

NORTH EAST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 2007

PRESENT: Councillor G Wilkinson (in the Chair)

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

Apologies Councillor P Harrand, R Procter and A Shelbrooke

61 Declaration of Interests

The Chair declared a prejudicial interest in respect of Agenda Item 12, Well-Being Fund 2006/07 (Minute No 68 refers) relating to the application for funding from Wetherby Town Council for some benches at Hudson Park, Wetherby, in his capacity as a Member of Wetherby Town Council, and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

(N.B. See also Minute No 63).

62 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 members of the public were present.

63 Community Safety Report

The North East Area Manager submitted a report compiled by Trudie Canavan, Community Safety, based on information supplied by the two Neighbourhood Policing Inspectors, Andy Briggs and Marcus Griffiths. Inspector Griffiths attended the meeting and responded to Members' queries and comments.

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

- The recent meeting between Ward Members and Chief Superintendent Marc Callaghan, which Members agreed had been most useful. Chief Superintendent Callaghan had agreed to hold similar meetings on a six monthly basis, and this was welcomed;
- Another multi-agency exercise, which had taken place between 5th and 9th February 2007, part of which had focussed on the 'R.U.21' Licensing Enforcement Initiative. Inspector Griffiths undertook to send the detailed statistical information to Members via the Area Management Team, and to try to arrange some local publicity

regarding the initiative. Members indicated that they too would consider trying to publicise the success of the operation;

- The issue of the Area Committees and Police Divisions having contiguous, rather than conterminous boundaries;
- The powers and duties of Police Community Support Officers, and the local discretion afforded to each Police Authority.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted, and Inspector Griffiths be thanked for attending the meeting.

(N.B. Councillors Castle, R D Feldman and the Chair all declared a personal interest in this item in their capacity as Members of the Licensing Committee).

64 Minutes- 11th December 2006

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2006 be confirmed as a correct record.

65 'Making the Housing Ladder Work' - A Plan for delivering Affordable Housing in Leeds

RESOLVED – That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting in view of the absence of an officer from the Neighbourhoods and Housing Department.

66 North East District Partnership - Update

The North East Area Manager submitted a report updating the Committee on key issues and recent actions of the NE District Partnership, in particular the meeting held on 22nd January 2007 and attended by Councillors R D Feldman and Mrs R Feldman. A theme emerging from that meeting had been the need to improve communication between the NE District Partnership and the Area Committees, and this was being worked on as a priority. Reference was also made to the current uncertainties due to structural or organisational changes involving the Police, PCT's and ALMOs.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

67 Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood - Update

The North East Area Manager submitted a report updating Members on progress in establishing a Priority Neighbourhood in Moor Allerton.

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

- The drugs problem in the area, which Ward Members felt was not being tackled effectively, and a possible drug-related incident of two spent bullet-cases being found in and in the vicinity of Alderton Hights. The Area Management Officer stated that the Council and its partner organisations were trying to tackle the problems, in terms of

educational awareness, support for parents, possible evictions etc, but she would speak to the Community Safety Co-ordinator and Inspector Briggs regarding Members concerns and also arrange for local Members to meet with ALMO representatives to discuss this matter.

- Northcall - assistance required applying for lottery funding and lack of consultation/influence regarding proposed Cranmer Bank environmental improvements – the Area Management Officer undertook to pursue both issues.

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

68 Well-Being Fund 2006/07 - Update

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 projects currently under development and details of small grants recently approved.

In response to a Member's query, the North East Area Manager stated that a proposed audit of the condition/needs of village halls in the Committee's area would form part of the draft 2007/08 Area Delivery Plan.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be noted;
- (b) That the following decisions be taken in respect of the applications for funding before the Committee for consideration:-

Revenue

- (i) Hudson Park, Wetherby – benches - £1,205 – Approved

Capital

- (i) Bardsey Woodacre Oak - £5,000 – Approved (replaces previous decision to grant £10,000 taken on 11th December 2006 (Minute No 58 refers)).
- (ii) East Keswick Village Hall - £50,000 requested - £15,000 approved.

69 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 (ADP) 2006/07. The appendices attached to the report would be used as a guide when drafting the 2007/08 ADP.

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

- Progress on obtaining approval for the use of York Stone in the Horsefair, Wetherby, redevelopment scheme;
- Siting of permanent speed cameras on Harrogate Road, Alwoodley, and the number of speeding tickets issued on that stretch of road via

the use of temporary mobile speed cameras. The NE Area Manager undertook to pursue both matters via Inspector Briggs and David Sherborne, Road Casualty Reduction Manager, Development Department, and also to invite Mr Sherborne to the next Area Committee meeting;

- SORT-IT re-cycling awareness project for schools – The Area Management Officer undertook to enquire and inform the Alwoodley Ward Members when it was proposed that this initiative would be extended to schools in that Ward.

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

70 Area Committee Forums - Feedback

The North East Area Manager submitted a report informing Members of the outcome of two recent Harewood and Wetherby Town and Parish Council Forum meetings, held on 30th November 2006 and 18th January 2007.

It was noted that the next meeting was on 8th March 2007, at 7.30 pm, at Wetherby Town Hall, and Members requested that in future they be notified well in advance of all such meetings.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

71 Dates, Times and Venues of Future Meetings

Wednesday 28th March 2007, at 7.00 pm, Aberford Village Hall*.

* Subsequently changed to Bardsey Village Hall.