

CENTRAL & NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE
(AREA CENTRAL & EAST 1)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER, 2011, 7.00 PM
AT PETERBOROUGH SPORTS & LEISURE CLUB FUNCTION ROOM,
PETERBOROUGH

Members Present:

Chairman	Councillor Peach
Central	Councillors Nadeem, Jamil and Khan
North	Councillor Swift

Officers Present:

Paul Phillipson	Executive Director of Operations
Jonathan Lewis	Assistant Director of Education & Resources, PCC
Karla Wilson	Neighbourhood Environment Enforcement Officer, PCC
Peter Bezant	Neighbourhood Housing Enforcement Officer, PCC
Joanne Hodges	Senior Neighbourhood Enforcement Officer, Central & East, PCC
Allison Sunley	Head of 8-19 Services, PCC
Matt Oliver	Integrated Manager for 8-19 Services, PCC
Andy Orvis	Civil Enforcement Officer, PCC
Cate Harding	Neighbourhood Manager, PCC
Karen S Dunleavy	Governance Officer, PCC
Amanda Rose	Media and Communications Officer, PCC

Others Present:

Chief Inspector Kevin Vanterpool	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Inspector Dominic Glazebrook	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Sergeant James Sheffield	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Ed Murphy	Programme Director of Step Up

Twenty four people attended the meeting of which one was a local resident and twenty three represented local residents groups, local organisations and service providers.

Item	Discussion and Actions	Action
1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Councillor Sharp.	
2. Declarations of Interest	The following Councillors declared a personal interest in item 6a, Operation CAN-do, as they sat on the Board for Gladstone Connect, Councillor Khan, Councillor Jamil and Councillor Nadeem.	
3. Minutes from the previous meeting	The minutes from the previous meeting held on 16 June 2011 were agreed as a true and accurate record subject to the following comments being included:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Nadeem spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Alma Road surgery. • A member of the public commented that the Primary Care's Trust's proposals were warmly welcomed by the community. 	
4. Issues arising from previous Meeting	<p>The Neighbourhood Manager advised attendees that a handout was available on the desks which detailed the actions completed following the last meeting of Neighbourhood Committee.</p> <p>In response to an action point raised at the Neighbourhood Committee meeting held on 20 September 2011, Councillor Khan provided an update on the situation with regards to the Gladstone Park Community Centre, currently managed by Gladstone Connect.</p> <p>Key points highlighted were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The status of the roofing repairs; • Arrangements made with Peterborough Regional College to enable them to hire out and use the three rooms at the centre; • Other sources of room hire opportunities; • Signing the agreement for transfer of the lease with Peterborough City Council; and • Working closely with the City Council and Cabinet Member to make the Asset Transfer viable. <p>During discussion, the following comments, questions and observations were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public sought clarification regarding the users group for Gladstone Connect and what contributions were being established? <i>Cllr Khan advised that the user group had just been established and that anyone wishing to join was welcome.</i> • The Neighbourhood Manager advised attendees that if anyone was interested in joining the Gladstone Connect user group, they would need to provide their contact details. The Neighbourhood Manager also advised that names received would be put forward to the Gladstone Connect Board. 	CH
5. Matters for Committee Decision	<p>a) Annual Budget (Elected Members)</p> <p>Councillor Swift introduced the report on Capital Budget Allocation for 2011/12. The report requested that the Committee considered and approved the proposals for the allocation of the Capital Budget of £25,000 for 2011/12.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>Following consideration of the report, the Committee voted and approved unanimously that the 2011/12 budget be allocated to the</p>	

