area Committee meeting.

Discussion ensued and Committee Members expressed disappointment at the continued delay with this long awaited report.

The Chair indicated that he had also been approached by Mr. John Barlow, Chair of the Irlam Road Resident's Association in respect of the continued problems being experienced by local residents in relation to noise from the Dock Estate.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the liaison meeting between the Docks and Harbour Company and the Environmental and Technical Services Department on 19 July be welcomed;
 - (2) in the light of continued problems experienced by local residents in respect of problems emanating from the Dock Estate, the Committee's disappointment at the delay in a report on the matter being presented to them be noted; and
 - (3) the Environmental and Technical Services Director be requested to ensure that a report on problems from the Dock Estate and a draft complaints protocol be submitted to the next Area Committee meeting without further delay.
- 20 (b) Further to Minute No. 7 (a) regarding an Open Forum question from Mrs. Barbara Rouse, Mr. Kilpatrick indicated that a written response from the Head of Traffic Services regarding the rules and regulations governing load capacities of heavy goods

vehicles had been passed on to Mrs Rouse.

RESOLVED:

That a copy of this response be forwarded to the Committee Administrator for inclusion with the Agenda for the next meeting.

- 20 (c) Further to Minute No. 7 (b) regarding an Open Forum question from Mr. Ken Rouse regarding the problems of taxis parked at the gates of Derby Park at Oxford and Worcester Road, a response from the Head of Traffic Services advised that double yellow lines would be extended across the gates.

In respect of the supplementary question about litter, Mr. Kilpatrick informed the Committee that the Taxi Licensing Team Leader had written to the three main taxi companies in the area.

RESOLVED:

That copies of correspondence in relation to this matter be included with the Agenda for the next meeting.

- 20 (d) Further to Minute No. 7(d), the Interim Head of Corporate Legal Services had been consulted and a letter sent to Mr Woods on 16 June 2010, regarding the legality of youths playing football in the street.

In addition, on 15 June 2010, the Community Safety Area Partnership had been asked to monitor issues near Mr. Woods' home and raise the matter with the Probation Anti-Social Behaviour Unit.

A visit to the area near Mr. Woods' home on 10 June 2010 had unfortunately revealed that it would be unsuitable for landscaping to deter youths from playing football.

Finally, in respect of by-laws for the erection of No-Ball Games Signs, the Interim Head of Corporate Legal Services had sent an e-mail reminding the Committee of the report of the former Legal Director which had been noted by the Area Committee on 2 November 2009. (Minute No. 58 refers). The e-mail reiterated the content of the report that a bye-law could not be considered as there was already primary legislation (the Highways Act) which dealt with the issue in relation to the highway; and that the real issue was enforcement which rested with the Police, who were not in a position to carry out such enforcement.

RESOLVED:

That copies of correspondence in relation to this matter be included with the Agenda for the next meeting.

- 20 (e) In relation to Minute Nos. 7 (e) and 7 (f), written responses had been sent to both Mr. Keenan and Mr Robinson regarding electoral arrangements in Bootle and copies of these letters would be included with the Agenda for the next meeting.
- 20 (f) In respect of the Open Forum question about anti-social behaviour and drug use in Peel Road Park and on the old St Joan of Arc School Site (Minute No. 7 (g) refer), the Area Co-ordinator had contacted Mr Hanratty from the Community Safety Area Partnership to advise him of issues raised and to organise a co-ordinated response. Inspector Chris Burnham, indicated that the Police were investigating the problems in both areas, but reminded of the importance of persons ringing the Police to report any issues, in order that the calls could be logged, evidence built up and the areas concerned identified as crime hot spots and targeted for direct action where appropriate.
- 20 (g) Action taken in response of the complaints about dust, noise and debris arising from building work being undertaken by Kier Construction on the Greenfield Project, Cricklade Close, Bootle referred to in Minute No. 7 (h) was being undertaken by Julie Sadlier, from One Vision Housing in the form of consultation between herself, the contractor and the complainant, together with Martin Kilpatrick.
- 20 (h) Following Area Committee agreement to a request for up to £1,000 funding towards hanging baskets for the Peel Road Community and Residents Association requested by Mrs Hardwick, as indicated in Minute No. 7 (i), an invoice for the amount required was awaited from Mrs. Hardwick in order that a cheque could be sent out.
- 20 (i) War Memorial Monument in King's Park, Bootle – Minute No. 15. Mr. Kilpatrick informed the Committee that the statue was still undergoing repair by a specialist contractor and that he would report back to the Committee on progress at next meeting.

