

Minutes & Actions

Councillors Present:

Abbey: John Durrant, Caroline Hart

Coleridge: Jeremy Benstead, Lewis Herbert, Tariq Sadiq

Petersfield: Kevin Blencowe, Ben Bradnack, Lucy Walker

Romsey: Raj Shah, Catherine Smart

County Councillors: Alice Douglas (Romsey) and Martin Ballard (Coleridge)

Also present: Councillor Sian Reid (for the item on the County Council Transport Strategy Proposals)

08/14 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting on 1 November 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

08/15 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

- **Closure of Riverside and Environmental Improvements (10 January 2008)**

The Cambridge Traffic Management Area Joint Committee (AJC) had addressed these issues on 28 January 2008. The AJC had supported the closure of Riverside to motor vehicles. Other related issues remained to be resolved on the extent of the closures and the adjacent Abbey Road.

Dinah Foley-Norman reported on the discussion of the Environmental Improvement proposals at Riverside which were to be brought for consultation to the East and West/Central Area Committees, a proposal that the work be carried out over three years was felt to be unacceptable by the Committee.

- **Contract for Adult Treatment Services**

Following a resolution by the Committee to the County Council and the PCT, Tom Jefford from the County Council had been invited to report on the results of the letting contract for adult treatment services in Mill Road Pharmacy. He said that the contract had been awarded to Adaction from 1 April and described the extent of the new contract.

The Chair commented that the result seemed to be in the best interests of the residents and the recipients of the services and he welcomed Mr Jefford's to

report to a meeting of the Committee later in the year once the new contract had been implemented.

08/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from City Councillors Sarah Ellis-Miller, Lynn and Shah, and County Councillors Harrison and Sales.

08/16 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Durrant declared a Code of Conduct Personal Interest in relation to his involvement with the East Barnwell Centre which had made an application under the Community Development and Leisure Grants 2007-08 and 2008-09 item (see minute 07/22 below). He took no part in the determination of the application, did not vote on it and Cllr Blencowe chaired the meeting for the consideration of this application.

08/17 Applications for Planning Permission

Applications for planning permission were to be heard at a meeting of the Committee at St Philips Church on Thursday 6 March; following which a further meeting of the Committee was needed because of the number of applications awaiting determination. It was agreed that this meeting should be held on Wednesday 12 March at 7.30pm at the Guildhall.

08/18 Congestion Charging – County Council Transport Strategy Proposals

A display illustrating the County Council's Transport Strategy Proposals had been mounted before the meeting of the Committee with officers on hand to respond to residents and members' questions and comments on the proposals.

At the meeting County Councillor Pegram, Mr Paul Cook and Mr Richard Preston presented the County Council's proposals more fully, emphasising that no decisions had as yet been made; the intention was to consult as widely as possible on the proposals. These included the implementation of a scheme for congestion charging within the City. They then responded to questions and comments from the residents and members; these included:

- Opinion polls carried out in some European Cities where congestion charge was implemented were 60;40 against. Subsequently when polls were carried out after congestion charge was implemented public opinion changed in favour of congestion charging.
- The feasibility of introducing the scheme for charging, only after other methods of reducing congestion had been implemented and had failed to do so.
- The loss of government funding if the scheme fails to be implemented.
- The recognition of the growth in the area and the need to provide a

Countywide transport network given the nature of the City's impact on the existing roads.

- The lack of an internal orbital road in Cambridge resulting in the public transport being unable to serve users wanting journeys across the city rather than via the centre.
- The need to include some form of differential charging within the congestion charging system for city residents, disabled people and other categories of road users.
- The analysis of the various journeys undertaken involving the city, showing that a large proportion were through the central area.
- The need to take account of development in the City and on its fringes, particularly for this Committee the Marshall's Airport proposals.
- The existing problem of congestion in the Newmarket Road area, primarily at weekends and in the evenings.
- The difference in emphasis between the County Council's and the City Council's concerns about the need for an immediate solution.
- The possibility of moving the retail growth from the Newmarket Road out of the city.
- The need for reducing school runs by providing better transport for schoolchildren and the public and providing new more local schools to cut down on journey times.
- The proposals for East Cambridge needed review, the amount of housing was too great for the transport infrastructure unless a much more radical approach for its provision was adopted.
- The lack of available information so that residents and public could consider the full range of issues involved.
- The timetable for the implementation of the proposals once decided.
- Given that East Cambridge (Marshall's Airport site) would provide a further focus for transport was there sufficient infrastructure planned to service all the residential centres and centres of commercial activity.
- The need to consider the fundamental purpose of Cambridge and to plan for its future beyond its transport needs and regarding it as a dormitory for London.
- The timing of the implantation of the congestion charges and the actual times during the day it will be operated.
- Given the current shortfall in funding for minor road improvements, how practical were these long term proposals.
- The County Council's options paper on these proposals was available on its website together with a wealth of other information to enable County residents to consider the issue in depth.

