

Minutes & Actions

Councillors Present

Abbey: John Durrant, Caroline Hart

Coleridge: Jeremy Benstead, Lewis Herbert, Tariq Sadiq

Petersfield: Kevin Blencowe, Ben Bradnack, Lucy Walker

Romsey: Sarah Ellis-Miller, Raj Shah

County Councillors: Nichola Harrison (Petersfield), Alice Douglas (Romsey)

Before the meeting representatives of groups in receipt of grants met members and attended an exhibition related to their activities.

The Committee heard brief presentations from representatives from Romsey Mill and Directions Plus.

07/41 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 12 July 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

07/42 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- 07/38 Concentration of Health and Social Care Facilities in the East Area

A question had been submitted relating to progress following the resolution made by the Committee at its last meeting on the contract for the Drug Dependency Unit. Cllr Bradnack confirmed that he had followed it through with members of the County Council and although no action was forthcoming yet, in fact it had somehow been referred back to the Police to deal with, County Cllr Ballard had undertaken to pursue it further. The Committee Manager said that he had followed the officer route and referred the resolution to PCT officers.

Further progress would be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

- Young People's Themed Meeting

Cllr Blencowe asked whether any progress had been made on arranging a meeting with the theme related to Young People's Issues.

The Committee Manager said that there was a suggestion under discussion for an item to come to all area committee meetings on this issue in view of the interest. Further information would be reported at the next meeting. Members recalled that delegates from the Young Persons' Jury had previously attended East Area Committee and had contributed to discussions.

07/43 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:
City Cllrs Lynn and Smart
County Cllrs Ballard, and Sales.

07/44 Declarations of Interest

Councillor	Community Development Grant Apps	Nature of Interest
Durrant	East Barnwell Friendship Club	Treasurer of the Club

07/45 Neighbourhood Policing Profile

Inspector Jonathan Hutchinson introduced the Neighbourhood Profile by the Policing Team for the East Area as part of the Constabulary's strategy for neighbourhood policing. He reported on the statistics gathered which reflected the level of crime and disorder in the 4 wards in the East. The report contained a summary and the crime context of each ward.

Inspector Hutchinson spoke to the profile and referred to the recommendations for prioritising police activity. He responded to a number of questions on a wide range of topics related to policing issues. These included:

- The benefit of otherwise of having a DPPO in operation.
- Provision of secure accommodation for cycles.
- Cyclists using pavements where there is no provision for a cycle lane.
- The increase in crime during the periods of the Midsummer Fair and Strawberry Fair were held.
- The effect of the Fairs on the residents in Chesterton.
- The number of £30 fines issued to offending cyclists.
- The age range of cyclist using pavements illegally, without lights or generally not observing traffic regulations or using common sense.
- The poor state of lighting in the Barnwell Road subway and its general inadequate maintenance. (*A matter for the City Council rather than the Police.*)
- Damage to headstones and crosses in Mill Road Cemetery during the Big Day Out. Other instances of vandalism in the area attributable to people attending the events.
- Were Midsummer Fair and Strawberry Fair still viable events, given the amount of problems associated with them.
- The need to include Vinery Road as a hot-spot worthy of additional attention by the Police.
- The effect of displacing street life people to by extending the S.30 areas.
- The need for a provision of a wet centre to provide a service for those street life people with alcohol related problems.
- The Leader of the Council had given an undertaken to look at the possibility of a wet centre at the Committee's last meeting.
- If the street life people were excluded from the areas they use, they would need to be provided with an acceptable place to congregate in.

- Budleigh Close was being used by the street life and would benefit from regular police patrol.
- Cyclist crime and crime on cyclists were twin priorities that should be taken up.
- The need for the declaration of a DPPO to deal with the street life problems was as apparent as ever and the police had expressed their support for its deceleration. It was difficult to understand why the Council was hesitant to do so.

The Committee considered the recommendations for prioritising the crime and disorder issues which had been highlighted in the Profile and agreed the following:

1. Streetlife related ASB in Mill Road to continue as a priority
2. Youth related ASB in Abbey and in Ditton Fields and Thorpe Way in particular to remain as a priority.
3. Cycle crime to remain as a priority, particularly targeted around preventative work with new students coming to the City.
4. Violent crime related to the night time economy in the Petersfield ward.

