



Cllr Y Lowndes (Chairman)
 Central: Cllr Hussain, Cllr Jamil & Cllr Khan
 North: Cllr Sharp & Cllr Swift

MINUTES
Of a meeting of the
Central & North Neighbourhood Council (Area Central & East 1)
on
Wednesday 2nd June 2010 at 7.00 pm at
Town Hall Reception Room, Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr Lowndes (Chairman)
 Cllr Hussain
 Cllr Jamil
 Cllr Khan

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Alana Hair	Governance Officer
Stuart Hamilton	Resilience Services Manager
Cate Harding	Neighbourhood Manager, Central & East Locality
Steven Pettican	Central and East Locality Manager, Peterborough Young People's Service

2 members of the public attended the meeting, one representing Manor House Street. Standing invitees from MANERP, Fulbridge Residents Association, Cross Keys Homes, Innova DT, the Salvation Army, the Fire Service, and Peterborough City Council's Young Peoples' Service also attended the meeting.

ITEM	DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS	ACTION
1. Apologies	Apologies had been received from Cllr Sharp and Cllr Swift.	
2. Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	
3. Minutes of the last meeting	The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2010 were approved. <u>Thurston House</u> Cllr Khan raised the issue that in Central Ward there was a planning application for the redevelopment of Thurston House and expressed	

	<p>concern that the item was not listed on this agenda for consideration.</p> <p>During discussion, questions were raised and responses given as follows:</p> <p><u>Highways</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At this time no update was available regarding the Matalan car parking issue. The Neighbourhood Manager assured the committee that officers were doing all they could to progress the item. ▪ The Taverners Road traffic light issue is currently being investigated through traffic surveys. <p><u>Health Care in Central Ward</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr Jamil and Cllr Khan expressed concern that the proposed closure of a primary care facility was not being brought to the Neighbourhood Council for consultation. <p><u>Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO's)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was requested that HMOs become a standing item on the agenda for this Neighbourhood Council as they are an important issue for this Neighbourhood area, particularly the Millfield area. 	
<p>4. Election of Vice Chair</p>	<p>Cllr Khan was elected as Vice Chair of the Central and North Neighbourhood Council for the 2010/2011 municipal year.</p>	
<p>5. You Said – We Did</p>	<p>Stuart Hamilton, Peterborough City Council Resilience Services Manager, gave a presentation on the new 6 month Blitz Task Force which was to be operational in Lincoln Road, as requested by the local community. In presenting the item, the Resilience Services Manager made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The anticipated launch date for the task force was 15 July. ▪ It was hoped that an enforcement officer would be in the area from tomorrow. Enforcement by CCTV, which also fell within the remit of Resilience Services, may be an option due to the limited number of enforcement officers available. 	
<p>6. Young People in Central and North Wards</p>	<p>Steven Pettican, Central and East Locality Manager, Peterborough Young People's Service invited three local young people to share a story about a piece of artwork being developed in the Taverners Road underpass.</p> <p>A presentation was made which showed photographs of the progress made on the artwork. In presenting the photographs, the young people made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The project was about taking a dark space and trying to make it a lighter, brighter and safer feeling place to travel through. ▪ The basis of the design, incorporating the word 'peace' in a number of different languages to reflect diversity in 	

	<p>Peterborough, was the result of many weeks consultation supported by youth workers and the Police.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The young people were motivated to undertake such a project because of the enjoyment they received from expressing themselves on a big canvas. It had been an enjoyable opportunity that they wouldn't ordinarily have. <p>Following the presentation, attendees were asked to complete a questionnaire which asked a series of questions relating to public perceptions on the positive contributions of young people in the area.</p> <p>The Central and East Locality Manager, Peterborough Young People's Service advised that the results of the questionnaire would be fed back to a future meeting of the Neighbourhood Council.</p>	SP / CH
7. Open Session	<p><u>Matalan Issue / Highways</u></p> <p>Despite efforts by officers, the ongoing traffic congestion problems in the area believed to be linked to the design of the Matalan Car Park had not yet been resolved. During consideration, it was</p> <p>AGREED</p> <p>That the Neighbourhood Council request that Cabinet take up the issue on behalf of the Neighbourhood Council.</p> <p><u>Gladstone Investment Plan</u></p> <p>The Gladstone Investment Plan, which contained 90 recommendations for the area, was to be included as a main agenda item for the next meeting.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Manager advised that of these 90 recommendations it may be that officers could pick up four or five in the short term for decision making as a work programme for the next year. All of the recommendations in the Gladstone Investment Plan had been of significant influence in the Community Action Plan, which had progressed to draft state, and would be brought to the next meeting.</p> <p>During discussion, the following items were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding young people, Cllr Jamil requested that the Youth Parliament be represented on the Council. It was noted that the lack of a secondary school in the area was a disadvantage as young people had to travel out of the area to receive their education. Work had to be done to establish a communication channel/link with the staff groups and children, to let the community know was happening. Perhaps school newsletters could be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Management team for wider circulation? Until 2001 there was a dedicated children's play-centre in the Central Ward area, which was then withdrawn. Play activity 	<p>CH / AH</p> <p>CH</p> <p>CH</p> <p>CH</p>

