

**PETERBOROUGH NORTH AREA COMMITTEE  
 (NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL N&W2)**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 15 DECEMBER 2010, 7.30 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

Chairman	Cllr Nash
Paston	Cllrs Simons and S Day
Walton	Cllr Sandford
Werrington North	Cllrs John Fox, Judy Fox and Lane
Werrington South	Cllrs Burton and Thacker

**Officers Present:**

Julie Rivett	Neighbourhood Management, PCC
Alex Daynes	Democratic Services, PCC
Ian Tobin	Neighbourhood Environment Enforcement Officer, PCC
Jamie MacFarlane	Neighbourhood Environment Enforcement Officer, PCC
Judith Harvey	Renewals and Fuel Poverty Officer, PCC
Ed Moss	Digital Switch Over

**Others Present:**

15 members of the public attended the meeting including representatives from South Holland District Council, Police Panel, Merland Court Residents Association, Neighbourhood Watch, Morland Court Residents, Werrington Neighbourhood Council, Disability Forum and Axiom Residents Forum.

ITEM	DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS	ACTION
1. Apologies	None.	
2. Declarations of Interest	None.	
3. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising	<p>The minutes from the meeting held 22 September were agreed to be accurate.</p> <p>The Chairman requested everyone fill in the Neighbourhood Council review questionnaire sheets that had been handed out.</p>	
4. Open Session	<p>Audience members were given the opportunity to ask questions and raise issues affecting the area they lived in. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lawrence Wright (WNC Chairman) – concern over negative newspaper article. Do Members present agree with the view of Cllr Sanders that Neighbourhood Councils should be disbanded? Cllr Burton – chairs the review group – Cllr Sanders’s opinion not representative of other Cllrs he has spoken to. Cllr Lane – happy with Cllr Burton’s reply. Cllr John Fox – support Cllr Burton’s comments, no decisions made on future of the meetings yet. Cllr Sandford – also on review group, about 12 years ago proposed area committees so already committed to the future of them. Need more delegated decision making powers to area committees. Cllr Burton – review group is</li> </ul>	

	<p>looking to see how they can be made better;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Sandford – Community Action Plans (CAP), what has happened so far? Julie Rivett – lots of consultation and headline priorities for each area produced. Not much more progression as spending review has disrupted progress. It is important not to raise any expectations that cannot then be met. We also need to ensure CAPs are considered important local statutory documents by the local authority and its partners. The Localism Bill supports the work so hopefully will continue soon;</li> <li>• Mr Killick, Paston - any update regarding Paston Centre? Tesco taking over car park at Chadburn Centre. Each Friday is a local market which will disband as not favoured by Tesco. Many residents want to retain the market. Residents should be consulted on use of car park. Cllr S Day – will continue to support the existence of the market and find out exact situation;</li> <li>• David Hedges – similar things happened in Hampton when trying to start a farmers’ market but hearsay and rumours spoiled the project. Previous minutes include comments on farmers’ market in Werrington but difficult to get formal written support or commitment. Planning issues in Werrington about Tesco were difficult to control and Tesco ended up securing more approvals for additional things than originally planned;</li> <li>• Mr Killick – spoke to PCC Officer re trees but no response yet. Chair – will chase up. Cllr Thacker - recommends using Ward Cllrs to contact officers as more effective if members of the public do not receive a response.</li> </ul>	
<p>5. Peterborough North Area Committee Budget</p>	<p>Chair intros spending suggestions. Only City Councillors can vote but 20 minutes for public to consult and propose what should and shouldn’t be supported.</p> <p>Cllr John Fox – what can it be spent on? Julie Rivett – can only be capital spend and not involve further revenue costs. Must fit the identified priorities to enhance the area. Cllr Sandford – report says £25k to support across the area and projects to apply to the area. Cllr Burton – elected members held meeting a couple of weeks ago at which criteria was set to consider the proposals against and that they should benefit the whole area.</p> <p>Public discussed the proposals with Members.</p> <p>Cllr Lane – could involve members of public in discussion of each proposal before voting. Clerk - explains could allow all proposals and then NManager would have to balance with £25k allowance.</p> <p>Cllr Sandford – Concerned that not all information available to make these decisions such as pros and cons for each and an evidence base. David Hedges – of the proposals, have no objection to any of the area wide proposals. Where is correlation between earlier public opinion seeking and these proposals? Julie Rivett – Any proposal would correlate to community action plans. The CAPs have not been finalised but money must be spent most appropriately and look at headline priorities to base proposals on. For example, a priority from the action plans was a problem with anti social behaviour, the suggested camera</p>	

purchases were a response to that priority. All proposals were worked up with relevant departments and they have assured that they can cover any ongoing costs. Cllr Burton – could quickly go through to explain each item proposed. Cllr Sandford - most proposals do not cover the entire area, could be pre-determined by previous meeting.

A further brief discussion was held on each proposal before voting took place to approve or reject spending as follows:

#### Purchase of mobile CCTV cameras

Cllr Lane – should explain exact cost and how many cameras to be bought. Cllr Sandford – what safeguards that CCTV will be used for legitimate purposes and not used by council to impinge on personal freedoms? Cllr John Fox – is to enforce against fly tipping and also includes anti-social behaviour hot spots across the area.

APPROVED (7 for, 0 against, 1 abstention).