The Chair thanked the County Council's representatives for responding to questions and giving so much detail. Cllr Pegram invited all residents and members to be involved in the consultation and complete the questionnaire provided or submit comments on the proposals.

08/19 Neighbourhood Policing

Sergeant Simon Cross said that the main crime type to emerge as an issue during the period was theft from motor vehicles, with 99 occurring across the neighbourhood. Each of the wards recorded an increase in theft from vehicles, both when compared to the same period last year and when compared to the 4 months prior to this update. Anti social behaviour has largely followed seasonal trends across the neighbourhood, however youth related anti social behaviour remains problematical at several sites.

He invited comments and questions from the public which included:

- The extent of the powers available to Police under the S30 Disposal Orders
- Advice on how the public should react when confronted by or involved in an incident with streetlife people
- The recent attacks on the boat community at Riverside and Stourbridge Common
- The prosecution of an off-licence at Mill Road resulting in a 3 month suspension, could these type of incidents be taken on board by the Council who now granted licences. What other powers were available to the Police and other agencies.
- Was it possible to identify the source of alcohol supplied to substance users and young people
- Concerns of elderly or vulnerable residents about young people congregating near shops and obstructing pavements.
- Concerns of young people about being safe in public places.
- The need to provide young people with some form of meaningful activity so that they can avoid getting into more serious trouble.
- Recognition that young people were drawn to activities that might not always be acceptable to the rest of the community.
- The loss of facilities such as the Howard Mallet Club, and provision by the city council's Community Development Department
- The parsimony of the County in youth provision.

Agreed

The following issues were identified for action:

- Theft from and damage to motor vehicles across the neighbourhood to be considered as a neighbourhood priority
- Youth related anti social behaviour around the Coleridge hotspot
- Anti social behaviour in Thorpe Way and Jack Warren Green

08/20 Licensing Act 2003 – Consultation on Cumulative Impact Zone in Mill Road

The City Council's Licensing Officer spoke to the consultation paper issued in respect of the request by the Police for the addition of a Cumulative Impact Zone to the City Council's Licensing Policy. She invited residents to comment on the proposals contained in the Police's letter which would subsequently be considered, with comments received from the public, by the Council before adoption.

Members and residents made a number of comments to which the Licensing Officer responded, among these were:

- The extent of the map shown with the letter from the Police and whether the reference to Mill Road was meant to include Brookfield which was a continuation of Mill Road to the Ring Road.
- The need for a wider consideration of a Cumulative Impact Zone incorporating the centre of the City including the Hills Road/Cherry Hinton Road area.
- The need to comply with the requirements of the legislation on the consultation process, any proposals had to be supported by evidence.
- Did the reference to Mill Road include premises set back from the Road, for example, the Empress.

Agreed that the Licensing Officer seek clarification from the Police about the extent of the Cumulative Impact Zone in relation to Mill Road and whether it was their intention to include Brookfield.

08/21 Open Forum

Q1 Sale of Cut Price Alcohol on Mill Road

In a recent letter to the CEN, Cllr Sadiq expressed concern at Tesco's policy of selling cut price alcohol, which exacerbates the local problem of anti social behaviour caused by under age drinking. Do councillors agree that supermarkets should take responsibility for this problem, and that it would be unwise to encourage the availability of cheap alcohol on Mill Road by allowing another supermarket to open?

In responding to the question members and officers made the following points:

- Cllr Sadiq confirmed his continued support for the view he had expressed.
- The introduction of the Mill Road Cumulative Impact Zone, if adopted as part of the Council's Licensing Policy, would have an impact on any potential new licensee in the Mill Road area or an existing licensed business seeking to

amend its conditions.

- Outside a Cumulative Impact Zone, the presumption was for the grant of a Licence; within a Zone the presumption was reversed and the application for a new licensed premises or extension of existing opening hours would have to be based on evidence of need provided by the applicant.

Q2 Application on the former Howard Mallet Site

Was there any further information on the situation concerning the public space and the planning application on this site?

Members responded as follows:

- It was understood that the principle of the purchase of the land in dispute on the site had not been accepted and that the discussion was still continuing. An estimate of the value of the land had been made but the applicants, Citilife, had been disappointed that their recent application had not been approved. They were happy to discuss the situation.
- PACT had put forward a suggestion that S106 funding be sought, but that the disputed ownership issue still had not been resolved.
- There remained a number of funding issues and continuing costs which would also need to be resolved.

A resident commented that the two authorities should seek to reconcile their differences over the ownership for the good of the residents and future users of this important green space.

