



**North Area Committee
(City Councillors representing Arbury, King's
Hedges, East Chesterton and West Chesterton
Wards)**

11 September 2003 7:30 – 10.20pm

Minutes & Actions

Present: Councillors: Ian Nimmo-Smith (West Chesterton and Chair), Mike Todd-Jones & Tim Ward (Arbury), Maria Bell & Louise Downham (King's Hedges), Donald Adey, Jenny Bailey & Jennifer Liddle (East Chesterton), Max Boyce & Nichola Harrison (West Chesterton)

Also Present: County Councillors Julian Huppert (East Chesterton) and Maurice Leeke (West Chesterton)

**Action by
(see
action
sheet
attached
also)**

03/01 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor Jenny Bailey was elected Vice Chair by 6 votes to 3 (for Councillor Todd-Jones).

03/02 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Elizabeth Hughes (King's Hedges) and County Councillor Ian Kidman (Arbury).

03/03 OPEN FORUM

The following were raised by members of the public present:

- a) Widening Milton and Histon Roads for supercam -
- Cllr Harrison understood the local concern over this issue but did not see that the supercam would be in competition with the Park and Ride. Terry Radford
- b) No money being allocated to King's Hedges Ward pavement repairs was raised and then funding in general because it is a Labour ward.
- Cllr Harrison undertook to provide details of spending on pavements and carriage repairs (which had been the first point of the question).
- c) Individual case of anti-social behaviour Cllr Nimmo-Smith
- The Chair undertook to look into the matter personally.
- d) Plans for CCTV in north area and priorities -
- The Chair explained that a new mobile system of cameras was being purchased and prioritisation (across the City) was a matter for the Police.
- e) Are area committees a façade? -
- The Chair said that it was up to the public. The intention was to make decision making more accountable and transparent.
- f) Can tenants be notified of work on estates/what feedback can tenant's have eg. garden had been damaged by contractors. Robert Hollingsworth and Cllr Nimmo-Smith
- The Chair undertook to follow up this individual case.
- g) Arbury Camp development and the lack of community facilities
- The Head of Community Development advised that the South Cambridgeshire District Council (whose jurisdiction the development is in) had received representations from the City Council regarding the impact on the services and capacity of the Meadows and Buchan Street.
- h) Whose responsible rear of Downhams Lane. Str'scene
- The Lane is owned by the University of Cambridge, and a planning application for residential housing had been the subject of a

Development Control Forum in June. The Area Committee would not determine the planning application as it was a large scale development. The poor condition of the cycle path was known to the Streetscene Division of City Services and would be tidied-up (Helpline 458282).

i) What is to be provided at 34 Victoria Road - it will be managed by the Cyrennians and will be used for a continuing drinkers project (6 beds) -

03/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

03/05 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

A Application No: 03/600/FP

Site: Brownsfield, off Scarsdale Close, East Chesterton

Proposal: Erection of single storey youth and community centre and landscape improvements

Applicant: Ken Hay, Head of Community Development, City Council

The Planning Officer referred to an amendment sheet which had been sent to the Committee on 10/9 and circulated at the meeting. The text is copied below:

“A number of local residents who should have been notified about this planning application have not been consulted. This problem has come to light since the preparation of this report and is a result of a computer error. Neighbourhood consultation in respect of planning applications requires that neighbours be given a statutory time period of 21 days within which to make comments. In this case although the residents have now been notified the statutory time period does not expire until 25 September 2003.

The residents concerned live in Scarsdale Close and I attach a plan which shows the relationship of these properties (marked 'P') to the application site. I also attach a copy of the consultation letter which has been sent to them and confirm that copies of the plans were enclosed with the letter. We would not normally send copies of plans to neighbours however it was hoped that this would enable comments to be made prior to the meeting.

To date no further letters have been received from residents, however it is understood that residents of Scarsdale Close may request that the application be deferred on the basis that they have not had the statutory 21 days within which to make their comments.

Following the Chairs Briefing the Chair has decided that that application will be considered in the following way bearing in mind there may be members of the public who will be attending to hear the debate on the application

- (i) There will be a discussion on the application open to the public and similar to that which takes place at a Development Control Forum where members may ask points of information
- (ii) A special meeting of the Area Committee will need to be held around w/c 29 September to determine the planning application”

Resolved: (7 votes to 0 with Cllrs Todd-Jones, Bell and Downham abstaining) to defer consideration of the applications and to hold a special meeting of the Area Committee in late September/early October to determine the application.

Sarah Dyer
(planning)
457153
Gary Clift
(committees)
457011

Having deferred consideration, the Chair invited the Head of Community Development and project architect to explain the application and the project history and in particular afford those members of the public who had specifically attended for this item the opportunity to ask questions about the proposal.

Members of the public who lived close to the site welcomed the deferral to afford them their statutory right to comment on the application.

Questions from the public on the scheme covered long term viability of the centre and budget provision, CCTV and security, deterring car parking, future names for the rooms and hiring of rooms. The Head of Community Development advised that the premises was not intended to be hired to any persons from outside of the local area as it was to be a local facility, unless there was a substantial community interest in hiring out the premises. In terms of funding, there was funding in place and that resources currently deployed at Eccho House would be transferred. There would be limited car parking at the site as it was anticipated that as it was a local facility the majority of people would arrive by walking, cycle or bus. CCTV would need to be discussed and consultation undertaken if the application received approval. The naming of rooms would need to be dealt with at a later stage.

03/06 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAMME

The Environmental Projects Manager (Andy Thompson) advised the Committee that a list of other sources of available funding (eg covering s106 agreements) would be reported at its next meeting (13 November).

The Committee noted the further suggestions from the members of the public present:

Ian Tyes - Campkin Piazza funding for better drainage; Campkin Road near Nos. 38-40 planting; Apthorpe Way and Woodhouse Way; and lay by parking at Apthorpe Way (advised this would cost

@£3,000 per bay.

Mr/s Tunnacliffe – tree planting (there is a separate budget for this)

County Cllr Huppert - path at Discovery Way (advised that this is subject of a s106); nature reserve Cam Causeway (advised that officers are in discussion with the owner and there should be no cost to the Council).

Andy
Thompson
457131

Cllr Downham suggested that the Committee visit Minerva Way with the Residents Association prior to the 13 November meeting.

Resolved

To approve the following scheme for implementation in the current financial year:

- a) Hazelwood Close - planting

To defer to the next meeting consideration of the following projects for investigation to determine their feasibility and likely cost:

- a) Minerva Way - refurbishment of parking area
- b) Campkin Road piazza drainage
- c) Campkin Road nos 38-40 planting

03/07 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AREA GRANTS – APPLICATION AND CRITERIA FOR AWARDING GRANTS

The Committee was keen to ensure that the availability of these new grant schemes were disseminated to the local area. Ken Hay advised that publicity would tie-in with the publicity for area committees and the information pack would be as user-friendly as possible.

Grants
Manager

Resolved -

To agree the proposals for 2004-05 area grants as stated in the report.

03/08 Any other business

After discussions with those members of the public present the Chair suggested question 'why have residents meetings now we have area committees' can be debated further.

The meeting ended at 10.20pm.

CHAIR

