

Devonport, Stoke and St Peter & the Waterfront Area Committee

Tuesday 8 September 2009

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs Dolan, in the Chair.
Councillor Wildy, Vice Chair.
Councillors Coker and Stevens.

Co-opted Representatives: Ms Rhea Brooke, Mrs Nicky Finnigan, Mrs Dee Harvey, Mrs Nicola Hawkings and Mr Paul Squire

Apologies for absence: Councillors McDonald, Reynolds, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Watkins.

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.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made by Members in accordance with the code of conduct –

Name	Subject	Reason	Interest
Councillor Stevens	minute 17, Policing Issues	Employed by the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary	Personal
Councillor Coker	minute 21, Traffic Regulation Orders	Member of the DRC Board	Personal
Councillor Dolan	minute 22, School Keep Clear Markings	had made an objection on behalf of residents	Personal

15. MINUTES

The following corrections were made to the minutes of the last meeting –

- (i) Councillor McDonald should be added to the list of those present;
- (ii) minute 4 (2) should read "all three ward Councillors be appointed to the City Centre Public Art Steering Group;
- (iii) minute 10 (i) should read anti-social behaviour, dog fouling and lighting in St Levan Park.

Resolved that, subject to the above changes, the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

16. Former Stoke Damerel Girls School Building

Councillor Wildy informed the Committee that the owner of the old Stoke Damerel Girls School Building had until 10 September to carry out the required works to the building. An inspection would be undertaken followed by further enforcement action if the building was still found to be in a state of disrepair.

Any future use of the building would be appropriate to a residential area.

17. **Localities Report**

Members found it unacceptable that such an important issue had been brought forward for consideration under Chair's urgent business which had resulted in members of the community having not been informed that the item was being discussed.

Resolved to defer the report until the meeting on 24 November 2009 and request that wider consideration be given by a scrutiny committee with an invitation to all ward members to attend.

18. **POLICING ISSUES**

The Neighbourhood Manager from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary gave an update on Police initiatives and crime statistics in the ward. The Committee were informed that –

- (i) statistics showed that there had been a decrease in crime over the last few years;
- (ii) the Government had shifted the focus from crime targets to a focus on public priorities;
- (iii) following recent high profile publicity and covert work there had been 30-40 arrests of people who had been witnessed by police buying drugs in the Stonehouse area. These arrests had resulted in sentences of three and a half to five and a half years and a downturn in drug related activity in the Stonehouse area;
- (iv) a new power had come into force which allowed police officers to remove alcohol from people who were acting anti socially or were about to and to disperse people from an area for a period of 24 hours. 103 people had been dispersed since this power had come into effect in April.

19. **ANTISOCIAL DRIVING ON THE HOE**

Members of the public raised concerns about anti-social driving on the Hoe.

Resolved to request that a representative of Plymouth Highways attend the next meeting of this Committee to discuss Anti-Social driving on the Hoe.

20. **STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING - DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Committee noted that Drake Primary School, Saltash road, Keyham had been officially renumbered as Drake Primary School, 1 Johnston Terrace Ope.

21. **LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL FUND**

The Committee received a report on the Local Environmental Fund

Resolved to –

- (1) submit requests for projects to the Principal Highways and Fleet Manager via the appropriate form;
- (2) request that details of the remaining Housing Community Environmental Programme be circulated to members.

22. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

The Committee received a report on proposed Traffic Regulation Orders for Cumberland Road.

Resolved to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport that the order be implemented as detailed in the report.

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

The Committee received a report on School Keep Clear markings.

Resolved to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport that the proposals in relation to Stuart Road Primary School as detailed Appendix 2 Plan B of the report be implemented.

24. **DOG FOULING AND FLY TIPPING**

The Committee expressed their disappointment that no officer was in attendance at the meeting.

Resolved to write a letter detailing the Committee's concerns to the Chief Executive.

25. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Resolved that subject to those items identified throughout this meeting of the Committee, no further items be added.

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

The Committee noted a response which had been sent to a member of the public who had submitted a question at the last meeting.

A member of the public was invited to submit a written question in respect of noise from cars racing on the Hoe.

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

Resolved that the next meeting be held at 6pm on Tuesday 24 November 2009 at City College, Kings Road, Devonport.

28. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.

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