	<p>North ward area as the previous year's budget had been fully allocated to projects within Central Ward. Elected Members proposed that the full budget be allocated as a vital match funding contribution to the proposed developments at Welland Recreation Ground (locally known as Rocket Rec) to enable the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-direction of the Dodds Cycle path through the park; • Introduction of solar lighting to aid community safety; and • <u>Proposed</u> closure of the Welland Close alleyway leading to Crocus Grove to reduce levels of Anti Social Behaviour and support local vulnerable residents. 	
<p>6. Updates on Matters of Interest Relevant to the Committee</p>	<p>a) Operation CAN-do</p> <p>The Director of Operations gave a presentation detailing the work of Operation CAN-do. The Committee was advised that the plan had started its short-term phase and that the project was to run for a ten year period, with the aim being to tackle at least one intervention or activity per week.</p> <p>The Committee was advised that the short to long term improvement ideas for the area would make a difference for people that worked, visited or wanted to live in the area.</p> <p>The following key points were highlighted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating jobs through growth and improved skills and education; • Supporting the most vulnerable families and tackle causes of poverty; • Safeguarding adults and children; • Helping people to live more healthy and sustainable lives; • Empowering people and creating cohesive communities; • Reducing crime and tackling anti-social behaviour; and • Using resources more efficiently and effectively <p>Intended outcomes for the initiative were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The master plan for the area, included within the Integrated Delivery Plan (IDP), sought to maximise opportunities for growth and regeneration of the area; • Community Partnerships working collaboratively and in line with the principles and priorities of the Single Delivery Plan; • Positive engagement activities for young people; • A framework to maximise economic growth to develop an area where people would choose to live and work; • Improved local parks and open spaces; • Connected and empowered communities who would feel involved and able to influence decisions about their Neighbourhood; • Improved access to training and employment opportunities; • A reduction in alcohol and drug related crime and anti-social behavior; and • A Performance Management Framework by which to measure and evidence success. 	

The Committee was advised that the Single Delivery Plan, set out the intended outcomes of operation CAN-do, which would work to improve the area.

It was proposed to provide a dedicated building within the area that would offer a range of services from police to local authority issues for the community,

The Committee was also advised that regular updates on the progress of Operation CAN-do would be given at future Neighbourhood Committee meetings.

Chief Inspector Kevin Vanterpool updated the Neighbourhood Committee on the work that had been conducted by Cambridgeshire Constabulary to deal with crime and disorder in the Lincoln Road area. The Committee was also advised that following the last Neighbourhood Committee meeting, where a presentation had been given regarding a wide range of crime issues; people had come forward to provide vital information on criminal activities. The Committee was also updated on the actions that the police had recently dealt with as part of Operation CAN-do, these included:

- On street parking 400 parking tickets issued;
- On street prostitution;
- Working with Enforcement Officers on licensing issues; and
- The drinking of alcohol in the street, which had resulted in offenders being warned against their actions and the confiscation of their alcohol.

The Committee was also advised that crime incidents within the area had already reduced as a result of investing significant resources, such as a dedicated police officer who was constantly present in the Lincoln Road area.

The following comments, questions and observations were made:

- Members commented about the fuel poverty within the area and stated that solar panel heating and cavity insulation options were being investigated under the CAN-do Initiative.
- A member of the public commented that the Council were doing a good job. However, only people living within the Central and North area would be able to judge if Operation CAN-do was having an impact in the community.
- A member of the public commented about the key improvements proposed through Operation CAN-do and raised concerns about whether the Council were sure that the initiative would create regeneration. It was also commented that the local community needed to feel that they had a sense of ownership on the initiatives being delivered.
- A member of the public requested assurances that Gladstone residents would be consulted equally on the future engagement of Operation CAN-do.

- Councillor Nadeem suggested that the issues being raised by the members of the public should be discussed at a meeting outside of the Neighbourhood Committee and suggested that it may be useful to form a regeneration forum group.
- The Director of Operations relayed that Operation CAN-do would work to serve the public, working alongside as many of the association groups and organisations available within the area.
- The Neighbourhood Manager advised that officers of Peterborough City Council wished to work with all organisations and individuals across the community. Recent communications regarding Operation CAN-do had been sent to members of Gladstone Connect, MANERP and Victoria Park Residents Association amongst others.
- Councillor Shearman confirmed that Victoria Parks Residents Association, Princess Gardens and other groups had all received the correspondence regarding Operation CAN-do.
- A member of the public commented that promises had been made previously to improve the Lincoln Road area and that the Council should not lose sight of Operation CAN-do. The member of the public also commented that the previous initiative; 'Planning for Real' had come up with good ideas, but not much of a change had seemed to happen for the area. In addition Operation CAN-do was thought to be a great plan and that the inter agency cooperation would deliver a positive approach.
- Councillor Peach commented that representation should be made across all organisations across the Central and North ward areas and that work should be continued to encompass membership from other wards.
- Mr Sabeel commented that there were organisations such as Step Up, that had not received the correspondence about Operation CAN-do and that although Gladstone Connect was a very good organisation, it was not supported properly and did not reflect the needs of the local community.