has been going on, but need some provision for young people in the Central Area. This area has one of the largest populations of people aged under 25 years, with lots of young families, and the provision of play for younger children was essential.

- Regarding Health care in Central Ward, Cllr Khan again raised concerns regarding the proposed closure of a GP surgery in Millfield. Following discussion, it was

AGREED

That the Neighbourhood Council request that the Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues consider this item at its next meeting.

During further discussion, the following items were raised:

- The Manager Resilience Services advised that a new camera would be provided on Burley Park Road junction where there previously had been a camera before it was relocated to Gladstone Park Community Centre (GPCC). The permanent camera would be installed within the next six or seven weeks.
- It was noted that the camera at Bourges Boulevard was owned by the Peterborough Safety Partnership and would be in place until a request was received to move it to another location. Cllr Khan requested that the camera remain in place permanently. A permanent camera installation would cost about £13,000 and there was no budget at this time.
- The re-deployable camera was sited at the GPCC due to the concern regarding the high level of anti social behaviour and break-ins in the area. The siting of the camera had significantly reduced the incidence of such activity. It is understood that the camera is re-deployable, however the Neighbourhood Manager had the support of the Safer Peterborough Partnership for it to remain in this location until such time it is felt that security is improved sufficiently.
- Residents felt that there was a lack of CCTV in Lincoln Road, considering the amount of crime, congestion and illegal parking.
- Residents had written to the Council on numerous occasions regarding visitors permits and had received assurances that it was being looked at, however the issue has been going on for over two years.
- Residents faced difficulty complaining about noise in the area, as the Council required a form to be filled in – difficult for this area where for 90% of residents, English is not their first language. This needs to be addressed, and a policy established to enable non English speaking residents to make complaints and otherwise deal with the Council effectively.
- Fly tipping in Russell Street car park almost every week is an ongoing problem despite the Council cleaning it every week –

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surely not cost effective and does not send the right message.

The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to take all issues raised back to her team for investigation and would feedback to a future meeting.

Cllr Khan was concerned that an application in for a takeaway in Sargeant Street was not brought to he Neighbourhood Council for comment. In response to his concerns, the Governance Officer assured Cllr Khan that residents may approach their Ward Councillors regarding any Planning Application at any time, and the Ward Councillor may act on their behalf and make their views on specific planning applications known to the Planning Committee.

Cllr Khan agreed to take the matter forward and submit it to the Committee in relation to this item.

Questions were raised about the remit of the Neighbourhood Council with regard to Planning Applications, and what the process was for determining applications. In response to questions, the following answers were given:

- Neighbourhood Councils do not meet regularly enough to consider Planning Applications, however officers would like to move forward so that Councillors and officers meet regularly enough to flag up issues relevant to the area.
- About 90% of planning applications are dealt with by officers, others that are larger will come to committee.

During further discussion, the following items were raised:

- Residents felt that Taverners Road had become a commercial area when it was never meant to be a commercial area. The community and the Neighbourhood Council should make a statement that the community is sick and tired of continuing encroachment of commercial premises in this residential area.
- Whilst no papers regarding these planning items were available at the meeting, officers advised that all planning applications are on public display.
- It was felt that planning policies were out of touch with the needs of particular communities and areas. There was a general consensus that there is already a glut of traffic, overcrowding, houses etc and to have more businesses going on exacerbates the issues.
- The bus depot in the Millfield area is continually causing problems in the evening when returning busses are queuing and causing delays. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to take the action forward and update at a future meeting.
- The unofficial bus station in Windmill Street was a hazard and a nuisance. The matter had been the subject of extensive discussion with Highways, however as yet no solution had been identified.

8. Date of Next Meeting	The Chairman informed the Committee that the next meeting of the Central and North Neighbourhood Council would take place on Tuesday, 21 st September 2010 at a venue to be confirmed.	
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Meeting closed at 8.45pm.