

Minutes & Actions**Councillors Present****Abbey:** John Durrant, Miriam Lynn**Coleridge:** Jeremy Benstead, Tariq Sadiq**Petersfield:** Ben Bradnack, Lucy Walker**Romsey:** Raj Shah, Catherine Smart**County Councillors:**, Alice Douglas (Romsey), Nichola Harrison (Petersfield)**Also present:** Cllr Nimmo-Smith and Cllr Reid (for item on Climate Change)**Apologies:** Councillors Martin Ballard, Kevin Blencowe, Sarah Ellis-Miller, Caroline Hart, Lewis Herbert, Paul Sales.**07/21 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 22 March 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

07/22 Matters Arising from the Minutes**• 07/15 Open Forum - Entitlement to Use of Taxi Card Scheme**

The resident asked whether further progress had been made on the point she had raised on a the entitlement of a registered as a blind person to use of the Taxi Card Scheme in the light of her working.

Members recalled that they had advised the resident that there was an entitlement to appeal the decision she should seek advice from the Citizens Advice Bureau and other advisory organizations.

• 07/15 Open Forum – Student Housing on Mill Road

The resident referred to proportion of student housing incorporated in the local development plan and a comment made by a planning officer, which a greater proportion that that quoted. Cllr Smart said that she was due to see planning officers on the question of development and the proportion of student and low cost housing and she would make the point that she thought that the area had achieved its quota.

• 07/15 Open Forum – St Matthew's Piece Land and Citylife Community Innovation Centre

In response to a request for an update members said that the situation was developing but no further decision had been made as yet. When information was available members would report to the Committee.

• 07/14 Police Update

A resident asked whether the Police would be willing to continue public participation in the form of the Joint Action Groups.

Members said that the Police would be attending the next meeting to present the first of their reports on Neighbourhood Policing and the public consultation process could be discussed

then.

07/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from the City and County Councillors recorded above.

07/24 Declarations of Interest

No Code of Conduct personal interests were declared.

07/25 Open Forum

Resident 1 Police Response at Budleigh Close/Tiverton Way

A resident asked that her thanks to the Police be recorded for their prompt response to her report of suspicious activity in the Budleigh Close/Tiverton Way area at the last meeting.

- The Chair said that her comments would be passed on to the Police.

Resident 2 Building Work at Brunswick School

A resident asked when work was due to start at the Brunswick School site.

- Cllr Benstead said that he would make enquiries and come back to the resident with the information.

Resident 3 Builders' Operational Hours at Budleigh Close

A resident asked for advice on builders working at the former Girl Guide Hut site in Budleigh Close and causing a number of problems including damage to trees, damage and obstruction of paths and road, breaking bollards and giving inadequate warning of activity. The worst of the problems was the early start being made to the building work, as early as half an hour before the time given in the planning permission.

- Members suggested that when this occurred, the resident should report this issue to the Environmental Health Service. The likely result was the issue of a Prohibition Order once the failure to comply with the permission conditions was identified. This in turn would put the builders 'on notice' and they would be likely to correct the other issues about which the resident had complained.

Resident 4 Care Home Development at the Robert Sayle/Hollands/Brookfields site, Mill Road

A resident asked for confirmation of a suggestion that a Care Home Development was proposed at the former Robert Sayle/Hollands/Brookfields site at Mill Road.

- Members said that they were unaware of any proposal. The Principal Planner present for a later item said that he understood a layout had been submitted for comment by planning officers, but it was a preliminary stage and did not form an application at this stage. Once any further stage was reached then there would be the usual public consultation.

Resident 6 Fencing in Coleridge near Council Garages

A resident asked whether any funding would be made available for repairs to fencing in Coleridge which had been broken down reducing the security of council garaging. The

resident had emailed Cllr Smart, but she had not responded.

- Cllr Smart apologized and said she could not recall the email and the enquiry. She invited the resident to resend the email so that she could follow it up. She said that it depended on whether the land fenced was City Council Housing land, as there might well be a problem of repairing fencing because of the budget available.

07/26 Dates and Locations for Meetings in 2007/08

The Committee noted the dates agreed for future meetings in 2007/08 and the themes suggested for meetings, the first of which was on Climate Change to be discussed that evening.

Response to the concentration of health and social care facilities in the East Area (12 July)
Progress on legislation to deal with Street Drinking
The impact of the County Council's budget on highways maintenance
Youth Provision in this area of the city

07/27 Neighbourhood Projects in the City

Justin Marsh and Ian Ross, from the City Council's Active Communities, introduced the City Council's Open Space and Recreation Strategy, which had been adopted in 2006 and was currently being implemented. The strategy sought to deliver neighborhood projects on Open Spaces, Recreation, Public Arts, Community Facilities and Biodiversity and invited the public to contribute suggestions during the summer. A summary of projects would be considered at Area Committees in October and those who had suggested them would continue to be involved with the progress of the project. Leaflets explaining the strategy and inviting suggestion for projects were available at the meeting and would be widely available in the city.

Members noted the report and welcomed contributions from residents.

07/28 Cambridge and Climate Change

The Chair said that the theme of Climate Change had been agreed at the Committee's last meeting and he welcomed representatives of a number of organizations interested in Climate Change and its impact to the meeting. He introduced Simon Chubb, the City Council's Environment Coordinator who would speak on the subject and the Council's emerging approach to the problems that it would cause and what remedial action could be taken by individuals and as a society.

Simon Chubb outlined the causes of climate changes and its likely impact on weather, the coastline and the economic structure of society. He said that organizations had started to take action in a number of ways including the reduction of carbon emissions but that it was clear that more action needed to be taken both by individuals and society as a whole.

