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Plympton Area Committee

Monday 11 January 2010

PRESENT:

Councillor Nicholson, in the Chair.

Councillor Lock, Vice Chair.

Councillors Dr. Salter, Mrs Beer, James, Jordan and Sam Leaves.

Co-opted Representatives: Mr J Bouldon, Mr A Briggs, Mr E F Mills, Mr S Mower, Mr A Street and Malcolm Halliday

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 8.15 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.

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made in accordance with the Code of Conduct in relation to items under discussion at this meeting –

Name	Minute No. and Subject	Reason	Interest
Councillor Mrs. Beer	40 - Policing Issues	Employee of Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.	Personal
Mr. Street	40 - Policing Issues	Retired Police Officer.	Personal

38. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2009, be confirmed as a correct record.

39. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair informed the Committee that item 9, Rees Youth Centre, was to be deferred to the next meeting as the representative due to give a verbal update was unable to attend due to a back injury.

40. POLICING ISSUES

Inspector Fitzpatrick was in attendance to report on behalf of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

The Committee was advised that –

- (i) overall crime between April 09 and December 09 was down by 6.6% in Chaddlewood and Plympton St Maurice;
- (ii) there was a 3.8% reduction of Anti Social Behaviour in Plympton;
- (iii) an individual had been arrested for the recent burglary of the Conservative Club and had been found guilty in court; a 12 month suspended sentence had been passed with 200 hours community service and an order to pay back a total of £7000;
- (iv) a web wise project was held on 7 December 2010 in the Ridgeway in order to help silver surfers access computers; the Co-op provided free tea, coffee and cakes and a good time was had by all;
- (v) the Diversity Officer had attended a local school to educate children on diversity issues;

(vi) there was due to be a 'Stay Safe' project held in Harewood House on 14 January 2010 at 7pm;

(vii) the next PACT meetings were due to be held on the following dates:

Plympton St Maurice – 3 February 2010 – 7.30pm
Colebrook and Newnham – 10 February 2010 – Community Centre
Woodford – 24 February 2010 – 7pm – Woodford Junior School

(viii) the next round of mobile surgery meetings were due to be held on the 2 February 2010 at the following times:

Plympton Area – Greenway Avenue – 10am
Colebrook and Newnham Car park – 11am
Chaddlewood shops – 12pm
St Maurice road – 3pm

In response to questions raised it was reported that –

(ix) Inspector Fitzpatrick would contact the probation service in order to establish if the 200 hours community service hours regarding the individual who broke into the Conservative Club, could be carried out in Plympton;

(x) crime figures would continue to be reported to the Committee;

Resolved that Inspector Fitzpatrick be thanked for his attendance.

41. **COUNCIL PRIORITIES REVIEW** (Pages 1 - 4)

The Assistant Director for Learner and Family Support gave an interactive presentation on the review of Council priorities. Members of the Committee were informed that –

(i) the purpose of the presentation was to help establish the priorities for the Council over the forthcoming financial year;

(ii) at present Plymouth City Council had over 300 different services and that most of these operated well, however, there are other areas that need some direction to improve their service. These areas were called Corporate Improvement Priorities (CIP's) and were contained within the Corporate Plan;

(iii) the CIP's were changed on an annual basis and were formed from feedback gathered throughout the year via surveys, customer comments and complaints and information gathering in forums such as Area Committees.

Members of the Committee and members of the public were then asked to indicate, via an interactive voting system, if the Council should do more, keep it up or do the less within nine key areas identified by the Council which it believes are most relevant to customers. The results are attached as an annex to these minutes.

During the exercise the Panel raised concerns that the questions in the interactive presentation had a breadth of definition and therefore could not be answered accurately; the questions also did not distinguish between Plymouth and Plympton which could have altered the individuals' response.

The Assistant Director for Learner and Family Support was thanked for her attendance.

42. **LOCALITIES**

The Committee was provided with the final report from the Customers and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel's 'Localities Task and Finish Group' that was submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 2 December 2009.

