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LITHERLAND AND FORD AREA COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT THE CATHY ROBERTS MEMORIAL HALL, OSBORNE ROAD, LITHERLAND ON WEDNESDAY 7TH JULY, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor K.Cluskey (in the Chair)
Councillors Brady, Kelly, Moncur and Tweed

ALSO PRESENT: Local Advisory Group Members: Mrs.Burnhill,
Mr.M.J.O'Brien, Mr.McNeight and Mr.Walsh

1 Member of Merseyside Police

13. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hardy.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received:

Member	Item	Interest	Action
Councillor Kelly	Protocol for Lifting the Moratorium on the Siting of Mobile Phone Masts on Council Land	Personal – is a Member of the Planning Committee	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Tweed	Protocol for Lifting the Moratorium on the Siting of Mobile Phone Masts on Council Land	Personal – is the Chair of the Planning Committee	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion of the item and voted thereon

15. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2010, be confirmed as a correct record.

16. OPEN FORUM

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

- (a) Mrs.J.O'Connor, complained that she submitted an application for a disabled parking place in December 2009, which was refused. Her son then wrote a letter elaborating on the application; however the application was still refused. She went on to add that her road became very busy and congested when the Kingdom Hall was in session and also the road was being as a car park by people using the station.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to liaise with Mrs.O'Connor with regard to her request for a disabled driver parking bay.

- (b) Mrs.G.Storey, requested that a 'No Football' sign be erected on a post in Beck Road and Lunt Road to stop children playing football in the around the Lunt Road / Beck Road junction.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to initiate the necessary processes to erect a 'No Ball Games' sign on Lunt Road Bootle; and
- (2) subject to the successful completion of (1), the 'No Ball Games' sign be funded from the Litherland Ward devolved budget allocation.
- (c) Mr and Mrs Hannan, requested the erection of a 'No Ball Games' sign on Markfield Road.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to initiate the necessary processes to erect a 'No Ball Games' sign on Markfield Road Bootle; and

- (2) subject to the successful completion of (1), the 'No Ball Games' sign be funded from the Litherland Ward devolved budget allocation.
- (d) Ms.S.Willis, proprietor of Sandra's Store Ltd., requested to raise the issue of cleaning Kirkstone Road North Shopping Parade.

Mr.O.Hansen, clerk to the Committee, explained that the rules regarding asking questions at the Open Forum meant that the question could not be accepted as Ms.Willis had raised this matter as a question at the previous meeting of the Committee.

Ms.D.Edwards, Neighbourhood Engagement Co-ordinator, added that Ms.Willis's initial complaint had been dealt with as a formal corporate complaint.

- (e) Ms.S.Willis, proprietor of Sandra's Store Ltd., submitted a question to discuss forthcoming events to be held at Kirkstone Road North Park. However, as Ms.Willis was not in attendance at the meeting she was not able to elaborate on the issues she would like to discuss with regard to forthcoming events to be held at Kirkstone Road North Park.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to liaise with Ms.Willis to ascertain her concerns / queries.

- (f) Mrs.J.Merity, asked whether it would be possible to say when the proposed new footbridge would be constructed and whether there would be a new footpath for people who used the rear entrance to the Tesco store.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested reply to Mrs.Merity.

- (g) Mrs.J.Merity, complained about the graffiti on the walls of the subway on Sefton Street, beneath the Princess Way fly-over and asked to have the walls cleaned as soon as possible.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to investigate Mrs.Merity's concerns.

- (h) Mr.and Mrs.Parr, complained that a property on Stanley Road had overgrown and unkempt hedges. Residents had to walk in the road

when cars were parked. They went on to ask, whether the Council could trim the hedges and charge the tenants the bill for the work.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to investigate Mr.and Mrs.Parr's concerns.

- (i) Mr.Harrison, requested a traffic survey for Harris Drive be conducted, as residents were blighted by HGVs and other heavy vehicles travelling down the road.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to investigate Mr.Harrison's concerns.

17. POLICE ISSUES

Inspector Thompson referred to:

- Burglaries, major operations had taken place across Litherland and Ford. Over the last couple of months there had been numerous arrests for burglary that had resulted in a reduction in the number of burglaries. Many of the burglaries were aided by residents not locking alleygates or leaving the back door to their houses open. However, through initiatives like 'Operation Handle' in which Police Community Support Officers tested the handle of homes to check whether residents had locked their door. Through this initiative home security and general good housekeeping was improving in the area.
- Anti-social behaviour continued to be an issue of concern; in particular Hatton Hill continued to have issues with anti-social behaviour. However, when youths were dispersed from Hatton Hill they tended to re-congregate at Orrell Mount. However, some new approaches were proving to be successful, such as free busses to take youths to venues where organised activities were held to steer them away from anti-social activities. Also, dispersing gatherings earlier in the evening (from 17:00) was proving a successful approach.
- There was recently a large scale disturbance at the new Tesco store between rival groups of youths. Councillors commented that they had received reports that the Police responded slow to the incident. Inspector Thompson confirmed that officers were in attendance at the store as soon as possible after receiving the emergency call.

- A Councillor commented that following a high profile shooting incident in the borough of Knowsley, a Sefton based Police officer was seconded to Knowsley. He went on to asked whether the Police officer had returned to serve in Sefton. Councillors agreed that Councillor Kerrigan, one of Sefton Council's representatives on the Police Authority would be best placed to answer the query.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Police be thanked for their presentation; and
- (2) the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to pursue the Councillor's query with the Council's Police Authority representative.

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 re-consideration of the matter by Cabinet.

Councillors discussed the matter in detail and raised a number of queries with a representative of the Environment and Technical Services Department. The Committee expressed its grave reservations regarding the Protocol's feasibility

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Protocol for Lifting the Moratorium on the Siting of Mobile Phone Masts on Council Land report be noted; and
- (2) the Committee's comments regarding its grave reservations regarding the Protocol's feasibility be noted.

19. IMPROVEMENTS TO HATTON HILL PARK - PHASE 2

The Committee considered the report of the Leisure and Tourism Director that informed of proposals to make further significant improvements to Hatton Hill Park and sought the Committee's comments on its design.

Councillors discussed the report in detail and raised a number of queries with a representative of the Leisure and Tourism Department.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Improvements to Hatton Hill Park – Phase 2 report be noted; and

- (2) comment on the design improvements be deferred to the September meeting of the Committee to enable adequate time to consider the proposed design.

20. 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;
- (2) the intention for the Park Ranger Service to continue to promote and develop a network of volunteers be noted; and
- (3) the Leisure and Tourism Director be requested to provide data on when the Park Rangers are in Litherland and Ford and the parks they attend.

21. BUDGET MONITORING

Further to Minute No.10 of the meeting held on 26 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 the current financial position and progress to date on items previously agreed within the report be noted.

22. ITEMS RELATING PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee considered the report of the of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director that set out comments on matters raised at previous meetings as well as correspondence relating to previous Open Forum questions.

RESOLVED:

That the update report be noted.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

In accordance with the agreed programme of meetings for this Area Committee, the next meeting of this Area Committee will be held on **1 September 2010, commencing at 18:30 at Goddard Hall, Stanley Road, Bootle.**

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