Arising from discussion, additional matters were raised in respect of damage done to Connolly Island and the reinstatement of grass and a tree on the island, following works undertaken by United Utilities; and the suggestion that United Utilities be requested to take preventative action to minimise damage done in future.

It was also suggested that consideration be given to the Area Co-ordinator's feedback report / action list being included with the Agenda for future meetings. Mr. Kilpatrick indicated that this was already being considered by the Assistant Director – Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes in respect of Area Committees across the borough.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Mr. Kilpatrick be thanked for his feedback and for his work in progressing matters raised by the Area Committee; and
- (2) Mr. Kilpatrick be requested to take additional action in respect of:
 - (i) reinstating the tree and grass on Connolly Island following works by United Utilities; and
 - (ii) liaising with United Utilities in respect of preventative measures being undertaken to prevent future damage to the island by asking if there was the possibility of creating a covered access area.

21. OPEN FORUM

The Committee considered the following Open Forum questions:

- 21 (a) Mrs. A. McDerby had requested that consideration be given to putting a single yellow line on Aintree Road to prevent prison staff parking there.

Mr. Kilpatrick informed the Committee that a response had already been sent to Mrs McDerby by the Traffic Services Manager.

Arising from the discussion, it was suggested that the Traffic Services Manager be requested to meet with Ward Councillors together with local residents to discuss a way forward.

The Chair also reminded the Committee of the resolution referred to in Minute No. 19 above, and reiterated that a letter would be sent to the Prison Governor requesting that prison staff be asked not to park in the area.

It was agreed that:

- (i) the response from the Traffic Services Manager be published with the Agenda for the next meeting;
- (ii) the Area Co-ordinator be requested to arrange a meeting between the Traffic Services Manager, Ward Councillors and local residents to consider a way forward; and
- (iii) a letter be sent to the Prison Governor (as indicated in Minute No. 19 above), asking for his co-operation in requesting that prison staff do not park in the Aintree Road area.

- 21 (b) Mrs. Murphy had submitted a question regarding two alley gates located at each end of Cedar Street, which were being left open by local shopkeepers. Concern was expressed that this had led to a number of burglaries in the area and Mrs Murphy wished to know what steps could be taken to remedy the problem.

Mr. Kilpatrick indicated that he had received a response from Technical Services prior to the meeting and he would write to Mrs Murphy with the response.

It was agreed that

- (i) a copy of Mr. Kilpatrick's letter to Mrs. Murphy would be included with the Agenda for the next meeting; and
 - (ii) Mr. Kilpatrick would liaise with the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes team to try and come up with a solution to the problem.
- 21 (c) Mr. Jack Costello had submitted a question expressing concerns at Government cutbacks and the potential impact on Merseyside Police and what this would mean within the boundary of the Area Committee.

It was agreed that Mr. Kilpatrick be requested to raise Mr. Costello's concerns with Chief Superintendent Pilling.

- 21 (d) Mrs. Kathleen Burgess asked for further consideration to be given to the question raised about anti-social behaviour by problem families living in the Hawthorne Road / Bedford Road area and neighbouring streets. (Minute No. 7 (c) of 27 May 2010 refers). She also presented a petition of local residents calling upon:

'Sefton MBC and the Local Police Authority to clear up issues connected with the problem families that are creating high levels of anti-social behaviour. Moreover, we would like the length of time it takes for the Police attendance to emergency calls addressed'.

The Chair indicated that questions raised at previous meetings were not normally reconsidered until three months had lapsed between the previous time of asking. However, as part of the question related to the Police he referred to Inspector Chris Burnham for a response in this respect.