Concerns were raised that the key findings in the report did not apply to Plympton, specifically with regards to the statement that 'Area Committees were not working effectively'.

Members informed the Committee that –

- (i) the outcome of the task and finish group highlighted that better communication was needed at neighbourhood level;
- (ii) the Localities report was due to go to Cabinet on 19 January 2010;
- (iii) a questionnaire concerning locality working had been circulated to all Area Committee Chairs;
- (iv) locality working aimed to bring the Council and its partners to one forum;
- (v) the boundaries of Plympton would not change;
- (vi) it was important that members of the public who attended area committee meetings should have the right to speak and raise concerns;

Resolved that the report be noted.

43. **TRANSPORT ISSUES**

Eastern Corridor Major Scheme: Options for Deep Lane Junction

The Major Schemes Project Manager provided the Committee with an update on the Eastern Corridor Major Scheme: Options for Deep Lane Junction.

The Committee was informed that –

- (i) there were four options for Deep Lane junction as detailed in the report;
- (ii) all of the proposed options would include alterations to Sandy Road between the Ridgeway and Holland Road to incorporate a bus lane in each direction as shown in Appendix 5 of the agenda;
- (iii) the four options were subject to a public consultation in late November/early December and the results were being analysed;
- (iv) over 100 people attended each of the public consultations in Chaddlewood and Elburton;
- (v) the Eastern Corridor scheme was being led by Plymouth City Council but in partnership with Devon County Council and the Highways Agency;

In response to questions raised it was reported that –

- (vi) safety auditing for all four Deep Lane options had not yet taken place however all routes were designed to current safety standards;
- (vii) costs had yet to be confirmed for the four Deep Lane options however they currently ranged from 17 to 32 million pounds;

- (viii) 102 million pounds of funding had been secured so far for the whole Eastern Corridor Scheme; 77 million pounds had been allocated from the Department of Transport and 25 million pounds had been allocated from developers;
- (ix) developer contributions were being allocated to both Plymouth City Council and Devon County Council for the scheme;
- (x) the public consultation was intended for local residents to highlight what aspects of each option they preferred;

Resolved that the Major Schemes Project Manager be thanked for her attendance.

44. **REES YOUTH CENTRE**

Resolved that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

45. **LANGAGE POWER STATION**

The Chair informed the Committee that the representative from the Environment Agency was unable to attend the meeting due to bad weather however he had submitted a briefing note for the Committee to consider.

Members of the Panel informed the Committee that local liaison meetings were held in which concerns were raised by local Councillors.

Resolved that Mr Mudge, the PCC Officer for Devon and Cornwall PPC Compliance Team be invited to the next meeting.

46. **LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FUND**

The Local Environment Fund Project Manager submitted a report advising Committee –

- (i) of new funds which had recently been made available in the sum of £900;
- (ii) that there would be no carry forward of funds not spent by 31 March, 2010.

Councillor Nicholson confirmed that improvements to the car park in Market Road was a possibility for the funds however other proposals should be submitted as soon as possible for costing.

Resolved that costings for the proposed works to the car park be sought.

47. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Resolved that 'Community Events and Road Closures' be added as a future agenda item.

Under this agenda item it was highlighted that Plympton Library was removed from the agenda as there was little to report and the agenda was full, however it would be added to the next agenda as normal. A question was raised concerning the completion of the new library and the implementation of the health centre and it was responded that February 2012 was the final completion date and that the health centre was still due to be incorporated.

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

The Committee considered a question from a member of the public regarding the possibility of liaising with Devon and Cornwall Police to ensure that Plympton Area Committee meetings would not clash with PACT meetings in the future.

With regard to the above question it was highlighted that if Locality working was approved then it was envisaged that local Councillors, police representatives and other partners would work together in one forum.

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

The Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on 8 March, 2010, at 6.00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall, Plympton.

50. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.

