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Ham and St Budeaux Area Committee

Wednesday 4 November 2009

PRESENT:

Councillor Gordon, in the Chair.
Councillor Bowie, Vice Chair.
Councillors Wheeler.

Co-opted Representatives: Mrs S White

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs Bragg and Evans, Mr M Clay and Mrs M Storer

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 7.00 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.

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

31. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of 16 September 2009, be confirmed as a correct record.

32. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of Chairs urgent business.

33. POLICING ISSUES

Representatives of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary were in attendance and gave an update on antisocial behaviour, crime statistics and dispersal orders. The Committee were informed that –

- (i) a dispersal order had come into effect in Ham on 13 October and would remain in place until 29 April 2010. The dispersal order covered a large area which would help to prevent dispersed youths from behaving antisocially in neighbouring area's. As a result of the dispersal order, anti-social behaviour in the area had reduced dramatically;
- (ii) Halloween had been very quite in terms of antisocial behaviour, this was due to the increased police presence in the area;
- (iii) anti-social behaviour levels had gone down since the third dispersal order in St Budeaux had come into effect;
- (iv) the police were working with the Youth Service to look at setting up various activities for youths which would act as a diversion tactic. Around six Police Community Support Officers as well as Parents and staff from the Youth Offending Team staff had become 'ABA' accredited, this enabled them to run a boxing club.

The Committee thanked the police officers on behalf of the community for all of the work that had been put into implementing the dispersal orders and the subsequent policing of it.

Resolved to –

- (1) include crime statistics as part of future agenda packs;
- (2) thank Inspector Chudley for his work in the area and wish him luck in his retirement.

34. **DISPERSAL ORDERS**

This item was discussed as part of the previous item (policing issues). See minute 33 for details.

35. **LOCALITY WORKING**

The Chair informed the Committee that he had been invited to attend a meeting of the Localities Task and Finish Group.

The Chair was unable to accept the invitation due to a prior engagement but requested that Members raise any particular issues and he would pass them onto the Task & Finish Group in time for their meeting the next day.

The Committee expressed concern that the Ham ward crossed over 3 neighbourhoods. Councillor Wheeler informed the Committee that he had already expressed his views in writing.

36. **ST BUDEAUX CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE**

A representative of Plymouth Transport and Highways presented a report on the proposed Controlled Parking Zone for St. Budeaux Square.

The Committee were informed that –

- (i) there had been a further 31 letters of objection received;
- (ii) residents appeared to be seeking a scheme which removed all but permit holders from their street. A permit parking only scheme risked damaging local shops and traders who had a desire for their customers to park locally. Therefore it was against plymouth transport and highways policy guidelines to implement such a scheme in the area.

In light of the above it was now recommended by Plymouth Transport and Highways that the scheme be abandoned.

The Committee expressed concern around the length of time taken to process the request and the amount of money that had been spent on investigation. The letters of objection received were against the specific scheme which had been advertised and not against the principal of a controlled parking zone.

Resolved to recommend that scheme is not abandoned and that proposals recently advertised not be developed but that a new scheme be developed which is more in line with resident's proposals.

37. **STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING**

The Committee received a report regarding an application to allocate naming and numbering to a new development on the site formerly known as 81 Normandy Way.

Resolved to note the new street name of Columbus Close allocated to the access road that serves a development off Normandy Way.

38. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Resolved to contact the Chair through the Democratic Support Officer with any proposals for future agenda items.

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

A member of the public put a question forward in relation to the timetable of events and monies spent on the proposed Controlled Parking Zone in St. Budeaux.

Members advised that the question should be submitted in writing through the Democratic Support Officer and would be subject to a response within 10 working days.

40. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Committee were informed that the next meeting would take place at 6pm on 13 January 2010 at St Budeaux Library.

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