

Eggbuckland and Moorview Area Committee

Tuesday 17 November 2009

PRESENT:

Councillor M Foster, in the Chair.
Councillor Delbridge, Vice Chair.
Councillors Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Brookshaw and Dann.

Co-opted Representatives: Mr G Shepherdson

Apology for absence: Co-opted Representative Mr R W Goodson

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 8.20 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

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

15. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 June 2009 are confirmed as a correct record.

CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

16. Controlled Parking Zones

With the permission of the Chair, the representative from Plymouth Partnership provided an update on the Controlled Parking Zones for St Marks Road, St Johns Close and College Dean Close –

- (i) the scheme had been issued in June 2009 and the consultation exercise had been undertaken during the summer months;
- (ii) during the consultation exercise six representations had been made and two objections had been received; one of the objections had since been withdrawn;
- (iii) double yellow lines would be extended at Findon Gardens;
- (iv) currently permission was awaited from the Department of Transport for the use of non standard signs for this scheme.

In response to a question raised, the committee heard that it was anticipated that the Traffic Orders could be sealed in the New Year.

The officer was thanked for his attendance.

Resolved that the committee recommended to the Cabinet Member for Transport to implement the Controlled Parking Zone for St Marks Road, College Dean Close and St Johns Road.

17. **Stepping Stones to Nature**

The Stepping Stones to Nature Project Co-ordinator provided a briefing on the Stepping Stones to Nature project.

The committee heard that –

- (i) this was a £1.06 million partnership project which sought to deliver improved opportunities to access green space in and around the city, over a 4 year period; the project was being funded by the Big Lottery Changing Spaces programme;
- (ii) the project had a unique vision to deliver the 'Outdoors for All' agenda; it sought a future where local urban green spaces were promoted as the first step on the journey to experiencing the wide ranging benefits of accessing nature;
- (iii) the Stepping Stones to Nature's vision had three components –
 - local urban green spaces; encourage local communities to contribute to improvements and to develop and participate in activities within these spaces;
 - encourage explorations and build confidence in accessing natural areas within the city but outside of the 'comfort zone', eg local nature reserves;
 - opportunities to experience, encourage exploration and build confidence in visiting one of the many unique natural environments that surround the city, eg Dartmoor National Park and the Tamar Estuaries;
- (iv) the Forder Valley Nature Reserve was an important green expanse within the local community which held significant value for wildlife, landscape and use; funding was available to encourage more people to enjoy and play in the reserve;
- (v) over the next few months, the Stepping Stones to Nature project planned to work with the local community to involve them in the improvements that could be made to the site and completed by March 2010;
- (vi) as part of phase I of the project, community engagement activities would be run and a local stakeholder steering group would be set up; a stakeholder meeting had been arranged for Tuesday 25 November at 11am – 2pm at Leigham Primary School, where a site visit would be held to look at the potential for improvements and how to prioritise them as funding was limited.

In response to questions raised, the committee heard –

- (vii) the project would be considering the wider picture and planning on how to link all the open spaces in the city, so people could access them easily;
- (viii) phase I could look at improving the access to the site by putting in steps, although there were steep gradients which could make it difficult to provide access for wheel chair users;

- (ix) it would be difficult to undertake a full consultation process due to the time restrictions.

The officer was thanked for her attendance.

(In accordance with Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Chair brought forward the above item for urgent consideration because of the need to inform Members and members of the public).

18. **POLICING ISSUES**

A representative from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary reported on relevant local issues and responded to concerns raised by members of the committee and the public, as follows –

- (i) the crime figure for the North Section had significantly reduced by 23 percent;
- (ii) a Dispersal Order was in place in Leigham and would be in operation from 30 October 2009 to 31 January 2010; there were two elements of the Order -
 - if anyone was dispersed from the area they would be unable to return to it for 24 hours;
 - if anyone under the age of 16 years of age was in the area without an adult then they would be returned to their home;
- (iii) operation Force Everest had taken place on 14 October 2009 which included working with the neighbourhood teams to achieve the PACT priorities;
- (iv) a lot of work had been undertaken in the area with the use of high visibility patrols and plain clothed officers;
- (v) the police had worked in partnership with the Council's Anti Social Behaviour Unit and the Youth Services to resolve issues relating to bonfire night;
- (vi) work was being undertaken to formalize the day of action participation with Councillors, although should any Councillor wish to insight into the patrol let her know.