The following priority was added during discussion:

5. Streetlife related ASB in Budleigh Close.

07/46 Open Forum

Q1 Residents Parking Meeting: A recent meeting of residents on parking issues in Romsey had highlighted issues which needed attention. How could the residents be assured they would be taken into account?

A The Chair said that although the Committee did not have a note of the meeting referred to, members would be willing to take up issues to the Area Joint Committee, the Highways officers or the County Council as appropriate. A report on the County's parking policy was on the agenda, although no officers were present, and it was understood that the County would be circulating another report to a subsequent meeting and officers would be present to respond to comments.

Q2 Timing of Meeting: The Open Forum was held too late during the meeting and prevented residents from asking questions.

A The Chair sympathised with the resident's comments, and said that others had said much the same outside the meeting. He would take this into account when agreeing the Agenda.

Q3 Mobile CCTV Unit: The CCTV unit was to be moved away, was it not time for a permanent unit to be sited in the area.

A The location of the mobile unit was agreed by a working party of members to ensure equitable distribution.

Q4 St Matthew's Piece: There had been a meeting among the principals about the Piece which had not reached a conclusion. The residents had not been invited to attend and the situation remained confused. Both the County and City Councils had

behaved disgracefully in not being able to resolve the situation, and observe the residents' desire for the Piece to be returned to public use. PACT was to make an application for funding to support purchase of the site for community use.

A The members could not add anything to the comments by the residents other than to say that they understood the two councils continued to disagree. The Chair said that he would ask that the situation continued to be monitored and a formal report be made, when appropriate, to a subsequent meeting.

07/47 Licensing Reform – Public Consultation on the Review of the Statement of Licensing Policy and the Inclusion of a Cumulative Impact Policy

The City Council's Licensing Officer said that the Licensing Act 2003 required each Council to produce, adopt and publish a statement of licensing policy, stating how it would administer its duties. The policy had to be reviewed at least every three years and consulted upon prior to it being adopted. The current policy expired on 6 January 2008.

The purpose of the report was to inform the Area Committee of the redrafted policy as a part of the public consultation process and to request feedback on its content, prior to the drawing up of a final policy. A draft of the amended Statement of Licensing Policy was attached as Appendix A of the report.

The consultation also included a request from Cambridgeshire Constabulary, attached as Appendix B, for the inclusion of a cumulative impact policy within the statement of licensing policy, relating to two defined areas, one in the city centre, the other at the Cambridge Leisure Park site (old Cattle Market).

The Police's Licensing Officer said that the Police would be submitting a further request for another defined area to be considered within a cumulative impact policy. This covered the Mil Road area.

The Officers pointed out that because of the legislation the addition of the third area would involve a separate consultation process and could not be incorporated in the current process. Residents were reminded that they could comment on new or variations of existing Licence applications.

Members said that the Police had frequently indicated the need for residents to report incidents to provide evidence of vandalism and other problems. The problems occurred in the residential areas around Mill Road and it was essential that residents report problems so that Police could properly assess the available evidence.

The Committees noted the amended draft Statement of Licensing Policy for public consultation, including consultation on the adoption of a cumulative impact policy and invited residents to submit any comments to the Licensing Officer before 24 September 2007 (the end of the consultation period).

07/48 Community Development and Leisure Grants 2007- 08

This report reminded members of the process for the allocation of grants, confirmed the funds available (Community development: £ 8,378) and sought approval for applications.

Agreed: that the following be approved

Group	Project	Bid £	Offer £
Friends of Mill Road Cemetery	Insurance. Repairs	1191	1191
Romsey Mill	Romsey Coleridge youth group	3614	3614
See Saw Play group	Toys and equipment	1012	1012
<i>Total</i>		5817	5817

07/49 Update on Environmental Improvements Programme

The Landscape Architect reported that the Committee's remaining budget in this financial year was £183,184.70.