Action

It was agreed that Councillors from the Central ward would arrange a meeting with Mr Sabeel outside the remit of a Neighbourhood Committee meeting to discuss the issues raised.

b) Work with Local Young People

The Head of 8-19yr Services gave a presentation on Operation CAN-do and the activities which had been arranged over the school holidays in the Central ward for the youth in the community. The Neighbourhood Committee was also updated on the support

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being provided to help young people within the community, which saw advice being provided on education and employment.

The following points were given consideration within the presentation:

- Working within and with the community;
- Supporting existing groups;
- Linking Council Youth Workers with existing and developing projects; and
- Supporting organisations to deliver through commissioning, capacity building and sharing resources e.g. Street Bus.

The Step Up Community Association Project Co-ordinator, gave a presentation about the work being conducted by the organisation in order to work with children in known hot spots areas prone to disruption during Ramadan. A Youth Club had been introduced for the area, which had created a visible and positive impact. The Neighbourhood Committee was advised that there had been changes in attitudes due to community cohesion and engagement with young people and that all of the support provided was achievable in conjunction with Operation CAN-do.

The Neighbourhood Committee received a presentation on the progress made through Operation CAN-do, by Youth Workers for the 8-19 Service and the Locality Manager for the Central and East area. The Locality Manager also advised the Neighbourhood Committee that the Youth Workers were involved in engaging with the youth in the area, which had spanned as far as the Fulbridge area.

The following points in the presentation were give consideration:

- Support for organisations to bid for external funding;
- Safeguarding Children;
- Engaging with service provider forums and other providers;
- Liaison with Mosques to engage with youths;
- Creating a one partnership driven Youth Work team across the area – responsive to emerging needs; and
- Targeting groups of young people within universal settings.

Many activities organised through the Summer Youth Club included:

- Barbeque and a trip to ferry meadows;
- Seaside trips; and
- Visits to Mosques.

The following comments and observations were made:

- A member of the public asked for a contact list of organisations such as Step Up, in order to obtain further information on the Youth Work that the organisation was involved in. The member of public was informed that further information would be provided at the next meeting of Neighbourhood Committees for Central and North.

- Members commented that the Police, alongside various other organisations, should be congratulated over the hard work undertaken in order to obtain the funding to implement a youth club. It was further commented that the funding had been obtained within a ten day period.
- Members suggested that the implementation of an area based regeneration partnership, should be explored. This partnership would act as an umbrella organisation to ensure that resources in the area were being used to best effect.
- Members requested that further information be provided regarding the support of Youth Work and the reasons why separate groups were held.

ACTION

It was agreed that the Locality Manger for 8-19 Services would arrange an invitation for the Youth Club members to attend a future Neighbourhood Committee to provide an update on the sessions held.

c) Education Services/School Places

The Assistant Director of Education and Resources gave a presentation on school place planning and the issues facing the City. The Neighbourhood Committee was advised that clear responsibility was held with the Local Authority to meet the needs of children in education, which meant paying for transport for a child that did not attend a local school.

The following points within the presentation were given consideration:

- Admissions process;
- Selection criteria;
- Pressures on school places in Central and North wards;
- Meeting school place pressures;
- Birth rates;
- Population numbers;
- School place planning;
- Waiting lists;
- Good Key Stage results throughout the city
- Applying for places – a fair and open process;
- Schools fit for purpose – Ofsted inspections; and
- Local places for local Children.

The following comments and observations were made:

- Members commented that one of the issues facing school places for children in the area was that many siblings were attending different secondary schools. The Assistant Director of Education and Resources advised Members that some schools did not adopt the sibling criteria and that the Secretary of State had been written to in order to challenge

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	<p>this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members raised a question about which schools the Council still retained an influence over in setting admission criteria? The Assistant Director of Education and Resources advised Members that there were some Church of England schools that were partly run by the Council, but Government legislation had recently changed, which had reduced the Council's level of involvement. The Assistant Director of Education and Resources also advised Members that challenges would be made following any decisions carried out by schools over admission criteria, where the criteria was deemed by the Council to unacceptable. 	
<p>7. Open Session</p>	<p>Attendees of the meeting were given the opportunity to ask questions and raise issues affecting the areas in which they lived. These included:</p> <p><u>Houses of Multiple Occupation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members raised a question about what action was being taken to tackle the issue of houses of multiple occupation? A member of public also commented on the following issues which had arisen in the St Paul's Road area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti social behaviour; Noise disruption; and Houses of multiple occupation. <p><i>The Executive Director of Operations advised that there was a considerable amount of community engagement being conducted to obtain an understanding of what was happening in the area to identify what issues there were.</i></p> <p>The following key points were also highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community groups were getting involved in Operation CAN-do initiatives; Enforcement exercises; Ensuring that houses of multiple occupation were licensed properly and deemed to be safe; High level fines for landlords that did not abide by the rules; Checks with the Planning Department in order to review planning applications to ensure that properties were being developed in accordance with the relevant Government regulations, and Projects through the Youth Work Team and Youth Work Group, in line with Operation CAN do to tackle language barriers. <p><u>Engagement with the Community</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Member of public sought clarification over what advertising had been conducted to encourage residents to 	

