

Minutes & Actions**Councillors Present****Abbey:** John Durrant, Caroline Hart, Miriam Lynn**Coleridge:** Jeremy Benstead, Lewis Herbert, Ben Stafford**Petersfield:** Kevin Blencowe, Ben Bradnack, Victoria Bruce**Romsey:** Sarah Ellis-Miller, Raj Shah, Catherine Smart**06/44 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings on 5 October 2006 were approved.

06/45 Matters Arising from the Minutes**Reference to Executive Councillor for Planning and Transport**

At the meeting on 14 December 2005, the Committee had agreed the following recommendation to the Executive Councillor for Planning and Transport:

To consider a mechanism to ensure the continued provision or replacement of community facilities such as those housed on this site (Application No 05/1161/FUL 200a Perne Road, site of the former Girl Guide Building).

The Committee Manager having undertaken to pursue the matter, was asked to follow it up with the relevant officers and the Executive Councillor for Planning and Transport and report to a subsequent meeting.

06/46 Apologies For Absence

Councillors Paul Sales (Abbey), Martin Ballard (Coleridge), Nichola Harrison (Petersfield) and Alice Douglas (Romsey).

06/47 Declarations Of Interest

Councillor	Minute	Interest
Cllr Durrant	Community Development and Leisure Grants	As a Governor of Fields Early Years Centre
Cllr Hart	Community Development and Leisure Grants	As a Governor of Fields Early Years Centre

06/48 Open Forum**Resident 1**

The resident referred to the former CRC site and asked if anything was known about its future development. She also asked whether anything could be done to make the site more secure and less accessible to vandals who were also accessing the adjacent Brunswick Nursery School.

Cllr Bradnack said that security of the site was the responsibility of the owner, he would ask the Planning Department to clarify if there was anything to be done to make the site less of a target for vandalism and prevent its use to access the school.

Cllr Blencowe said that to his knowledge there were three valid planning permissions

approved on the site also permission for a surgery. He agreed the site was an eyesore desperately needing attention from a developer.

Freedom Club TimeBank

Mr David Boffey of the Freedom Club TimeBank said that the Freedom Club TimeBank had been running since May and was funded for this year by Sure Start Cambridge. It was a community exchange scheme based in the Abbey Ward of Cambridge but was open to anyone in Cambridge with a practical approach, helping its members get things done and in the process helped to develop a better community spirit around Cambridge. The Chair welcomed the opportunity provided to people by the Timebank and thanked Mr Boffey for the information.

06/49 Elizabeth Way Underpass – Extension of S.30 Dispersal Order

Inspector Martin Gregory spoke on the application made to the Leader of the Council to extend the existing S.30 Dispersal Order which currently covered the Mill Road area and Parkers Piece and Christ's Pieces. He explained the process and the areas, including the Elizabeth Way underpass, which would be covered by the extension of the Order. Once consent had been given to the extension, the Police could begin enforcement. He also spoke about recent changes in police staffing.

Alastair Roberts, the City Council's lead officer on Safer Communities would be supporting the process on behalf of the Council.

In response to a question from Cllr Herbert in relation to Neighbourhood Policing, Inspector Gregory explained that the policy had been in place for some 18 months with the aim of its introduction to all Area Committees, following its piloting at North Area Committee, There were some concerns about its resourcing for both the Police and the City Council and some indication would be given about timing when it had received further consideration by both bodies.

Cllr Bradnack said that the members welcomed a recent meeting between Police and residents. Residents had felt that the Dispersal Order process was not necessarily the most effective method of controlling the problems in the area but accepted that it was the only one available in the circumstances.

In response to a question from a resident Inspector Gregory explained that the Orders had to be renewed every 6 months as the legislation assumed that the problems they were used to deal with were short term.

Members said that they were grateful for the contribution by Inspector Gregory and would welcome regular updates on local policing issues at meetings of the East Area Committee.

Resolved

That Inspector Gregory or another officer be invited to attend meetings of East Area Committee and give regular updates on policing matters in East Area.