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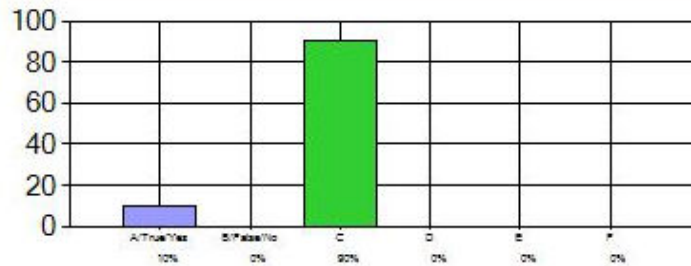
Class Information

Class: Plympton
Teacher: Tracy Hewett
Activity: Area Committees
Date: 12/01/2010
Class Avg: 16%
Class Size: 40

Question 1 - Multiple Choice

Where is Plymouth situated within the country?

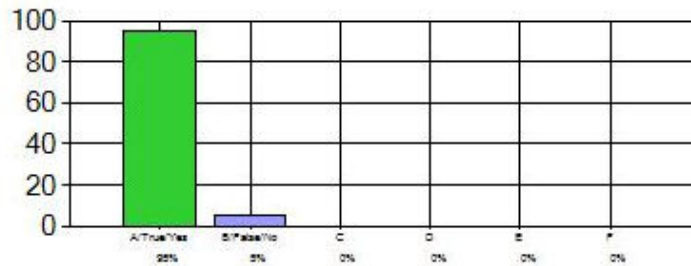
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- C) South West
- D) North West



Question 2 - Multiple Choice

Surfing is a sport that takes place where?

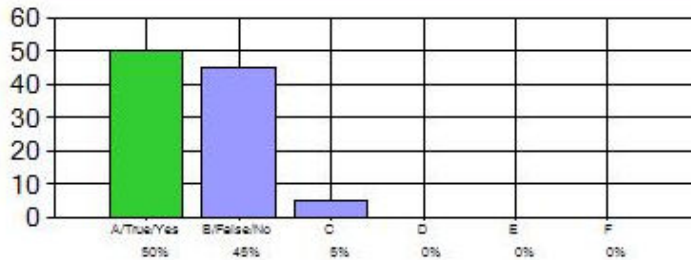
- A) In the sea
- B) In a swimming pool
- C) In your living room
- D) In a school hall



Question 3 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to provide better and more affordable housing."

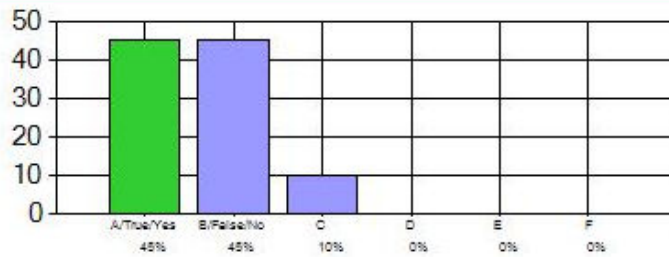
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- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 4 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to provide more culture and leisure activities."

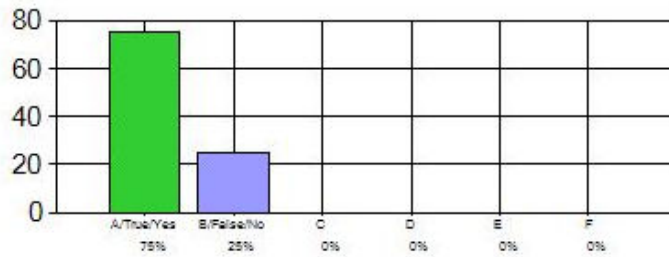
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- C) Do less



Question 5 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to tackle anti-social behaviour."

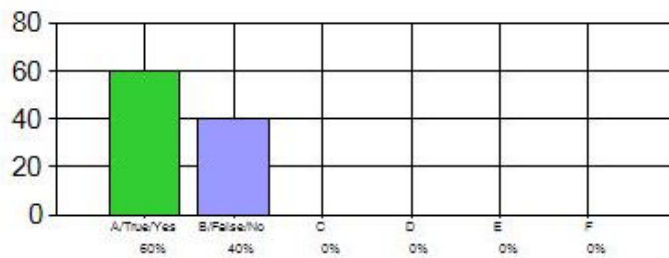
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- C) Do less



Question 6 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to keep me informed and involved in local issues."

