

# Ham and St Budeaux Area Committee

Wednesday 16 September 2009

## PRESENT:

Councillor Bowie, Vice Chair in the Chair.  
Councillors Bowie, Tuohy and Wheeler.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs Bragg and Evans and Gordon and Mr M Clay and Mrs S White

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 8.00 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.*

## 17. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Resolved that Councillor Gordon be appointed as Chair and Councillor Bowie be appointed as Vice-Chair of this Committee for the current Municipal year.

## 18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by members.

## 19. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of 8 July 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

## 20. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair allowed the following matter, which arose from the minutes of the previous meeting, to be considered:

- (i) Minute 9 (Housing Community Environmental Programme)

The allocation of funds in the Housing Community Environmental Programme be delegated to the Contract and Disrepair Manager, Mr Frass, in consultation as follows:

for the Ham Ward, in consultation with the Chair (allocation £13,937),

for the St Budeaux Ward, in consultation with the Vice Chair (allocation £6,339)

Resolved that authority to be delegated to the Chair for Ham Ward and Vice-Chair for St Budeaux Ward.

## 21. POLICING ISSUES

The police reported that a serious incident took place last weekend in St Budeaux. The police will meet with the ASBO Team tomorrow to discuss this. No other police issues to report.

Resolved that crime statistics to be made available at each meeting.

## 22. LOCALITY WORKING

The Assistant Director of Services for Children and Young People submitted a report on Locality Working. It was reported that –

- (i) the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) divided the city into 6 locality areas;

- (ii) children services are leading the way on locality working;
- (iii) this is a city-wide consultation;
- (iv) locality working will improve delivery of services for Plymouth citizens;
- (v) it will mean changes to area committees;
- (vi) work is taking place across the city, looking at services in a more accessible way;
- (vii) key partners are working more closely together;
- (viii) it is proposed that each locality will have a Locality Service Co-ordination Team, consisting of key people from –
  - street scene and environmental services;
  - services relating to community safety;
  - health services;
  - services for children and young people.

The following comments were made by members of the committee -

- (ix) currently Area Committees alternate each meeting between different locations, meetings that take place in Ham predominately have residents from Ham and likewise for St Budeaux. This will mean a lot fewer meetings and local people will not be able to input at a local level;
- (x) St Budeaux is a neglected area with no facilities for youth provision. A facility was taken away 10 years ago and replaced with a superstore. At that time £40k was allocated to St Budeaux for a football pitch at Mount Tamar, this wasn't followed through.

In response to questions from members of the panel, it was reported that -

- (xi) the Youth Service has been re-configured in line with the locality working.

Resolved that the committee will look into why a football pitch wasn't progressed following the development of the superstore.

23. **SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS, TRANSFER OF ENFORCEMENT FROM POLICE TO COUNCIL'S CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PHASE 2 - OBJECTIONS**

The Director for Development submitted a report outlining proposals to transfer enforcement of School Keep Clear Markings from the Police to the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers.

Resolved that –

- (1) the fact that no objections/comments had been received during the advertisement period be noted;
- (2) the proposals in respect of –
  - Weston Mill Community Primary School
  - Plaistow Hill Infant School
  - St Paul's Roman Catholic School
  - Riverside Community Primary School

as detailed within the report, be recommended for approval to the Cabinet Member for Transport.

24. **PROPOSED ALLEY GATES FOR TRESLUGGAN ROAD LANE**

The Director for Development submitted a report update on funding for the proposed alley gates.

It was reported that -

- (i) there had been an increase in crime in the lane compared to last year;
- (ii) an advertisement for a traffic regulation order would be placed next week;
- (iii) a planning application has been submitted for the gates;
- (iv) crime and anti-social behaviour in the lane was affecting adjacent residents as well as shops.

In response to questions from members of the committee, it was reported that –

- (v) it is unnecessary to have a CCTV camera as well as gates.

Resolved that –

- (1) members authorise officers to proceed with a funding application for the project to the Home Office through the Small Retailers Capital Grants Fund, on behalf of the Wolseley Road independent shopkeepers and subject to their approval;
- (2) the purchasing and installing of a CCTV camera to cover the lane was not to be included in the funding application.

25. **LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FUND**

The Committee received a report on the Local Environment Fund and noted that –

- (i) the roll-forward from 0809 – saving of £3,000 as project of 1 way was noted as budget no longer required. Members objected to this deletion.

Resolved that the deletion to be investigated and re-instated.

26. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Resolved that Chair and Vice Chair to meet to discuss future agenda items.

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

Members of the public put forward questions, to which the following responses were provided –

- (i) regarding the question on public toilets at Milehouse Bus Depot, the Chair advised that this question could not be answered by the Committee and should be submitted in writing;
- (ii) regarding the question on traffic calming in Poole Park Road, the Chair advised that this question could not be answered by the Committee and should be submitted in writing;
- (iii) regarding the question on 5 and 7 Victoria Road and whether this will return to a public space, when will this be resolved? The Chair advised that this question could not be answered by the Committee and should be submitted in writing;

- (iv) regarding the question directed at the Police on Tresluggan Service Gates, the 'crash barrier' and sewage pumping station, why are these not on the agenda. The Democratic Support Officer will speak to the Chair and the police on these issues;
- (v) regarding the question on why there is no litter picking in Tresluggan Road, the Chair advised that this question could not be answered by the Committee and should be submitted in writing;
- (vi) regarding the question on why there hasn't been any weed spraying this year, the Chair advised that this question could not be answered by the Committee and should be submitted in writing;
- (vii) regarding the question on signage in St Budeaux –
- redundant signs at the taxi rank not been removed;
  - bus lane sign and CCTV sign by 9 Trelawney Place is obscured by foliage;
  - a end of bus lane sign in Trelawney Place facing the railway and not visible to coming traffic;
- The Chair advised that this question could not be answered by the Committee and should be submitted in writing;
- (viii) regarding the question of cracked and broken paving slabs by the Chinese take away in Trelawney Place; the Chair advised that this question could not be answered by the Committee and should be submitted in writing;
- (ix) regarding the question on the drainage in St Budeaux Square; the Chair advised that this question could not be answered by the Committee and should be submitted in writing

28. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee will take place at 6pm on 4 November 2009 at the Halcyon Centre, North Prospect.

29. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.