The City Council had made a commitment to take action by signing the Nottingham Declaration with a large number of other public bodies. It is also in the process of building a Cambridge Climate Change Partnership with key city organisations under the heading of Planning for Further Action. Individual and corporate comments and involvement was welcomed.

Members of the public raised the following issues:

- A recent initiative encouraging drivers to turn off their engines while stuck in traffic for some time appeared to have been forgotten. The concern that this would lead to increased fuel consumption was not borne out by research.
- Transport issues as a whole needed to be looked at, and the use of public transport encouraged as well as the taking of personal initiatives such as suggested above and the use of cycles.
- Cllr Reid (Executive Councillor for Transport and Planning) said that she agreed on the importance of these issues and she would be discussing the possibility of dealing with the City's congestion by road pricing.
- Individuals who undertook to reduce their own impact on the climate had made personal pledges publicly and this setting of an example could encourage others to do so.
- Further information would help people to understand the position more clearly and to appreciate what they could achieve personally by taking the appropriate action.
- The huge increase in housing none of which was yet being built to reduce carbon emissions needed to be dealt with both on a local and strategic basis.
- Transport and traffic was a major issue that needed to be thought through, for instance the increase of flexible working, which while it might be aimed at reducing traffic congestion, could also be the cause of low use of public transport as routes became financially unsustainable.
- The building trade was one in which where sensible action would lead to improved practices. Building Inspectors training should incorporate appropriate guidance on climate change issues.
- When considering applications for the development of land, permissions should be conditioned so that climate change issues are intrinsic to the way building is carried out.
- Greater provision for cycle parking should be used as an encouragement to cyclists, particularly in public places such as shopping areas, pubs and places of entertainments.
- Car Clubs should also be encouraged.
- Public buildings should review use of insulation, heating and other equipment to achieve savings on carbon emissions.
- Street lighting timing should be reviewed to reduce energy costs and light pollution.
- The Council's approach to car free developments was to be commended and applied more widely and stringently.
- Consultation should be carried out to find out the extent of people's likely commitment to achieve reduction in carbon emissions and other related issues.
- Cllr Nimmo-Smith (Leader of the Council) said that he saw the growth of the City as an opportunity to introduce and facilitate some of the ideas being discussed. Ideally, people should be able to live nearer their place of work.
- Cambridgeshire was reputed to be the least 'treed' county, a situation that the city could do something to help remedy.
- The Chair said that the issues affecting climate change could be mitigated by the personal choice of individuals. He saw the Council's duty as giving them sufficient information to help them make the right choices and ensure that its own practices and policies were in order.

Simon Chubb said that the discussion had been helpful and encouraging. It was likely that he would be asked to speak to other Area Committees and some of the issues raised at this meeting were achievable by the Council and others would require a wider approach.

07/29 Applications for Planning Permission

At the beginning of this item Councillor Bradnack said that he would not be taking part in the determination of planning applications, as it would inhibit his ability to represent residents in his ward.

He felt that he lacked expertise in planning matters and that the members of the Planning

Committee had acquired such expertise and was the proper body to consider applications. Cllrs Benstead withdrew from participation in the Committee except as indicated where he acted as a ward councillor representing residents of his ward, and sat with the public.

Cllrs Sadiq and Walker said that as they had only recently been elected, they had not had the training necessary to consider applications and would not sit on the committee but observe until they had received the appropriate training.

Full details of the decisions, conditions of permissions and reasons for refusal may be inspected in the Environment and Planning Department, including those which the committee delegated to the Head of Development Control to draw up.

These minutes should be read in conjunction with the reports on applications to the committee, where the conditions to the approved applications or reasons for refusal are set out in full and with the Amendment Sheet issued at the meeting. Any amendments to the recommendations are shown.

9.1

Application No 07/288/FUL
Site Unit 2A and 2B Beehive Centre, Coldhams Lane
Proposal Change of use from retail (Use Class A1) to retail (Use Class A1) and Assembly and Leisure (Use Class Leisure D2), provision of a plant room, variation of permitted goods to be sold include sports related clothing and goods and minor elevational alterations.
Recommendation Approve subject to common ground being found about the section 106 agreement
Applicant The Beehive Centre Cambridge Ltd.
Public Speakers Dr Harmke Kamminga (resident), Mr N Goldsmith (for applicant), Cllr Bradnack (Ward Cllr)
Decision **Approved**, by 3 votes to 0, subject to:
the conditions and informatives set out in the officers' report and the completion of the Section 106 Agreement which is to stipulate that the existing JJB unit (no. 8) be actively marketed to the satisfaction of the local planning authority for 9 months as 'fettered' before it can be marketed as unfettered.

9.2

Application No 07/0143/FUL
Site 95 Tenison Road
Proposal Change of Use from offices into eight flats and rear second floor extension
Recommendation Approve, subject to completion of a S106 agreement by 30 June 2007
Applicant EBF Ltd, 95 Tension Road
Public Speakers -
Decision **Approved**, by 3 votes to 0, subject to
the conditions and informatives set out in the report and to the satisfactory completion of the s106 agreement by 30 June 2007.
Refusal: Unless prior agreement has been obtained from the Head of Development Services, and the Chair and Spokesperson of this Committee to extend the period for completion of the Planning Obligation required in connection with this development, if the Obligation has not been completed by 30 June 2007, the application will be **refused** for the reason set out in the report. *The applicant had advised that the Section 106 Agreement had been completed.*

The meeting finished at 10.10pm