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LITHERLAND AND FORD AREA COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT THE GODDARD HALL, STANLEY ROAD, BOOTLE ON WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER, 2009

PRESENT: Councillor D.Hardy (in the Chair)
Councillors Brady and P Hardy
Local Advisory Group Members:
Mrs J Burnhill, Mr G McNeight and Mr B Walsh

ALSO PRESENT: 2 members of Merseyside Police
2 members of the public

46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Moncur and Tweed, and Advisory Group Members Messrs Kelly and O'Brien.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was received:

Member	Item	Interest	Action
Councillor D.Hardy	Police Issues	Personal – Chair of One Vision Housing	Stayed in the room and took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon

48. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That subject to Minute No.43 (3) being amended to read:

- (3) an allocation of £1,385 be made for Street Signs from the Litherland Ward allocation.

the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 September be confirmed as a correct record.

49. OPEN FORUM

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

- (a) Mr.B.Walsh, Advisory Group Member, complained on behalf of Litherland Village Community Group that in Sefton Street, Litherland that were only 2 designated for disabled drivers' parking bays. He asked whether new disabled driver parking bays could be placed opposite the Chemist in Sefton Street.

Members commented that many people who worked in the Sefton Street parked there all day, which exacerbated parking problems in the street.

RESOLVED:

That Mr.Walsh's request be forwarded to the Cabinet Member – Technical Services for consideration.

- (b) Litherland Village Community Group submitted a petition against vehicles turning right into oncoming traffic on Hawthorne Road and also drivers speeding along Marina Avenue. The Group asked whether action could be taken to address this dangerous driving.

RESOLVED:

That petition be forwarded to the Cabinet Member – Technical Services for consideration.

- (c) Ms.K.Horner complained at the state of a patch of land adjoining Marina Avenue / Wilson's Lane, Litherland. The land had become a dumping ground and site of anti-social behaviour, a stained glass window had been broken by a brick thrown from the wasteland. The land had become an eyesore; it was full of rubbish and had become very overgrown. Wastes from fast food venues were also attracting rats. She went on to ask whether an update on the land could be provided.

The Neighbourhood Manager responded that the land was the private property of the Methodist Church, and in the last couple of days the owners had sent a team of contractors round to tidy up the area.

- (d) Tenants at Hawthorne Court, Litherland complained that land adjoining Marina Avenue / Wilson's Lane, Litherland had become a dumping ground. Additional to the site's unsightliness Children often shouted abuse and threw stones at homes and passers by from the site. The area used to be a lovely place to live but this had changed as the area was now attracting anti-social behaviour.

The Neighbourhood Manager responded that the land was the private property of the Methodist Church, and in the last couple of days the owners had sent a team of contractors round to tidy up the area, adding that she would keep the Committee informed of developments regarding the site.

- (e) Mr. and Mrs. Davies complained that block paving outside their home in Sefton Street, Litherland was continually sinking, mainly due to a damaged water pipe beneath the pavement. When contractors repaired the paving, the barriers they erected obstructed the front of the house.

RESOLVED:

That the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director be requested to respond to Mr. and Mrs. Davies' concerns.

50. POLICE ISSUES

Sergeant Muldoon and Police Community Support Officer Trill referred to:

- A rise in youth anti-social behaviour in Hatton Hill Park, which had possibly occurred through a combination of the merger of Bootle and Litherland High Schools and displacement due to the Section 30 Order in place up to Linacre Bridge. One of the methods used to engage the youth was the use of 'Street Games', which had proved a very useful tool in directing people in a positive direction away from anti-social behaviour.
- During the 'mischief period' associated with Halloween youths would be offered free busses to take them to venues where organised activities were occurring to steer them from anti-social activities.

A Councillor commented that there was a void house in Bark Road, Litherland. The house was a One Vision Housing property and was attracting vandalism.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Police be thanked for their presentation; and
- (2) the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director be requested to draft a letter from the Committee expressing their concern at the void house on Bark Road, Litherland.

51. PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director which sought approval for the progression of a Traffic Regulation Orders to provide disabled residents with a parking place directly outside their place of residence. The report indicated that all new TROs for Disabled Parking Permits allowed for the provision of a numbered permit which restricted the use of the bays to the applicant only.

It was proposed to introduce individual Orders for the roads incorporating all existing restrictions.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Traffic Regulations Orders providing a numbered permit centrally located outside the following addresses, as set out in the plan at Annexe A and as detailed in the report, be approved:
 - Centrally located outside No. 26 Bowden Street, Litherland
 - Centrally located outside No. 22 Tattersall Road, Litherland
 - Centrally located outside No. 6 Lonsdale Road, Litherland;and
- (2) the Traffic Services Manager be authorised to undertake the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intension to implement the Orders.

52. BUDGET MONITORING

Further to Minute No.43 of the meeting held on 30 September 2009, the Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director that provided information on available resources for the Area Committee area 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.

53. PROGRESS AND ACTION ON PLANNING (S106) AGREEMENTS

The Chair informed the Committee that this report had been withdrawn from the agenda.

54. OVERVIEW OF YOUTH PROVISION ACROSS SEFTON

Further to Minute No. 40 of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services) held on 22 September 2009, the Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services, which provided information regarding the provision of youth opportunities for the young people of Sefton by geographical area. The report outlined the following:

- Targeted Provision and Partnership Working;
- Targeted Youth Support and Children and Young People aged 8-19;
- Family Intervention Project; and
- Parent Know How Directory.

Appendix 1 to the report set out an overview of Youth Provision Activity across Sefton.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had approved the report and referred it to the Council's Area Committees for discussion.

RESOLVED:

That the report on the overview of youth provision across Sefton be noted.

55. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director that set out the comments of the appropriate Officers on matters raised at previous meetings as well as correspondence relating to previous Open Forum questions.

RESOLVED:

That the correspondence and Progress Report be noted.

56. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 6 JANUARY, 2010

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with the agrees programme of meetings for this Area Committee, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 January 2010, at Cathy Roberts Memorial Hall, Osbourne Road, Litherland.

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