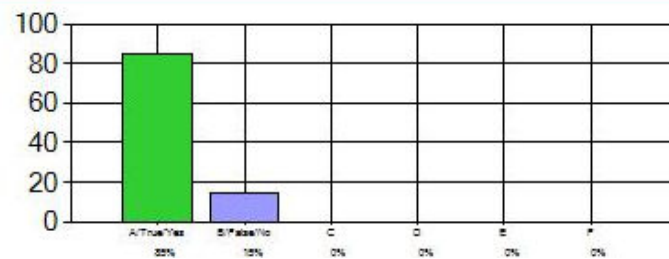
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- C) Do less



Question 7 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to work on providing better value for money."

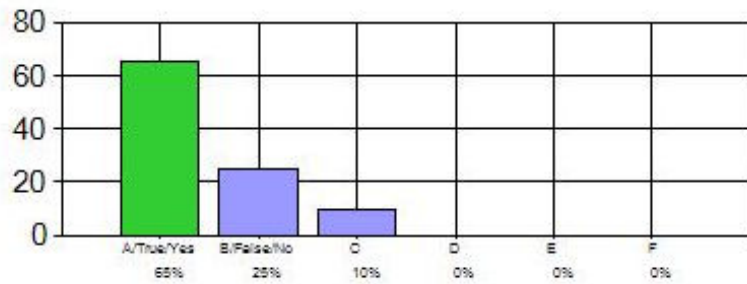
- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 8 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to help older people to live independently."

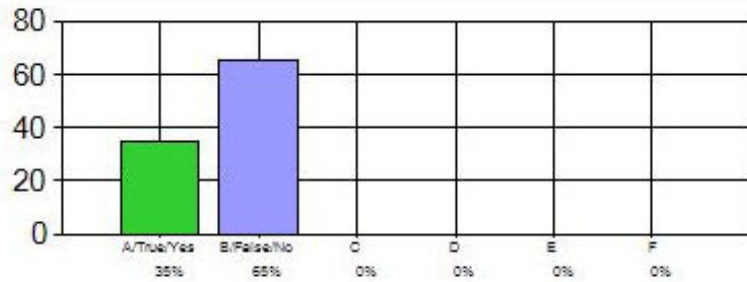
- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 9 - Multiple Choice

"We want cleaner streets."

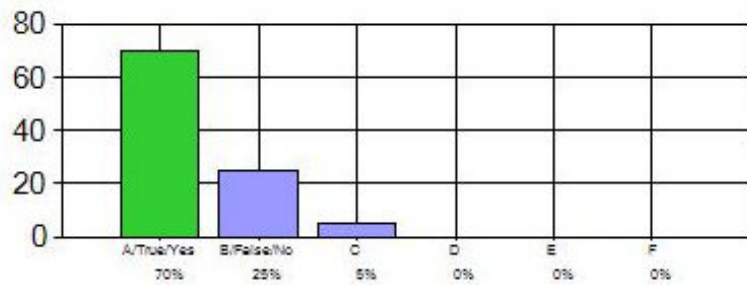
- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 10 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to raise achievement in our schools and colleges."

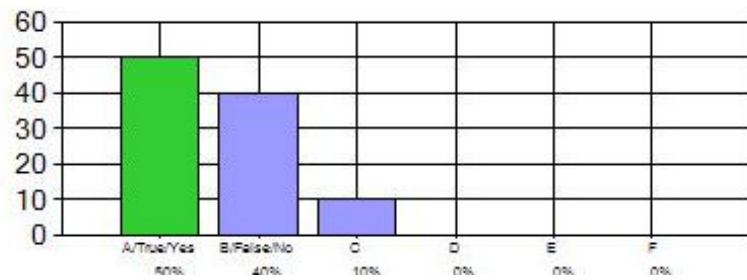
- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 11 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to make it easier to get around Plymouth."

- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



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