Inspector Burnham concurred that the problems were serious but reiterated that any problems should be reported to the police switchboard for logging in the incident log to build up evidence to enable appropriate action to be taken.

The Chair advised that this matter would be taken by him to the Community Safety Area Partnership for consideration.

Discussion ensued and Members expressed disappointment at the length of time being taken in resolving this problem.

It was agreed: That

- (1) the Committee's concern at the time being taken for the matter of anti-social behaviour in the Hawthorne Road/Bedford Road area be noted;
- (2) the petition be forwarded to the Cabinet Member – Communities and it be noted that Councillor Gustafson indicated that she would speak to the petition and advise residents of the date of the Cabinet Member meeting.

- 21 (e) Mrs. Kath Dixon asked for the Committee to chase up dog fouling stencils and posters which had been 'promised' following a meeting of Strand Road residents together with Mr Monks, Environmental Protection Officer in February 2010. She indicated that areas identified along Litherland Road from Marsh Lane to the Strand Road Bridge and also in Oak Street, Beech Street, Cedar Street, Holly Street and Ash Streets, some dog fouling posters had been put up, but no pavement stencils had been provided.

It was agreed that the Area Co-ordinator be requested to contact Mr. Monks about this matter.

The Chair referred to two additional questions raised by Mrs Dixon, which could not be allowed under the rule that only one Open Forum question was allowed per member of the public (and one linked supplementary question at the Chair's discretion). However, one of the questions had already been asked by Mrs. Murphy as indicated in Minute No. 21 (b) above. She was asked to refer the other question regarding speeding along Strand Road, to Mr. Kilpatrick.

- 21 (f) Mrs. Diane Roberts asked about the Council's plans in lieu of the Government's new policy to cease funding free entrance to Council swimming pools for children and the over 60's.

It was agreed that the Leisure and Tourism Director be requested to provide a written response to Mrs. Roberts.

22. POLICE ISSUES

Inspector Chris Burnham apologised for the lack of police representation at the previous meeting and assured the Committee that this would not happen again.

Inspector Burnham provided feedback on crime and policing in Linacre and Derby Wards and answered questions from Members and members of the public on the following issues:

- anti-social behaviour in the Hawthorne Road / Bedford Road area referred to in Minute No. 21(d) above
- anti-social behaviour in the Peel Road Park and St Joan of Arc school site referred to in Minute No. 20 (f) above
- the importance of local residents ringing the police either on the Emergency 999 Number or the Merseyside Police main number - 0151-709 6010 to report incidents of anti-social behaviour and thus ensure that incidents were logged and an evidence base built up to enable proactive policing / crime prevention
- Operation Maynard – run in partnership with the Council's Environmental Protection (Dog Unit) over four nights, providing a free microchip service, the identification of dangerous dogs, dog fouling advice, provision of poop bags and enforcement.

It was suggested that it would be useful for the Committee Administrator to be provided with a brief written summary of policing activity prior to future meetings.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Inspector Burnham be thanked for his attendance at the meeting; and
- (2) Inspector Burnham be requested to e-mail a brief written summary of his feedback to the Committee Administrator prior to future meetings.

23. PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

Dr. Janet Atherton - Deputy Chief Executive/ Director Public Health Sefton NHS, was in attendance to answer questions and provide feedback to the Committee on public health issues in the Linacre and Derby area.

She acknowledged the particular problems experienced in the area as the result of the close proximity of the docks and the concern of the local community over an application for planning permission to install an incinerator on the docks on which NHS Sefton and the Primary Care Trust, and also Environmental Protection were providing advice.

The Chair referred to the Sefton Health Profile 2010 published by the Department of Health and suggested that it would be useful if Dr Atherton could speak to the Committee on the profile at a future meeting.

Dr. Atherton indicated that unfortunately she was unable to attend the next meeting on 20 September, but that she would be pleased to address the Committee on the Health Profile for Sefton at the following meeting of the Committee on 1 November 2010.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Dr. Atherton be thanked for her attendance at the meeting; and
- (2) Dr. Atherton be requested to address the Committee on the Department of Health's Health Profile for Sefton at the meeting to be held on Monday 1 November 2010.