19. **LOCALITIES WORKING**

The Director for Community Services submitted a report on Localities Working. The report –

- (i) advised that the city had been divided into 6 Localities in order to help deliver better services by -
 - enabling residents to influence and challenge service delivery
 - making services more joined up
 - improving councillor involvement
 - reducing inequalities between communities
 - focusing money and staff more effectively
 - improving the sharing and use of information

- monitoring service provision more effectively
 - meeting local and national targets
- (ii) indicated that, initially, each Locality would have a Local Service Co-ordination Team, led by a Locality Champion, with key people from –
- street scene and environmental services
 - services relating to community safety
 - health services
 - services for children and young people
- (iii) sought views and ideas on –
- the best way of joining up services in Localities
 - whether Area Committees should be replaced with new Locality Partnerships
 - ways to improve links between organisations providing services and the community in each Locality
 - the sorts of information Locality Teams would need to help with their work.

In response to questions raised, the Committee heard further that -

- (iv) it was envisaged that Localities Working would be resourced within existing budgets;
- (v) the Localities meetings would be held in public as part of the community engagement/involvement process but the venues for the meetings had yet to be determined;
- (vi) the aim of Localities Working was to improve the life of residents and to recognise that each area had its own priorities;
- (vii) the Localities Service Co-ordination Teams could include services other than those suggested.

Concerns highlighted for feedback as part of the consultation were as follows –

- the deprived areas of the city would receive the majority of the funding;
- the North and Central Locality was too large and would not engage the community.

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

The Assistant Director for Finance Assets and Efficiencies 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 were other areas that needed some direction to improve their services. These areas were called Corporate Improvement Priorities (CIPs) and were contained within the Corporate Plan;

- (iii) the CIPs were changed on an annual basis and were formed from feedback gathered throughout the year via surveys, customer comments and complaints and information gathered 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 believed were the most relevant to its customers. The results are attached as an annex to these minutes.

21. **DREAM SCHEME**

Resolved that this matter is deferred to a future meeting of the committee.

22. **SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS (VARIOUS) PARKING RESTRICTIONS OUTSIDE SCHOOLS (LEIGHAM PRIMARY) WITHIN THE AREA COMMITTEE BOUNDARY - OBJECTIONS**

The Director for Development and Regeneration submitted a report on School Keep Clear markings and various parking restrictions outside schools (Leigham Primary within the Area Committee boundary) (Objections).

The committee was advised –

- (i) of the result of the advertisement of the waiting restrictions outside of Leigham Primary School undertaken simultaneously with the advert to implement traffic orders on various city wide School Keep Clear markings;
- (ii) the proposal to implement a white 'Keep Clear' in front of the school gates rather than a single yellow line in Cockington close; this would not remove any car parking spaces (except those who park directly in front of the gates where emergency access is required at all times); this may assist access from/to the regularly used parking spaces near this location and the marking would interfere with vehicles parked adjacent to the grass verge or vehicles parked in the recognised parking bay near to the steps.

Resolved that –

- (1) the proposals outline in Plan A of the report are recommended;
- (2) a white 'Keep Clear' in front of the school gates rather than a single yellow line in Cockington Close is implemented.

23. **MAINSTONE PLAY PARK**

The Director for Community Services submitted a report on Mainstone Play Park, which outlined the process required to upgrade the play area at Patterson Drive utilising the Section 106 funding.

Resolved that –

- (1) the total funding available from Hallerton Close Section 106 funding to update the facilities at Patterson Drive play park is recommended;
- (2) Parks Services undertake a consultation with the local primary school prior to any works being carried out.

24. **LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FUND**

The Director for Community Services submitted a report on the Local Environment Fund.

