

## **NORTH EAST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 2006**

**PRESENT:** Councillor G Wilkinson in the Chair

Councillors A Castle, R D Feldman,  
Mrs R Feldman and R Procter

### **33 Late Item / Additional Information**

The Clerk advised Members that there were no late items, but an additional appendix was circulated in relation to Agenda Item 11, Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood, in the form of a Moor Allerton Action Plan (Minute No 42 refers)

### **34 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Harrand, Millard, J Procter and Shelbrooke.

### **35 Declaration of Interests**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **36 Open Forum**

The Chair made reference to the provision contained in the Area Committee Procedure Rules for an Open Forum session of up to 10 minutes at each ordinary meeting of an Area Committee to allow members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the remit of the Area Committee. On this occasion, no member of the public was present.

### **37 Minutes - 18th September 2006**

**RESOLVED** –That the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2006 be confirmed as a correct record.

### **38 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Community Safety Report (Minute No 24 refers)

The Chair reported that Chief Superintendent Marc Callaghan was unable to attend this evening's meeting and unfortunately, due to a misunderstanding, the offer of a deputy had been declined. It was agreed that Chief Superintendent Callaghan be invited to a future meeting.

### **39 Primary School Review - Alwoodley Area**

Further to Minute No 24, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2005, the Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report, as part of the formal public consultation exercise which ended on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006, regarding a review of primary school provision in the Alwoodley area of the City. The report outlined proposals to close both Fir Tree and Archbishop Cranmer CE (Voluntary Aided) Primary Schools and to provide a new 1.5 form entry voluntary controlled primary school on the Archbishop Cranmer site w.e.f September 2007.

Amanda Jahdi and Darren Crawley, Education Leeds and Denise Finch, Early Years Service, attended the meeting and responded to Members' queries and comments. In brief summary, the main issues of discussion were:-

- Both Governing Bodies had accepted the proposals and the reasoning behind them;
- Both school sites were currently undergoing feasibility studies as to their suitability to accommodate the new school, but the Archbishop Cranmer site was favoured by Education Leeds for various sound practical reasons;
- A Children's Centre would be situated at the new school;
- Local Members made a strong plea for Fir Tree school to be retained for community use if it closed. Reference was also made to substantial amounts of money (over £300,000) spent on the School in recent years. Officers indicated that once a school had been declared surplus to requirements, it was a decision for the Council as to what happened to those premises, but local Members views would be recorded in the report which went before the Executive Board on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

**RESOLVED –**

- (a) That the proposals be noted
- (b) That the Area Committee supports the views of the Alwoodley Members that if Fir Tree Primary School is closed, the premises should be retained for community use, and the Area Manager convey this view in a letter to Education Leeds.

#### **40 North East District Partnership**

Further to Minute No 28, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2006, the North East Area Manager submitted a report updating the Committee on key issues and recent actions of the North East District Partnership.

The Partnership was undertaking a review of the membership of its Executive Board in the light of recent and future organisational changes within the PCT, Police, Adult and Children's Services and the ALMOs. The District Action Plan was also being reviewed to ensure that priorities continued to be met, with the aim of developing greater joint resourcing and budget sharing initiatives.

Attached to the report were the draft District Neighbourhood Action Plans (D-NAPS) for the Wetherby Central and Wetherby Villages areas. At present,

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting  
to be held on Monday, 11th December, 2006

these were initial drafts, and the Area Manager would discuss these in greater details with Members at Ward Member meetings.

The Chair made reference to two matters in particular; he indicated that Members were not currently receiving the quarterly reports relating to the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) data, and the reference to Jak's Youth Bar needed to be deleted at page 32 of the agenda.

**RESOLVED** – That subject to the above comments, the report be noted.

#### **41 Deepdale Community Centre, Boston Spa**

The North East Area Manager submitted a report regarding the future needs and direction of the Deepdale Community Centre at Boston Spa.

The Chair congratulated the officers on the comprehensive nature of the report, and suggested that it be re-submitted to the December meeting, following the stakeholder meeting scheduled to take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2006.

**RESOLVED** –

- (a) That the report be noted
- (b) That the report be re-presented to the December meeting, updated to take account of the stakeholder meeting scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2006.

#### **42 Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood**

Further to Minute No 28, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2006, the North East Area Manager submitted a report updating Members regarding the development of Moor Allerton as a Priority Neighbourhood, including the circulation of a draft Action Plan for the area.