24. PROTOCOL FOR LIFTING THE MORATORIUM ON THE SITING OF TELEPHONE MASTS ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND

The Committee considered the report of the Environmental and Technical Services Director on the draft protocol to govern the lifting of the current moratorium on siting telephone masts on Council owned land, prior to reconsideration of the matter by Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet be informed that this Area Committee reiterates its previous decision that it is wholly opposed to the lifting of the current moratorium on the siting of mobile phone masts on Sefton Council land.

25. PARK RANGER SERVICE

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

Tony Hearn, Head Park Ranger, and Ian Collins, dedicated Park Ranger for the Linacre and Derby area, presented the report highlighting both successes and directions for the future for the Park Ranger Service.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Tony Hearn and Ian Collins be thanked for their attendance at the meeting and commended for their valuable work as

park rangers;

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

26. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - ALTCAR ROAD / ALT ROAD, BOOTLE

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director on a proposed Traffic Regulation Order the effect of which would impose 'No Waiting At Any Time' parking restrictions at the junction of Altcar Road/Alt Road, Bootle.

It was proposed to introduce an individual Order for the road incorporating all the existing restrictions.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Traffic Regulation Order as set out on the plan in Annex A and as detailed in schedule on Annex B in the report, be approved; and
- (2) the Traffic Services Manager be authorised to undertake the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the Order.

27. BUDGET MONITORING

Further to Minute No. 13 of 24 May 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director advising that the balance of its budget available for allocation during 2010/2011, including amounts set aside for litterbins and street signs was £28,625.18.

The report also referred to allocations made in 2009/2010 which were still ongoing.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the balance of the Area Committee's budget, £28,625.18 available for allocation during 2010/2011 be noted; and
- (2) the progress made on allocations agreed during 2009/10 be noted.

28. RESULTS OF RESIDENTS PRIVILEGED PARKING CONSULTATION - BEDFORD ROAD AREA, BOOTLE

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director on the results of the recent consultation with residents in the Bedford Road Housing Market Renewal area of Bootle, regarding the possible introduction of a Residents Privileged Parking scheme and to recommend a way forward.

The report indicated that the majority of residents who had responded to the consultation were not in favour of a residents' privileged parking scheme.

Mr. Dave Marrin, Traffic Services Manager presented the report and answered questions thereon, in particular with regard to Wadham Road, Keble Road and Queens Road where the residents had voted with a majority in favour of the RPP scheme due to problems with college students and office workers parking in their roads.

Discussion ensued and the Committee felt that the scheme should not be introduced on an ad hoc road by road basis. Also that introducing the scheme to prevent non residents parking in one road, would merely move the problem on to another road.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the results of the public consultation be noted;
- (2) no further action be taken regarding the introduction of a Residents Privileged Parking scheme in the Bedford Road Housing Market Renewal area, Bootle; and
- (3) the residents be advised of the results of the consultation and the Committee's decision.

29. HAWTHORNE ROAD, BOOTLE - PROPOSED PARKING LAY-BY

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director on the progression of a parking lay-by in conjunction with the junction improvement scheme at Hawthorne Road and Linacre Lane Bootle.

RESOLVED:

That the progression of a parking lay-by outside 508 to 556 Hawthorne Road, Bootle, be approved.

30. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

LINACRE AND DERBY AREA COMMITTEE- MONDAY 12TH JULY, 2010

The Chair indicated that he would be unable to attend the next meeting and wished officers to ensure that they liaised with the Vice Chair, Councillor Kerrigan regarding the agenda for the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) in accordance with the agreed programme of meetings, the next Area Committee meeting would be held at **6.30 p.m. on Monday 20 September 2010, Bootle Town Hall**; and
- (2) In lieu of the Chair's apologies for non attendance at the next meeting, Council Officers be requested to liaise with the Vice Chair regarding the Agenda for the meeting.