

**PETERBOROUGH WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE  
 (AREA NORTH & WEST 3)**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 JANUARY 2011, 7.00 p.m.  
 AT THE RAMADA, THORPE MEADOWS**

**Members Present:**

Bretton North	Councillors Nash (Chairman) and Fitzgerald
Bretton South	Councillor Fletcher
Ravensthorpe	Councillors Murphy and Nawaz
West	Councillor Arculus

**Officers Present:**

Julie Rivett	Neighbourhood Manager, PCC
Alex Daynes	Senior Governance Officer, PCC
Jonathan Lewis	Assistant Director Education & Resources, PCC
Peter Gell	Strategic Regulatory Services Manager, PCC
Andy Tatt	Network Management Group Manager, PCC
Steven Pilsworth	Head of Corporate Services, PCC
Jamie McFarlane	Neighbourhood Environment Enforcement Officer, PCC
Ian Tobin	Neighbourhood Environment Enforcement Officer, PCC
Cherry Lester	Locality Manager, PCC

**Also in Attendance:**

Andy Turner	Enterprise Peterborough
Richard Oldfield	Enterprise Peterborough
L Betteridge	Fire Service
Cllr John Holdich	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University, PCC

**Others Present:**

14 members of the public attended the meeting, including representatives from North West Urban Panel, Bretton Library Group, Netherton Neighbourhood Association, Cross Keys Homes and Thorpe Gate Residents Association.

ITEM	DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS	ACTION
1. Apologies for absence	Apologies were received from Councillor M Dalton and Councillor S Dalton.	
2. Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	
3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2011 were approved as a true and accurate record.	
4. Issues Arising from the Previous Meeting	The Neighbourhood Manager addressed the matters arising from the previous meeting and tabled an update report to those in attendance.	
5. Open Session	Attendees of the meeting were given the opportunity to ask questions and raise issues affecting the area in which they lived. These included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speed signs</b> - Eric Dent – Was it possible to have a vehicle</li> </ul>	

	<p>activated 30mph sign near shops on Ledbury Road and near Jack Hunt School too? JR – This is in the budget proposal later in the meeting and includes mobile speed units;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Midland Road and Vawser Lodge, cycle route at railway station</b> - Cllr Murphy – What is the progress on this? J Rivett – Dairy and Bakery site in receivership. Regular visits to the site to try to improve situation. Hospital and Vawser Lodge not owned by PCC but will bring information back at a later date. Cllr Fitzgerald – plan is to sell Vawser Lodge but must complement the former hospital site sale. Disposal list is publicly available;</li> <li>• Need to include new big issues on agendas and notify residents at meetings;</li> <li>• Richard Marx – can a station quarter update and plans come to the next meeting? J Rivett – yes, can be included with Ward Councillor agreement;</li> <li>• <b>Hospital traffic lights</b> - Glennis Bentley – City Hospital traffic, still continuing straight on from left hand lane, need signs to help this;</li> <li>• <b>Children’s Play Centres</b> - Anne S, Bretton North – what’s happening with the Croft and the Spinney, children’s play centres? Why no money allocated to them? J Lewis – Play Service, will be a consultation on future of play centres across the city. Cherry Lester – cannot open full time as cannot recruit full staff until planned review was finished. No health and safety risks. All centres have trained staff when opened. Cllr Fitzgerald – have had assurance that the Croft is not under threat. J Lewis – Children’s Centres won’t close but Play Centres will be under review;</li> <li>• G Bentley – what is timetable for review? J Lewis - Savings target of £300k for play service. Must meet demand for areas with highest level of need. Consult for a month once started;</li> <li>• Cllr Murphy – will Copelands be reopening? Cllr Fletcher – it has been closed for along time. Not much funding needed to open again. Local community could take it over but volunteers must give long term commitment. Need more youth provision in the area.</li> </ul>	<p>JR</p> <p>JR</p>
<p>6. Matters for Committee Decision</p>	<p><b>a) Annual Budget</b></p> <p>The Committee received a report setting out proposals for allocating some of the capital budget of £25,000 for 2011/12 for the Peterborough West Neighbourhood Committee. Members were requested to approve or reject the suggested projects to receive a share of the fund as contained in the report.</p> <p>Cllr Murphy – would like to discuss more about priorities in the area to determine where funding goes to. Clerk – new items cannot be agreed tonight if they are not in the report. Any new items would have to come back to the next meeting but Councillors can vote against the proposals in the report.</p> <p>Cllr Murphy – need more resident input and spending suggestion before agreeing.</p> <p>Cllr Fitzgerald moved the recommendation that the proposals were voted on. This was seconded by Cllr Nawaz.</p> <p><b><u>Recycling bin project</u></b> - to increase street recycling outside of the city centre. The project would cost £5,000 to purchase and install</p>	