The Committee considered reports on the schemes in hand and the following recommendations:

- Norfolk Street/East Road Planting: To approve extra costs of £2,200 for surfacing and planting.
- Norfolk Street Cycle Racks: To approve costs of £500 for incorporation of 6 cycle stands.
- Pinch Points: To approve recommendations on individual sites and average costs of £250 per site (£1,750 in total).
- New projects: To consider and approve and prioritise the new projects listed in the report.
- Mobility Crossings:
 - Abbey Road,
 - Junction of Glisson Road/Hills Road,
 - Vinery Road to recreation Ground
 - Junction of Harvey Road/Gresham Road
- Cycle Parking: To approve cycle parking at
 - Gwydir Street
 - Kingston Street

Agreed: that the following schemes be approved

Newmarket Road: Central Reservation

Costs £50,000 - £75,000 Low Priority

Staffordshire Street: Parking laybys and tree planting

Costs £25,000 - £35,000 High Priority

Devonshire Road

Costs £5,000 - £8,000 High Priority

St Margaret's Square

Costs £3,000 High Priority

Coldhams Common - Coldhams Brook path and planting	Costs £20,000 - £30,000	Medium Priority
Ditton Lane Shops: Forecourt	Costs £3,000 - £5,000	High Priority
Cromwell Road: traffic calming	Costs £60,000 - £75,000	Low Priority
Mill Road Broadway: resurfacing, seating, cycle racks.	Costs £80,000 - £110,000	Medium Priority
Mill Road Bath House car park: resurfacing	Completed	
Cut Throat Lane (Elfreda Rd to Newmarket Rd): private road resurfacing	Costs £65,000 - £80,000	Low Priority
Brampton/Cromwell Road: resurfacing service roads	Costs £100,000 - £150,000	Low Priority
Peverell Road: traffic calming	Costs £100,000 - £300,000	Low Priority
Whitehill Road: traffic calming	Costs £100,000 - £300,000	Low Priority
Gwydir Street: Cycle Parking	Costs £1,000 – £2,000	High Priority
Kingston Street: Cycle Parking	Costs £1,000 – £2,000	High Priority

07/40 Parking Policy Review

On 28 February 2006, the County Council's Cabinet had considered a report on the Cambridgeshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2006-11 and associated transport strategy issues. The report described the work being done to develop a long-term transport strategy for the county and highlighted the need to review parking policy. Members of the AJC had suggested that Area Committees also consider the report and be invited to comment on the review.

Members said that they would prefer to consider firm proposals relating to their specific area.

07/41 Applications for Planning Permission

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.

At the beginning of this item some Members said that they would not be taking part in the determination of planning applications as it would inhibit their ability to represent residents

in their ward. They felt that they 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.

Present:

Cllrs Durrant (Chair), Blencowe, Ellis-Miller, Hart, Herbert, Shah and Walker remained at the meeting to determine the following planning applications.

1

Application No 07/0749/REM
Site 98 Ditton Walk Cambridge
Proposal Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of six residential units.
Recommendation Approve, subject to conditions
Applicant T And I Services Ltd
Public Speakers T Scarff (Applicant)
Decision **Approved**, by 7 votes to 0, subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the report.

2

Application No 07/0746/FUL
Site 172 - 174 Mill Road Cambridge
Proposal Enclose ground floor car parking to form flat. Add rear stairwell and create flats from existing bedsits.
Recommendation Approve, subject to conditions
Applicant PGB Builders Ltd
Public Speakers -
Decision **Deferred**, by 4 votes to 3, for further consideration of the loss of parking to service the previous permission and a legal opinion about the conditions attached to that 1992 permission.

3

Application No 07/0787/FUL
Site 65 Norfolk Street Cambridge
Proposal Erection of three flats to the rear of nos 63 and 65 Norfolk Street (fronting Blossom Street), roof extension to no. 65 Norfolk Street with front and side dormers and alteration to existing dwelling and internal alterations to shop.
Recommendation Approve subject to conditions and completion of a unilateral undertaking by 6 September 2007
Applicant Mrs L Boughey
Public Speakers Mr B Wilson (Agent for applicant)
Decision **Approved**, by 6 votes to 0, subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the report and to the satisfactory completion of the unilateral undertaking by 6 September 2007.
Refused 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 unilateral undertaking has not been completed by 6 September 2007, the application be refused for the reason(s) set out in the report.

The meeting finished at 11.00pm