Resolved that the following proposals are approved for costing and brought back to the next committee meeting for consideration –

- (1) the provision of notice boards at –
 - (a) Leigham shops
 - (b) Keswick Crescent (outside of the shop)
 - (c) Frogmore Green
- (2) clearance/cleansing of footpath towards Church Hill and upgrade of drain;
- (3) lowering of the mounds on Leigham field;
- (4) the provision of double yellow lines on the corner of Challerford Road.

25. **STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING STREET OFF HALLERTON CLOSE, PLYMOUTH**

The Director for Corporate Support submitted a report on the application to allocate street naming and numbering to a new development taking place off Hallerton close. The name 'Firestone Close' was proposed for the new access road that serves the development.

Resolved that the allocation of Firestone Close to the new access road that serves the development of 19 properties off Hallerton Close is noted.

26. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Resolved that the following items be considered at a future meeting –

- (a) Dream Scheme;
- (b) Youth Issues;
- (c) Public Transport/Upgrade of George Junction;
- (d) Provision of Car Parking Spaces at Churchstow Walk.

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

In response to questions raised by members of the public, the following responses were provided –

- (i) the Ministry of Defence would make the decision on whether to store nuclear waste at Devonport Dockyard and not the Council;
- (ii) Councillor Dann undertook to look at the parking for elderly residents at Churchstow Walk.

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

Resolved that the next meeting is held at 6pm on Tuesday 12 January 2010 at Leigham Primary School (Main Hall), Cockington Close, Leigham, Plymouth.

29. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.

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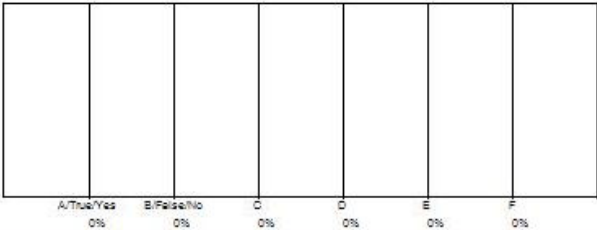
Class Information

Class: Egguckland
Teacher: Tracy Hewett
Activity: Area Committees
Date: 18/11/2009
Class Avg: 0%
Class Size: 40

Question 1 - Multiple Choice

Where is Plymouth situated within the country?

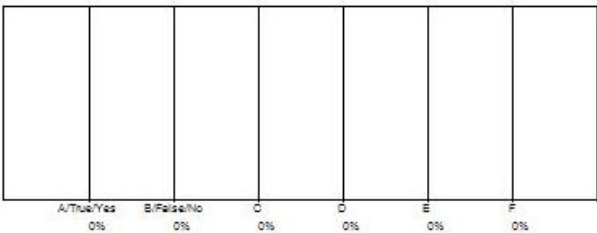
- A) South East
- B) North East
- C) South West
- D) North West



Question 2 - Multiple Choice

Surfing is a sport that takes place where?

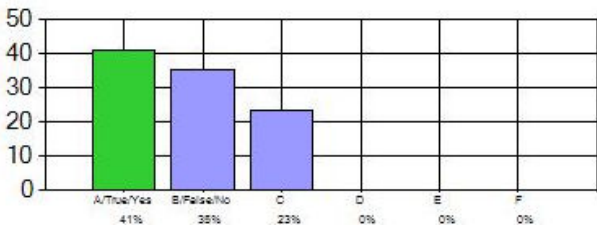
- A) In the sea
- B) In a swimming pool
- C) In your living room
- D) In a school hall



Question 3 - Multiple Choice

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

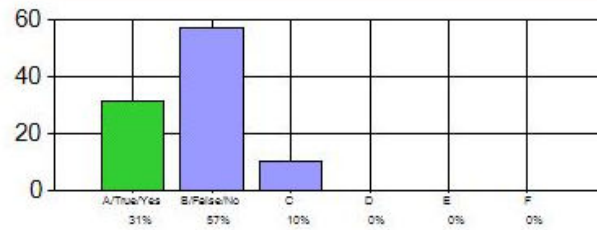
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- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 4 - Multiple Choice