	<p>approximately 16 bins which consisted of a waste bin and a recycling bin. These would be distributed between all wards in the Committee area.</p> <p>Following debate a vote was taken and the committee resolved to <b>APPROVE</b> the spending for the project (4 for, 0 against, 1 abstention).</p> <p><b>Vehicle Activated Signs</b> – these were portable signs which could be moved throughout the Committee area in response to speeding concerns £8,000.</p> <p>Following debate a vote was taken and the committee resolved to <b>APPROVE</b> the spending for the project (4 for, 0 against, 1 abstention).</p> <p><b>Verge parking</b> – a contribution of £10,000 in order to respond to concerns of verge parking in one identified hotspot within the Committee area. This project would be used as a pilot for the Committee to consider its outcomes to advise future work across the Committee boundaries.</p> <p>Following debate a vote was taken and the committee agreed to <b>APPROVE</b> the spending for the project (5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).</p> <p><b>CCTV</b> - The Neighbourhood Committee would provide a contribution of £2,000 towards the cost of a CCTV camera for The Grange.</p> <p>Following debate a vote was taken and the committee resolved to <b>APPROVE</b> the spending for the project (4 for, 0 against, 1 abstention).</p>	
<p>7. Updates on Matters of Interest Relevant to the Committee</p>	<p><b>a) Enterprise Peterborough</b></p> <p>Richard Oldfield of Enterprise Peterborough advised the committee of the services it provided nationally and in Peterborough including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilities work;</li> <li>• Local government work;</li> <li>• £1b turnover annually;</li> <li>• Peterborough includes, waste collection and recycling, school buses, public buses, land and building maintenance, catering;</li> <li>• Street Care model – multi skilled teams to undertake whole portfolio of work;</li> <li>• Some daily cleansing on streets and in local centres;</li> <li>• Work with Neighbourhoods to identify priorities and objectives.</li> </ul> <p>Comments and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Fletcher – South Bretton, good service in bin collection but not good treatment for hedge maintenance. Not all new growth being cut off so bushes will get bigger and bigger;</li> <li>• E Dent – need a better relationship with Peterborough City Hospital; staff smoke outside and on footpaths in the area. It is now an eyesore and seats in play area used for smoking and area around littered with cigarette ends. Can Enterprise clean up the area weekly or daily? R Oldfield – would need to work with enforcement team too. J McFarlane – several hours spent around</li> </ul>	

the hospital each week and work with the hospital has improved;

- Glennis Bentley – communal parking areas obstructed by bushes in Ravensthorpe;
- There was more than one van to collect from dog bins due to the Street Care model so several vans were across the city as part of other duties;
- There was a good relationship with Council enforcement officers. Lots of work to ensure coordination and action. Also good working agreements with highways officers when work needed on roads etc;
- Enterprise was still working with the justice system and probation services to get people back into work and with the Community Payback team. New initiative in February to take on long term unemployed for 6 month rolling programme. Probation service used for highways issues too for cleansing and other works; and
- Telephone 425425 for the Enterprise helpdesk but Peterborough Direct on 747474 in the first instance.

#### **b) School Provision in the Peterborough West area**

Jonathon Lewis (Assistant Director of Education & Resources) presented information on school provision in the Peterborough West area. The presentation included information on:

- School achievement and delivery in the area;
- English as Additional Language speakers;
- KS2 Assessment levels;
- KS4 Assessment levels for Jack Hunt School;
- Ofsted Ratings;
- School Places available;
- Resources available for new builds; and
- West Town development.

Comments and responses to questions included:

- J Lewis – where there is a high proportion of English as an additional language (EAL) students, schools get more money from the school funding formula;
- J Lewis – proposals were being sent in for the former hospital site and officers would negotiate with developers regarding potential new population numbers. The proposed new West Town school development should cope with an increase in pupils.
- J Lewis – It would not be legal to put all EAL students into one school. Schools do get extra funding and the council had a policy of inclusion.

#### **c) Verges**

Peter Gell (Strategic Regulatory Services Manager) and Andy Tatt (Network Management Group Manager) gave the Committee an update on progress since the last Committee and what would happen next

