

THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2010. MINUTE NO. 27 IS NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL-IN"

ST. OSWALD AND NETHERTON AND ORRELL AREA COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE NETHERTON ACTIVITY CENTRE, GLOVERS
LANE, NETHERTON
ON THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST, 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Mahon (in the Chair)
Councillors Bradshaw, Brennan, M. Dowd, P. Dowd
and Maher

Local Advisory Group Members: Mrs. M.Elson
2 Members of the public were present.

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of Interest were received.

25. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Area Committee held on 1 July 2010, be confirmed as a correct record.

26. OPEN FORUM

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

- (a) Mrs. M.Wagner referred to the unsightly state of Dunnings Bridge Road corridor, in particular;
- 3ft high weeds in gutters and pavements by Cumberland Gate, which were expected to be cleared by the Community Payback Scheme;
 - acoustic barrier is in need of repair due to the appearance of large potholes;
 - tarmac'd pavements were very uneven and full of potholes by the Switch Car site;
 - the frontages of some Commercial properties and Park Hotel were unkempt and shrubbery full of litter;

ST. OSWALD AND NETHERTON AND ORRELL AREA COMMITTEE-
THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST, 2010

- large wagons parked outside the old Peerless site overnight restricted access along the pavement;
- acoustic barrier by Sandiways is full of litter and the shrubbery overgrown.

Mr. M.Kilpatrick, the Area Co-ordinator indicated that he had contacted the Highways Agency who agreed to forward these comments to the maintenance contractor Aone. A representative from Aone would now be advising their Network team to visit the site to do an assessment, they would write to Mrs. Wagner directly.

Mrs Wagner reported that she had received a response from Aone indicating the action they would be taking within their areas of responsibility and further indicating that the litter and unauthorised parking issues were the responsibility of the Council and Police.

Members indicated that they were aware of this ongoing issue and had tried to resolve it for sometime and had recently undertaken a site visit of the area.

Members further indicated that these issues had been raised with the Cabinet Member – Technical Services who had passed a resolution at his meeting on 25 August 2010, in which he agreed to write to the Highways Agency seeking immediate action to address ongoing issues relating to ongoing traffic management, parking and access issues in this area and particularly on the A5036 Dunnings Bridge Road slip roads between Heysham Road and Park Lane; the heavy goods vehicle parking issues, to include the consideration of the introduction of traffic regulation orders /road closures etc. If a response was not received within three weeks of the letter being sent, the Chief Executive be requested to make contact with the Chief Executive of the Highways Agency requiring an immediate response.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Operational Services Director be requested to investigate the issues raised in relation to litter and respond to Mrs Wagner in writing;
 - (2) Merseyside Police be requested to investigate the issues raised in relation to unauthorised parking of large wagons on the old Peerless site and respond to Mrs Wagner in writing;
- (b) Ms.G.Nolan, Copy Lane residents Association submitted an update report following issues previously raised at the meeting on 1 July 2010. The report indicated that the group had been formally set up and various events had been organised to include a Family Fun Afternoon on Sunday 29 August 2010.

RESOLVED:

That the update from the Copy Lane Area Residents Association be noted.

27. POLICE ISSUES

No Police representatives were in attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That Miss L.Roberts, Committee Administrator be requested to write to Inspector Thompson, Merseyside Police as to the non-attendance of Officers at the meeting.

28. COPY LANE PARK - PROVISION OF NOTICEBOARDS

The Committee considered the report of the Leisure and Tourism Director requesting funding from the Area Committee's devolved budget for the installation of notice boards at Copy Lane Park.

The report indicated that there was growing public interest in working with the Council and other agencies to tackle anti social behaviour at Copy Lane Park and to see the park improved. On the 30 June local residents, worked in partnership with the Council, and Community Payback undertook a 'clean up' day. A request was made that two noticeboards be installed, the provision of new signage / notice boards fitted in with the Parks Asset Strategy but could not be funded with existing resources.

Officers had visited the site and assessed that two notice board would adequately provide scope for communicating information on the work of the rangers; public notices and information on residents work in the park. The noticeboards proposed for Copy Lane Park are of a heavy duty, vandal resistant design and include large pin boards for display and the on going minor maintenance costs associated would be met by the Landscape Development & Management section.

RESOLVED:

That the request for £3,000 for the installation of two noticeboards at Copy Lane Park to be funded from the Area Committee's Devolved Budget be approved.