In brief summary, the main areas of discussion were:-

- Page 21 of the Action Plan – Theme 7 – Services for the Community and Voluntary Sector. Whilst accepting that Susan Blackburn, the elected Leeds VOICE representative, had been selected by the NE Leeds District Partnership to champion this area, nevertheless the Alwoodley Members strongly felt that a representative of MAECare should also have input regarding services for the elderly;
- Page 11 – Theme 4 – Housing and Environment. The Alwoodley Members stated that long-standing proposed improvements to the open space around The Lingfield public house should be dropped. Access to this area was via the pub environs, and this, allied to the slope of the land itself, meant that it was little used and locally there was no desire to see the area opened up for possible community use;
- Page 11 – Paragraph 4.3 – Tackling private properties with unsightly gardens. The Alwoodley Members did not regard this as a big problem in the area, and also expressed doubt as to the effectiveness of any proposed remedial action if residents did not comply. In response, the

Area Manager indicated that the proposals applied equally to tenants gardens (Paragraph 4.2 refers), and these proposed initiatives could be legally enforced if necessary;

- Alleged anti-social behaviour and motorcycle nuisance. The Alwoodley Members circulated a recent local newspaper article regarding action taken by the Learning and Leisure Department to remove a hump in the ground in Adel woods in an area which was popular with off-road cyclists. To their knowledge, the activities of cyclists in this area had never been a cause of local nuisance, and several residents had contacted them to complain about the Department's actions. The Area Manager undertook to investigate the matter and report back to the local Members. The motorcycle nuisance referred to in the Action Plan related to youths on Minimoto motorcycles.

**RESOLVED** – That subject to the above comments, the report and the proposed Moor Allerton Partnership Action Plan be received and noted.

#### **43 Well-Being Fund 2006/07**

The North East Area Manager submitted a report updating Members on the latest situation regarding the Committee's capital and revenue Well-Being Fund for 2006/07, including Small Grants made since the last meeting and projects still at the development stage.

The Area Manager reported that he understood that any capital monies not expended by the end of the current financial year would now be carried over. Nevertheless, he urged the Committee to give consideration to the schemes now in development.

With regard to projects in development, local Members indicated that the likely request for a grant of £10,000 from the Area Committee towards the Bardsey Oak project was too high a proportion of the overall costs, and the Area Manager was instructed to liaise with Leeds North East Homes regarding a larger contribution from them towards the cost.

#### **RESOLVED –**

Resolved –

- (a) That the report be received and noted, including the information regarding projects in development and Small Grants made since the last meeting
- (b) That the following decisions be taken in respect of the applications before the Committee this evening for consideration:-

#### Revenue

- (i) D:Side Drugs Awareness Project - £1,000 - Refused
- (ii) WiSE Gardening Service - £4,000 – Approved

#### **44 Area Actions and Achievements - Progress Report**

The North East Area Manager submitted a report updating Members on the actions and achievements of both the Area Committee and the Area

Management Team with specific reference to progress against the Area Delivery Plan 2006/07.

In brief summary, the main issues to arise were:-

- Enviromental Fund bulb applications – In response to a Member's comment, the Area Manager stated that he would look at the issue of the £1,500 minimum request to ascertain if he had scope to authorise assistance towards smaller planting schemes;
- Wetherby Community Gardener – Still at the recruitment stage;
- Education programmes focussing on litter and recycling – Area Manager to check that this is a scheduled programme which will eventually extend to all primary schools in the City;
- Wetherby Wilderness car park – toilets – Area Manager still progressing this initiative;
- Wetherby Horsefair Business Plan – as above;
- Wetherby –youth nuisance in weir/riverside area – Area Manager to continue to monitor situation and to work with partners to try to resolve any specific issues which arise;
- LEAP programme –North Alwoodley – Area Manager to supply local Members with a relevant map of the area covered;
- Moor Allerton 'Planning Ahead' events – early next year;
- Shadwell Lane Community Centre – not yet ready, so no facility yet for proposed public meeting;
- Alwoodley – possible bowling green – include the local Members in any discussions.

**RESOLVED** – That subject to the above comments, the report be noted.

#### **45 Area Committee Forums - Feedback Report**

**RESOLVED** – That the proceedings of the Harewood and Wetherby Town and Parish Council Forum meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2006 be received and noted.

#### **46 Dates,Times and Venues of Future Meetings**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2006, Leeds Grammar School

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007, Walton Village Hall

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007, Aberford Village Hall

All at 7.00 pm

The meeting concluded at 8.38 pm