#### Replace Fencing

Werrington allotments – serves all area and many will benefit. Chair – is the allotment site permanent? Cllr Thacker – yes, would like more. Cllr Day – more allotments to be provided in Paston and a new site proposed too. Cllr Sandford – supports more allotments but replaces existing fencing so should be paid for by city. Julie Rivett – This proposal has been verified by relevant officers to ensure it qualified as capital. Cllr Burton - confident will benefit whole area and more allotments desired by many residents.

APPROVED (8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

#### Street Lighting

Should it not come from city council funds? Cllr Fox – if not approved and light goes out it would get fixed. Cllr Lane – there is a proposal that council will replace all street lighting in next few years so waste of money here. Cllr Burton – agree with Cllr Lane. Should come out of central budget.

REJECTED (0 for, 8 against, 0 abstentions).

#### Bus Shelters

Cllr S Day – should not spend here, Community Leadership Fund could be spent here, if near two wards could combine funds. Cllr Sandford – cost of bus shelters too high for CLF. Many residents have been asking for some time. Alteration of route to no.2 bus in 2004 caused need. This is high in priority assessment for new bus shelters and this is only for a proportion of the cost. If additional funding is found it gets more points on qualifying formula so would get council to build quicker. Cllr Judy Fox – can build with CLF. Cllr Lane – will not benefit whole area. Cllr Burton – money spent here should benefit whole area.

REJECTED (1 for, 7 against, 0 abstentions).

#### Energy Monitors

Mr Killick – can get free from energy companies. Cllr Burton – need some additional information on this proposal to vote. Cllr Lane – was put forward to assist eco minded people to assess home energy loss. Climate change officer advised can get through other means. Cllr

	<p>Sandford – good for environmental agenda but don't have all the information needed for a proper decision.</p> <p>REJECTED (2 for, 3 against, 3 abstentions).</p> <p><u>Noise Monitoring Equipment</u></p> <p>APPROVED (8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).</p> <p><u>Trees</u> Cllr Lane – against this as have been advised that mature trees are difficult to maintain. Cllr Burton – was told could not have saplings / small trees.</p> <p>REJECTED (3 for, 5 against, 0 abstentions).</p> <p><u>Purchase Winter Salt Bins</u> Cllr Burton – positioning of them to be determined by elected members, need to get together to decide. Resident – can public have a say in where they go? Cllr Burton – thinks elected members to decide but should consult with residents before deciding. Chair – difficult to ensure they will be used, filled up, kept in good condition etc as have tried in Bretton.</p> <p>APPROVED (6 for, 1 against, 1 abstention).</p> <p><u>Community Grant Pool</u> Resident - there are other avenues of funding for community groups. Cllr John Fox – CLF money can also be used.</p> <p>Clerk – currently £18034.25 used so far without the community grant. Julie Rivett – if money is left over, more could be allocated to the approved projects or present another project to vote on at a later meeting. Cllr Lane – need to meet to expand on the current approved projects. Cllr John Fox – could put £4k to one of the approved projects.</p> <p>APPROVED (3 for, 1 against, 4 abstentions).</p> <p>Cllr Burton proposed the third recommendation in the report be reworded as it no longer applied as the funding agreed was under £25k. Cllr Burton proposed a further meeting with ward councillors be held to determine final budget setting allocations. This was seconded by Cllr Thacker and following a vote agreed by the Area Committee (6 for, 2 against).</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arrange for approved projects to go forward;</li> <li>2. Arrange meeting with Ward Councillors to determine allocation of remaining fund.</li> </ol>	Julie Rivett
6. Dog Control Orders	Julie Rivett advised that the relevant officer was ill and unable to attend the meeting but work had taken place around this issue, had discussed with Cllr Lane and agreed to bring to the next meeting. Cllr Burton – members needed to have a written report before the meeting.	
7. Saving Money on Your energy	Judith Harvey introduced issues on home insulation including the following:	

<p>Bills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If spending over 10% of income to keep property warm = fuel poverty. Some people need to as homes not always well insulated but too expensive so stay cold. Had a successful bid from EERA for £1m, matched by PCC so £2m to spend over 2 years;</li> <li>• Deal with home owners and private rental, no housing association properties. Grant assistance for loft and cavity insulation;</li> <li>• If over 70 qualify for free, if on benefit (subject to survey) you qualify, if household income less than £25 can qualify for free;</li> <li>• Still £100k left that must be spent by end of financial year. Need to raise awareness to get the money spent. Survey for this will be free, all checks and recommendations done. Can also get part funding if not qualify for free assistance.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Sandford – what is eligibility criteria? Judith Harvey - £25k household income from all sources. Have been doing for about 5 years.</p> <p>Cllr Sandford – how is income determined? Judith Harvey – is self certification, could be a bank statement that shows income.</p> <p>Lawrence Wright – more fund for next financial year? Judith Harvey – hope so but don't know budget yet.</p>	
<p>8. Peterborough City Council Budget</p>	<p>Julie Rivett advised that there would be no city council budget presentation as the spending review results only recently came out. Propose an extra meeting, one for each Neighbourhood Area in January. This area would be on 25 January at Ken Stimson School. Would be a Q&amp;A session.</p>	
<p>9. Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting was due to be held on Wednesday 23 March at the Honeyhill Centre, Paston.</p> <p>David Hedges – asked Councillors to take issue over policing in Werrington. Have a 4<sup>th</sup> Neighbourhood Sergeant in less than 2 years. Too many changes. Lawrence Wright – chair of police panel, meeting with Chief Constable soon and will raise this matter.</p>	

**Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.**