29. HIGHWAYS ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE

Further to Minute No. 81 of the 18 March 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director updating on the proposed additional highways maintenance programme. The report indicated that in setting the Council's Budget for 2010/11 a supplementary provision of £900,000 was included to support highway maintenance

ST. OSWALD AND NETHERTON AND ORRELL AREA COMMITTEE-
THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST, 2010

works in 2010/11, in recognition of the excessive deterioration of the Highway Network following two consecutive winters of severe weather and frost damage.

Subsequent to this decision the Government announced an additional allocation was to be made available to assist local authorities to repair damage to their road network resulting from the winters severe weather.

The Department for Transport had now advised that the funding was to be provided through revenue under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 for the purpose of “providing support towards expenditure lawfully incurred or accrued in respect of costs for an emergency revenue highway maintenance scheme in the year to 31March 2011” and that the amount awarded to Sefton is £248,400.

The addition of Section 31 Grant award to the existing approved budget allocation of £900,000 provides for a total allocation of £1,148,400 for the emergency revenue highway maintenance programme in 2010/11.

A draft additional programme had been prepared consisting mainly of Micro Surfacing & Surface Dressing treatments, to be applied after repair of potholes and major surface defects to prolong the life of the road surface beyond that achievable from simple “pothole” repairs and prevent wholesale breakdown occurring.

It was considered that this would use the additional funding to best effect and minimise the impact of a further severe winter on these road surfaces. The programme had been prepared on the basis of “technical need”.

The list of prospective sites being identified for treatment had been shared with Ward Councillors and Area Management Staff of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Department to identify local priorities.

Comments and queries raised by Ward Councillors in respect of the works programme were provided in Annex B to this report.

RESOLVED:

That the additional Highways Maintenance Programme for 2010/11 be approved.

**30. MISCHIEF/BONFIRE PERIOD 2010 REQUEST FOR FUNDING
FROM AREA COMMITTEES**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Safer and Stronger Communities requesting funding for Mischief/Bonfire Fireworks displays as part of the diversionary activities to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime during the period.

The report indicated that funding was requested to host a firework display at the Netherton Activity Centre field. Similar requests for funding had been made to the Area Committees of Linacre and Derby, Litherland and Ford and Sefton East Parishes.

Funding for previous displays had been sought through Community Safety Division's Area Based Grant allocation which this year had been reduced; therefore the division was no longer able to fund the events. The total cost of each display was £6,800 and £3,000 of the costs had been found within the Police and the Safer, Stronger Communities Division resources. Full costs were outlined within the report.

Members indicated that funding for such events had been previously raised by the Tourism Department and asked as to why the funding had been withdrawn. In response it was reported that funding was no longer available and that was why the Area Committees had been asked to contribute.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the request to part fund the 2010 Mischief/Bonfire Fireworks displays from the Area Committees devolved budget at a cost of £3,800 be approved; and
- (2) the Head of Safer and Stronger Communities be requested to source funding elsewhere to assist the funding of the event.

**31. IMPROVEMENTS TO PLAY FACILITIES AT DEERBARN
PARK/OLLERY GREEN**

Further to Minute No. 20 on 1 July 2010, the Committee received an update from the Parks and Greenspaces Manager, Leisure and Tourism Department regarding progress of the replacement slide at the Ollery Green/Deerbarn Park Play Area.

Further to the Area Committee's approval at a previous meeting, the play equipment, including the slide had now been ordered and following a lead-in period for manufacture, would be ready to install in September.

RESOLVED;

That the update regarding the progress of the replacement slide at the Ollery Green/Deerbarn Park Play Area be noted.

32. BUDGET MONITORING

Further to Minute No.21 of the meeting held on 1 July 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.

33. PREVIOUS QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE OPEN FORUM

The Area Committee considered correspondence relating to previous questions/issues raised in the Open Forum.

RESOLVED:

That the correspondence be noted.

34. STAN MERCER - MAYORAL ATTENDANT

Councillor Brenan reported of the death yesterday evening of a fellow colleague Mr Stan Mercer, Mayoral Attendant. Stan passed away a day after celebrating his 68th birthday and following a brave fight against his illness.

The Committees thoughts are with Sharon and the family at this very sad time.

RESOLVED:

That a letter of condolence be sent to Stan's family with deepest sympathy.

35. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

ST. OSWALD AND NETHERTON AND ORRELL AREA COMMITTEE-
THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST, 2010

That in accordance with the agreed programme of meetings for this Area Committee, the next meeting will be held on **Thursday 30 September 2010 at the Netherton Park Neighbourhood Centre, Chester Avenue, commencing at 6.30 p.m.**