

THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2012. MINUTE NO. 32 IS NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL IN".

LITHERLAND AND FORD AREA COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT THE FORD LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE, FORD LANE, LITHERLAND ON WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor John Kelly (in the Chair)
Councillors Lappin and Moncur
Local Advisory Group Members: Messrs McNeight, O'Brien and Walsh

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hardy and Tweed.

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

27. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

28. PUBLIC FORUM

During the Public Forum the following questions were submitted:

- (a) Further to Minute No.17 (c) of the meeting of 12 September 2012, Mrs.J.Merity complained that the works regarding the replacement footbridge and associated works had been delayed. Originally the work was to commence in October but now she had been informed that it would not start until January 2013. She enquired whether there was a definite date for the commencement work.

The Chair, Councillor John Kelly, informed the Committee that he had been in communication with the Highway Development Control Manager, Brian Mason, which informed that the delay had been unavoidable. The work would commence in January, although a definite commencement date had not been identified. As soon as a definite start date had been confirmed residents would be informed.

- (b) Mr.B.Walsh, Advisory Group Member, requested on behalf on Litherland Village Community Group for the trees around Sefton Street Litherland to be cut back as they were currently obstructing the view of the CCTV camera. Recently the area had experienced fly-tipping. The CCTV camera would have captured images of the perpetrators, which would have provided vital information for the Police, but this was not possible as their view had been obstructed by the overgrown trees.

RESOLVED: That the Neighbourhood Coordinator be requested to investigate the matter.

- (c) Mr.B.Walsh, Advisory Group Member, reported on behalf on Litherland Village Community Group that that empty garages on Marina Avenue, Litherland were experiencing fly-tipping. He commented that it was unfair for residents to have to put up with this behaviour.

RESOLVED: That the Neighbourhood Coordinator be requested to investigate the matter.

Further to Minute Nos. 5 and 17 of the meeting of the 21 June and 12 September 2012, Ms.Sandra Davies of Riverside Housing gave a brief verbal update regarding their role of landlord in the area.

RESOLVED: That Ms.Davies be thanked for her presentation.

29. POLICE ISSUES

No Police were in attendance at the meeting.

30. LIBRARIES REVIEW CONSULTATION - UPDATE PRESENTATION

Further to Minute No.65 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 11 October 2012, the Committee received a verbal presentation from Mr.S.Deakin, Head of Health and Well-Being, on the Library Service Review.

RESOLVED:

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) Mr. Deakin be thanked for his presentation.

31. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Further to Minute No. 39 of the Planning Committee of 25 July 2012, the Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services and a presentation by Ms. Ingrid Berry, Principal Planner, on Neighbourhood Planning, which was a new tier of statutory planning which had been introduced by the Localism Act 2011. It sat below the Local Plan (formerly the Core Strategy) in the Local Development Framework. Neighbourhood Plans had to be aligned with the National Planning Policy Framework and the Local Plan.

The report indicated that the following papers were available for inspection by contacting Ms Berry, or could be downloaded from the Council's website www.sefton.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning:

- Report to Planning Committee on Neighbourhood Planning, 25th July, 2012
- Minute 39, Planning Committee, 25th July, 2012
- Neighbourhood Planning: A simple guide for Ward Councillors, PAS, June 2012

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) Ms. Berry be thanked for her presentation; and
- (3) residents or groups wishing to find out more about Neighbourhood Planning be advised to contact Ms. Berry or Mr. Steve Matthews in the Planning Services Section in the first instance.

32. KIRKSTONE ROAD NORTH, PROPOSED LOADING BAN

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Built Environment that sought approval for the implementation of a Traffic Regulation Order, the effect of which would prohibit loading and unloading at all times on a section of Kirkstone Road North.

The Committee expressed their concern regarding road safety along Kirkstone Road North. They had specific concerns regarding heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) accessing the road and shop tenants and customers using the pavement as a car park.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) all the of all existing traffic regulation orders, as detailed in paragraph 3.4 of the report be revoked;
- (2) the traffic regulation orders detailed within the report, the effect of which would restrict loading and unloading at all times on the south-westerly side of Kirkstone Road North, from a point 54 metres

north-west of the north-westerly kerb line of Church Road to the north-west kerbline of Church Road be approved;

- (3) the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the council's intention to implement the Orders, be approved;
- (4) the Director of Built Environment be requested to investigate the possible introduction of a vehicle weight restriction along Kirkstone Road North; and
- (5) the Director of Built Environment be requested to liaise with One Vision Housing, the landlord of the shops, to write to their tenants to encourage them and their customers to park their vehicles at the rear of the shops and the possibility of installing signage to parking spaces at the rear of the shops.

33. AREA MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning that provided an update on area management activities that had taken place in Litherland and Ford Wards since the last Area Committee meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

34. BUDGET MONITORING

Further to Minute No.22 of the meeting of 12 September 2012, 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 current financial position and progress to date on items previously agreed within the report be noted.

35. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

In accordance with the agreed programme of meetings for this Area Committee, the next meeting will be held on 30 January 2013, Ford Lane Community Centre, Ford Lane, Litherland commencing at 6.30 p.m.

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