

Drake, Efford & Lipson and Sutton & Mount Gould Area Committee

Thursday 21 January 2010

PRESENT:

Councillor Rennie, in the Chair.
Councillor Fox, Vice Chair.
Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ricketts and Vincent.

Co-opted Representatives: Mohamed El M'Hamdi, Sally Anne Parkes, Mike Smith and John Truscott

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs Nelder

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 7.10 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee 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.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the code of conduct.

39. MINUTES

The Committee considered the accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th October 2010.

It was commented by Councillor Vincent that parking issues in Salcombe Road, Chudleigh Road and Old Laira Road had been included on future agenda items for the next meeting and did not appear on the committees agenda.

The Chair read an email from the Assistant Director for Development and Regeneration it was reported that –

- (i) A request was received, initially from Councillor. Kerswell and then residents to consider a residents parking zone covering Salcombe Road. This was considered as part of a six monthly review in September 2009.
- (ii) Current priorities on implementing such schemes must relate to the primary outcomes of the local transport Plan. The provision of a local residents parking scheme, whilst important to local residents does not meet the wider strategic requirements of the local transport Plan and thus the funding allocated to it at this moment in time.

Resolved that -

1. The minutes of the meeting held on the 29 October 2009 be approved as a correct record;
2. that the assistant director for development and regeneration contact Councillor. Vincent regarding his concerns

40. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

41. **POLICING ISSUES AND POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT) PRIORITIES**

Resolved that in the absence of Police representatives at the committee a strongly worded letter is written to the BCU Commander and Chief constable highlighting the committees commitment to partnership working and expressing disappointment at lack of Police Officer attendance.

42. **COUNCIL PRIORITIES REVIEW**

The Committee received an interactive presentation on the council's review of priorities.

In response to questions it was reported that –

- (i) There were difficult decisions to make in funding priorities, all of the information collected at Area Committees and other consultation events would be considered in the corporate programme which is fed back through the political process as funding of priorities was ultimately a political decision.

43. **EASTERN CORRIDOR UPDATE**

The Committee noted the update paper on the Eastern Corridor.

44. **UPDATE ON SCHOOL 20 MPH ZONE**

The Committee noted the update paper on schools 20 MPH zones.

45. **LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FUND**

The Committee Chair gave an update on how Local Environment Fund Monies had been spent, it was reported that –

- (i) Councillors Fox and Ricketts of Drake Ward had spent money on a number of high quality railing installations;
- (ii) Money had been provided to the friends of Freedom Fields Park from a Member for Sutton and Mount Gould ward allowing the community to set up a number of well attended events in the park

The Committee Chair highlighted that under spend from last years budget had been brought forward thanks to the work of the Cabinet member for Finance, Property, People, and Governance. The Chair suggested that the monies could be pooled and provided to two youth projects in Efford and Mutley/Greenbank.

Resolved that –

1. LEF funds are provided to the two youth projects in Mutley Greenbank and Efford;
2. that representatives from the Youth Projects provide a progress report to the committee in the autumn.

46. **CYCLING ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS - GLEN PARK AVENUE**

The Committee considered recommendations on cycling accessibility improvements on Glen Park Avenue. It was reported that –

- (i) The original vehicle prohibition was put in place to deal with 'rat running' in the area;

- (ii) as a major pedestrian route into the city centre the scheme includes dropped curbs for the mobility impaired;
- (iii) this is a part of a wider programme of cycling accessibility improvements.

Resolved - to approve the recommendations within the report.

47. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Resolved that the following agenda items be included on the agenda of a future meeting.

- (i) A representative from the Highway Authority is invited to the next meeting to discuss parking and access problems at Salcombe Road, Chudleigh Road and Old Laira Road (subject to site visits not being carried out);
- (ii) An update on the future of Pater Noster house (subject to the outcome of the meeting of the Planning Committee 4 February 2010)

48. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The committee considered questions raised by members of the public on the following matters –

- (i) Controlled parking zone in Salcombe road
- (ii) Gypsy/Traveller facilities in Efford
- (iii) Traffic flow on Blandford Road
- (iv) Parking and traffic calming measures on Bernice Terrace, Lipson
- (v) The poor condition of the footpath from Military Road to Willow Close

Reponses were provided as follows –

- (vi) With regard to (i) above Councillor Vincent would request a site visit to be arranged with affected residents and council officers at Salcombe Road, Chudleigh Road and Old Laira Road. A request for approximate costings for the CPZ at Salcombe would be requested from the authority along with information on correspondence or consultation with the residents of Salcombe road;
- (vii) with regards to (ii) above it was reported that there is no further information whether proposed gypsy/traveller facilities would be going forward;
- (viii) with regard to (iii) above it was reported that the road is a busy one and increased traffic flow in the area could result from accidents on primary routes and increased traffic to and from High View school which is undergoing renovation;
- (ix) with regard to (iv) and (v) above, written responses would be sought from the relevant departments.

49. **DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The committee was informed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 18 March 2010 at St. Pauls Church, Efford.

50. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

Nil.