08/22 Community Development and Leisure Grants 2007-08 and 2008-09

This report by the Grants Officer reminded members of the process for the allocation of Community Development and Leisure grants by Area Committees; confirms the funds available and set out details of the grant applications.

Agreed that the following grants be made:

1) Community Development applications 2007/08 available)			(£2961	
	Group	Project	Bid £	Grant £
CD10	East Barnwell Community Centre	Fridge/freezer	350	350
CD11	Forget Me Not Club	Trip	450	450
CD4/ 2	Petersfield Area Community Trust	Leaflet	242	242
			Total	1042
			Remaining	1919

2) Community Development applications 2008/09 (€23,400 available)

	Group	Project	Bid	Grant €
CD1	East Barnwell Friendship Group	Bury St Edmunds Trip	€280	€250
CD2	Forget Me Not Club	Trips	€1250	€950
CD3	Romsey Mill	Coleridge Year 7 girls post transfer	1626	5946
		Post transitions group	4758	
		Buddy/mentor scheme for	1828	
		Coleridge transfer	5221	
		Romsey Open	3338	
		Mike		
		Hysteria Dance group		
		Total	18,301	7,146

3) Leisure, Sport and Arts Budget 2007/08 Note no Applications (€ 5,320 available)

4) Leisure, Sport and Arts Budget 2008-09 (€ 5320 available)

	Group	Project	Bid €	Grant €
L 1	Classworks Theatre Company	Youth theatre group (Coleridge)	2500	2000
L2	Romsey Mill	Abbey music group	3024	2000
		Total	4000	

08/23 Environmental Improvements Programme

The Landscape Officer reported on the status of projects in the Environmental Improvements Programme; a number of these required approval of expenditure.

Agreed

1. Elizabeth Way Underpass: Costs of €7,250
(A further bid of €7,250 would be made to West/Central Area Committee to meet the full cost of €14,500).
2. Norfolk Street Cycle Parking: Design and costs of €900.
3. Mill Road Hanging Baskets: Costs of €6,400.
4. Kingston Street Cycle Parking: Design and costs of €7,000.
5. Budleigh Close: Design and costs of €3,600.
6. Mobility Crossings: Costs of €2,450.
7. Pinch Points: Action and Costs of €750

08/24S106 Growth Projects - Scoring Report Update

Further to consideration of the report on 10 January 2008 (minute 08/5 refers), at a subsequent Community Services Committee on 17 January to which the recommendations had been submitted, East Area Committee was asked to review the decision made in January. The Head of Active Communities had amended the recommendations as follows:

Following a meeting of the East Area Committee on the 10th January 2008, the Recreation Officer for Growth Projects is tabling the following amendments to the report.

a) Open Space and Recreation project ideas for the East Area, have now been approved by East Area Committee.

b) The project ideas for 'Inclusive Fitness Gym @ Abbey Pools' and 'Improve Abbey Pools Changing areas' are considered Citywide projects and have been moved to that category.

c) The project ideas to 'Create Community Woodland Area @ Barnwell West' and 'Improvements & Increase Coldhams Common Local Nature Reserve' have been included in the East Area list.

d) The existing projects in the East Area list have been amended to withdraw the Historic Simoco projects over to the North List.

These are;

Tennis Court (E026/A PLS)

Skate park facilities (E026/C PLS)

Informal Games Area (E026/C PLS)

Extend Logan's Meadow LNR (E026/D PLS)

e) The East Area amended project list is as follows-

- 1 RC018-1007 Multi Sports surface at Cambridge Leisure Park
- 2 RC12 - Play & Provision to Romsey Recreation Ground
- 3 E29/B - Community Sports Centre
- 4 RC03,04,05,06 - Increase Play equipment at Sleaford St
- 5 RC11 - Improvements to St Barnabas Play Area
- 6 RC13 - Goal Posts & Lights on Ditton Fields Rec
- 7 RC010 - Extra Tennis Court on Coleridge Rec
- 8 PL001 - Put football goals on Tiverton Way
- 9 BD003 - Create Community Woodland Area @ Barnwell West
- 10 BD002 - Improvements & Increase Coldhams Common LNR

Members pointed out that the schemes listed as 4, 6 and 8 could be achieved more quickly than others, which required more preparatory work and suggested

the simpler schemes be given greater priority.

Agreed

i The Open Space and Recreation S106 programme for developments in the East area of the City be prioritised as follows;

- 1 PL001 - Put football goals on Tiverton Way
- 2 RC13 - Goal Posts & Lights on Ditton Fields Rec
- 3 RC03,04,05,06 - Increase Play equipment at Sleaford St
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Park
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West

ii 9 BD002 - Improvements & Increase Coldhams Common LNR

The following project be deleted from the list. (Minor works to be carried out shortly from existing maintenance budgets would meet the identified improvement.

RC11 - Improvements to St Barnabas Play Area.

CHAIR