

Ham and St Budeaux Area Committee

Wednesday 31 March 2010

PRESENT:

Councillor Gordon, in the Chair.
Councillor Bowie, Vice Chair.
Councillors Evans and Tuohy.

Co-opted Representatives: Mrs S White.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs Bragg and Wheeler.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 8.25 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.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

52. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of 13 January 2010, be confirmed as a correct record.

53. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair made it clear that the incinerator was not an agenda item as it was deemed controversial and would not be discussed at the meeting.

54. POLICING ISSUES

Representatives of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary were in attendance and gave an update on crime statistics.

55. SECTION 106 SPENDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR HAM AND ST BUDEAUX

The Assistant Director for Regeneration and Development submitted a report on Section 106 Spending Arrangements for Ham and St Budeaux.

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

- (i) some of the Section 106 money is spent in whole or in part;
- (ii) in relation to the St Budeaux Community Centre and public car park, if the money is not spent, the money would be returned to the developer;
- (iii) the allocation of Section 106 money is determined at the time of the planning application. Section 106 spending is monitored and has to be spent on what it is intended for. The Lead Service is responsible for the spend.

Resolved that a report on the unspent Section 106 Agreement money and the future spending to be requested within seven working days of this meeting.

56. **LOCALITY WORKING: NEXT STEPS**

The Assistant Director for Children and Young People and Neighbourhood Manager submitted a report on locality working.

It was reported that –

- (i) a decision had been taken at Full Council on 1 February 2010, to launch locality working in June with a review to take place after 12 months;
- (ii) the aim was for partners in Plymouth moving towards locality and neighbourhood level work;
- (iii) each locality will have a team of officers, key people with a particular knowledge and interest in that area.

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

- (iv) the meetings would be broader than the council and Councillors would have a role to play in the arrangements.

Resolved to request that members of the public are invited to attend the review of locality working after the 12 month trial.

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

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

- (i) flooding of the new school playing fields on Buckfast Close. Councillor Evans advised that he had been assured by the Local Education Authority Property Officer that drainage in the field would not build up. Councillor Evans agreed to seek further advice and would respond to the member of the public directly;
- (ii) 5 to 7 Victoria Road, a question raised at a previous meeting had not been responded to. The Chair advised that this question could not be answered and requested the Democratic Support Officer seek a response;
- (iii) the public meeting at the St Budeaux Community Centre on the incinerator. Councillor Wheeler said he would support the residents if it is proved that the gases out of the chimney were harmful. The Chair advised the member of the public to direct this question direct to Councillor Wheeler and should be submitted in writing;
- (iv) the consultation with the MOD and the Navy on the incinerator and the chimney? The Councillors advised that the MOD and Navy are keen on this because they will get free power;
- (v) the provision of double glazing in the sheltered housing at Weston Mill to help with noise caused by the volume of traffic. The Committee responded that the by-pass and petrol emissions were a worry and something needs to happen to residual waste;
- (vi) why a letter from Councillors had not been sent to the residents of Barne Barton because the chimney would have an impact on other neighbourhoods. The Committee responded that this information has just come to light with the recent news that Ernesettle was no longer a potential site. Two thousand letters have been sent to people nearest to the incinerator, other areas will get a letter in due course.

58. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.