

Compton and Peverell Area Committee

Monday 22 March 2010

PRESENT:

Councillor Dr. Mahony, in the Chair.
Councillors Ball, Martin Leaves and Mrs Nicholson.

Co-opted Representatives: Commander P Searle, Mr R Wheeler and Mrs M White

Apologies for absence: Councillors Fry, Stark and Mr H R M Clifton

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 8.20 pm.

Note: At the meeting on 26 April 2010, City Council will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

47. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2010 are approved as a correct record.

48. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

Local Environment Fund

Members commented that the Local Environment Fund monies had been spent as follows –

- (i) Peverell Ward –
 - the avenue of trees planted in Pounds Park were to be extended;
- (ii) Compton Ward –
 - the replacement of trees in Thorn Park;
 - the planting of trees on the green in Kneele Gardens, Hartley Vale.

49. POLICING ISSUES AND PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT) PRIORITIES

A representative from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary addressed the Committee about policing issues and Partnerships and Communities Together (PACT) Priorities.

With regard to the priorities for Peverell –

- (i) efforts had been made to monitor the use of mini moto's on Peverell Park Road and move the drivers on where possible;
- (ii) there had been four instances of criminal damage within Central Park over the past three months, including arson at the sheds of the allotment. To combat this issue the Police had -
 - increased patrols within Central Park;

- seized alcohol and moved young people on;
- been working closely with the allotment officer and the Allotment Watch.

Other issues discussed during the PACT priorities item for Peverell were –

- (iii) that for the past three months up until January 31 2010 anti-social behaviour had remained similar, whilst recorded crime had been reduced by 30 per cent compared to statistics collated from the same period last year;
- (iv) parking outside of Hyde Park School was being monitored with those motorist's parked on the School Keep Clear lines being asked to move on;
- (v) following reports of obstructive parking, increased monitoring had been undertaken at Weston Park Road;
- (vi) at present there had been no issues raised following the closure of Mutley Plain to motorist's.

With regard to the priorities for Compton –

- (vii) the local PCSO had been undertaking high visibility foot patrols in the area and monitoring the parking on Revel Road;
- (viii) the local PCSO had been undertaking high visibility foot patrols and had been disposing of alcohol, particularly around Hartley Park;
- (ix) vehicles parking dangerously or causing obstruction outside Compton Primary School had been asked to move on.

It was also reported that –

- (x) between November 2009 and January 2010 anti-social behaviour had been reduced by 40 per cent compared to statistics from the same period last year.

With regard to the priorities for Hartley and Mannamead –

- (xi) road monitoring on Torr Lane had been undertaken by local PCSOs in relation to road safety;
- (xii) it was believed that the issue of parking outside Kings School had now been resolved.

It was also reported that –

- (xiii) between November 2009 and January 2010 anti-social behaviour had been reduced by 38 per cent compared to statistics from the same period last year.

In response to questions raised it was reported that –

- (xiv) the problem with cars for sale on Egguckland Road had re-appeared;
- (xv) the police representative would ask the PCSO to monitor the parking situation on Revel Road on a Thursday morning, as this was reportedly when it was at its worst;
- (xvi) the police were currently undertaking an exercise with the local community in

order to ascertain the latest PACT priorities.

Resolved that with regard to (xii) above, Councillor Ball would take this matter up and obtain a response for the member of public.

The Police Officer's were thanked for their attendance.

50. **LOCALITY WORKING: NEXT STEPS**

The Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance and the Business Support Officer (Community Services) presented a report on locality working and informed the Committee that –

- (i) the principal of locality working was endorsed by the City Council in February and would be launched in early June 2010;
- (ii) the purpose of locality working was to improve public engagement and improve the way in which service providers worked together;
- (iii) Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings would be used as the principle forum in which residents would be able to make their views known about service provision. However, the format of PACT meetings may vary between different neighbourhoods;
- (iv) locality working would aim to build links in the neighbourhoods between resident groups, schools and youth forums to improve community engagement;
- (v) although Area Committees had ceased there would still be numerous opportunities for residents to have contact with ward councillors, through PACT meetings, ward surgeries and local resident association meetings.

In response to questions raised, Members heard further that –

- (vi) the boundaries for locality working had been agreed, however, it was possible that the boundaries may change in the future after the effects of locality working had been reviewed;
- (vii) although co-opted members would no longer have a role in local area meetings, it was felt that they should be invited to PACT meetings as they would be ideal neighbourhood representatives.

In addition to the above, members raised concerns that –

- (viii) a lack of advertisement in the local press had contributed to a lack of attendance at Area Committee's;
- (ix) pre-meetings for future PACT meetings had been arranged in Compton ward and the Hartley end of Peverell Ward without consultation with ward councillors;
- (x) the locality which contained Compton and Peverell was too big and issues concerning these areas were not relevant to areas across the Parkway such as Woolwell or Glenholt.

The Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance and the Business Support Officer (Community Services) were thanked for their attendance.

51. **EDUCATION FACILITIES**

A report was submitted advising the Committee of the planned investment in education facilities in the Compton and Peverell wards within the Financial Year 2010 /2011.

The report was noted.

52. **HIGHWAYS WORKS**

The Committee received a report on pedestrian refuge and traffic calming in the Compton and Peverell wards.

It was commented that –

- (i) the Hyde Park Road and Peverell Park Road improvements had been undertaken prior to members being consulted;
- (ii) members had not received any consultation on the Beacon Park Road improvements, although, it was noted that the effect was greater on the Ham ward than the Peverell ward;
- (iii) the report failed to mention the improvement works at Ford Park Road, which some members had not been consulted on and these were now complete;
- (iv) the road markings by Somerfield on Mutley Plain were extremely poor and were, in fact, a danger to road users.

Resolved that a letter be sent to the Cabinet Member for Transport and the AD for Transport explaining that the committee felt that the report received is neither comprehensible nor factual and request that a reply is provided to all six members informing them as to why traffic related improvement works were being undertaken without consultation.

53. **STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING - RENUMBERING OF FLATS 3, 6 AND 8 SEYMOUR ROAD, MANNAMEAD, PLYMOUTH**

The Director for Corporate Support submitted a report advising the renumbering of flats 3, 6 and 8 Seymour Road, Mannamead.

The report was noted.

54. **QUESTION TIME FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A member of the public put a question forward in relation to the increased level of potholes in many of the streets within Compton, particularly Reservoir Road and Compton Avenue;

Members advised that the Council's website contained a pothole reporting section.

Resolved that Councillor Ball would take this matter up and obtain a response for the member of the public.