06/50 Newmarket Road Area

A) Traffic generation from Development

The Committee noted the contents of the above report that had been submitted to the Environment Scrutiny Committee on 7 November and the comments of the Scrutiny Committee members and the Executive Councillor for Planning and Transport

B) Cambridge East Sustainable Transport Strategy

The Cambridge East Member Reference Group had considered a report on Tuesday 28 November and the City Council's officers were to report on the conclusions at the next

meeting of Environment Committee. Representatives of the County Council's Transport staff and the consultants engaged to report on the proposals for a strategy for Sustainable transport for Cambridge East attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the options and proposals. They responded to members and residents comments and questions on the proposals.

Resolved that following the presentation by officers and consultants and extended discussion, members expressed opposition to the proposals and asked County Council officers to note their substantial disagreement to any extension of the transport network which would impinge on the meadows and commons of the City.

06/51 Determination of Planning Applications at Area Committees

The Civic Affairs Committee, at the request of Cllr Durrant as Chair of East Area Committee, had considered a report on the volume of planning applications being determined by Area Committees incorporating a recommendation for formalizing arrangements for additional meetings should it be necessary to do so.

The Civic Affairs Committee had made the following recommendations to Council which would meet on 7 December:

- 1 That the changes below be incorporated into the Area Committee procedure rules: Council Constitution part 4EE - Meetings of Area Committees.
- 2 That the Director of Central Services, after consultation with the Chair of the Area Committee, be authorised to call an additional meeting of an Area Committee if the business for that cycle warrants it.
- 3 That in the interests of better community involvement, additional Area Committees should, as far as possible, be held in the local area.
- 4 That the Director of Central Services, after consultation with the Chair of the Area Committee agree what time the additional meeting commences.

The Committee, while acknowledging the recommendation of the Civic Affairs Committee, felt that at times it remained impractical to deal with the volume of issues being listed for consideration by Area Committees, particularly in relation to the number of planning applications being put to the East Area Committee.

Resolved that the Director of Central Services be asked to monitor the agenda content at an early stage. If it appeared that a significant number of issues, or items which would raise more than usual public interest and involvement requiring sufficient time for debate were to be included, following consultation with the Chair and Liberal Democrat Spokesperson, a second meeting be arranged in sufficient time for appropriate publicity and formal notification of local residents who had commented on planning applications.

06/52 Community Development and Leisure Grants 2006-07

The report by the Grants Manager was considered and the following grants were allocated as indicated below:

Community development current applications			£7654 available	
	Group	Project	Bid £	Grant £
CD16	28 th Cambridge (St. John's) Scout Group	Replacement doors and windows for Flamsteed Road headquarters	4429	4429

CD17	Cambridge Family Mediation Service	Family group sessions at Fields Early Years Centre on impact of divorce and separation	2250	*750
CD18	Merry-go-round Toy Library	Toys	410	410
CD19	Romsey Mill	Gospel choir, dance group and study support for multi-ethnic young women aged 15-17 from Abbey, Coleridge and Romsey.	3304	2065
<i>total</i>			10,393	7654

* Subject to consultation with the Chair and Spokesperson on further clarification of costs

06/53 Environmental Improvements Programme

Due to the lateness of the hour, the Committee was unable to consider the report by the Landscape Architect in full. The balance of the report would be adjourned for consideration at the Committee's next meeting on 25 January 2007.

However the recommendations relating to the projects listed below were considered and the Committee agreed the allocation of funding as indicated below.

1. To proceed with obtaining costings for the Hanging Baskets to Mill Road subject to consideration being given to providing a sustainable solution to the project.
2. To proceed with mobility crossings at Sturton Street and Gresham Road.
3. To consider the Potential Projects from East Area Workshops at the next meeting :

06/54 Applications For Planning Permission - 12 October Meeting

The Committee noted that applications for Planning Permission were to be considered at a meeting on 6 December at 7.00pm at the Guildhall.

The meeting finished at 10.20pm