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

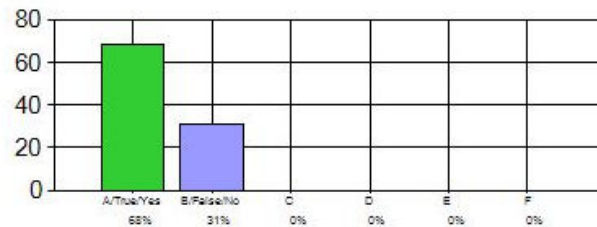
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- C) Do less



Question 5 - Multiple Choice

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

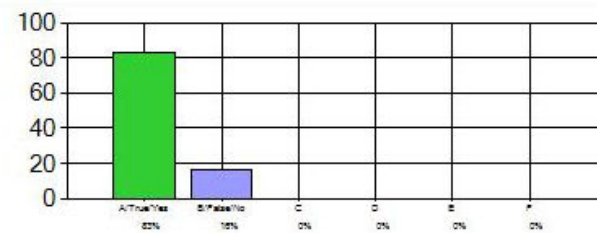
- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 6 - Multiple Choice

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

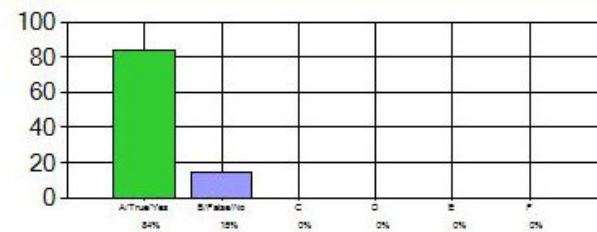
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- C) Do less



Question 7 - Multiple Choice

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

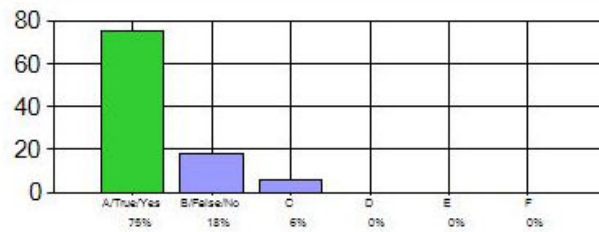
- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 8 - Multiple Choice

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

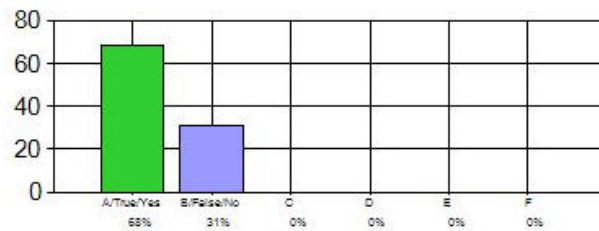
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- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 9 - Multiple Choice

"We want cleaner streets."

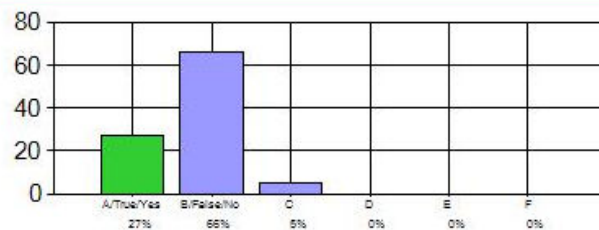
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- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 10 - Multiple Choice

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

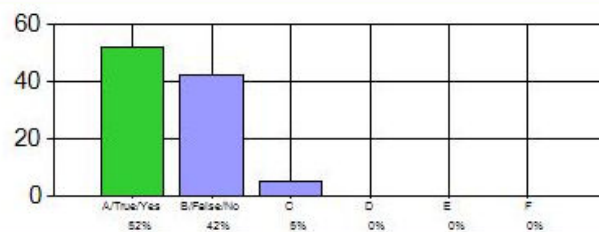
- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



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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