attend Neighbourhood Committees and what other ways the Council was engaging with the community? *Councillor Peach advised that Neighbourhood Committee meetings were continually being promoted using various methods such as press releases, local radio, Councillors surgeries and ward newsletters. The Executive Director of Operations also advised that the Council was engaging with community groups and residents associations and investigating further engagement opportunities throughout schools.*

Supermarket in Maskew Avenue

Councillor Khan and Swift provided an update to the Neighbourhood Committee regarding a planning application for a supermarket to be built in the Maskew Avenue area (where the parcel force used to be). Members also sought the comments of residents regarding the plans and thoughts on suitability of the site identified?

Comments received were as follows:

- A member of public commented that building a supermarket may affect the custom of the smaller shops and traders in the Milfield area.
- Members raised a comment about whether consideration had been given to invest section 106 agreements in the undeveloped land near Toys R us.

Neighbourhood Committee Funding and S106

A member of the public requested an update on the Neighbourhood Committee funding and Section 106 money, which had been identified for the following:

- Building the Iqbal Centre;
- Youth Shelter in Gladstone park;
- Lighting in Hobson's area; and
- Development for the Hobson's play area.

The Neighbourhood Manger provided the following update to the Neighbourhood Committee:

- Section 106 money of £50,000 was ring fenced for a range of project plans around the Hobson's area. As soon as occupation of the new flats in the Hobson area had taken place; a community consultation would be conducted to ascertain how the money would be better spent;
- Funding of £6,000 was to be made available through Neighbourhood Committee allocation for lighting in the area. However, recent proposals had been announced to extend the Beeches school, which meant that there may not be a need to provide funding for lighting. It was also advised that other organisations such as Step Up were being considered to receive the £6,000 funding;
- Funding of £10,000 had been set aside for the Youth

	<p>Shelter in Gladstone Park. A recent site visit had been conducted by the police and following consultation with the youth in the local community it was agreed that a youth centre shelter was no longer required; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request had been received to spend the unallocated £10,000 on environmental improvements in the Gladstone Park area instead and a schedule of works was drawn up to address the issues of homelessness. Following consultation, the funding was used to cut back the shrubs around the Gladstone Park area. <p><u>Litter Picking</u></p> <p>Following a question raised by Members regarding litter picking and the use of a linksman in the Gladstone area, the Executive Director for Operations advised that a meeting would be arranged with Enterprise to review the linksman service to ascertain if the community's need was being met in terms of litter control.</p>	PP
8. Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Central & North Neighbourhood Committee was to be held on Monday 19 December 2011.	

ACTIONS

DATE	ACTION	WHO AND WHEN?	STATUS
20 September 2011	<p>Provide a list of User Groups of the Gladstone Connect Board to Mr Sabeel.</p> <p>Pursue any interests from any residents wishing to join the Gladstone Connect Board – Details to be obtained after the meeting</p> <p>Councillors from the Central ward would arrange a meeting with Mr Sabeel outside the Neighbourhood Committee meeting to discuss the issues raised.</p>	<p>Cate Harding/Cllr Khan</p> <p>Cate Harding/Cllr Khan ASAP</p> <p>Central Ward Councillors ASAP</p>	
	David Jost requested a contact list of the organisations involved in the work with local young people as part of Operation CAN do, such as Step Up.	Cate Harding, by date of next meeting 19 December 2011	
	The Locality Manger for Eight to Nineteen Services would arrange an invitation for the Youth Club members to attend a future Neighbourhood Committee to provide an update on the sessions held	Locality Manager, Children's Community Health 1 st December 2011	
	Mr Sabeel requested more information about the section 106 money being made available for the Iqbal Centre.	Cate Harding, by date of next meeting 19 December 2011	
	Cllr Nadeem and Paul Phillipson to attend a meeting with Enterprise Peterborough to investigate the provision of a Linksman (litter clearing) for the Gladstone area.	Paul Phillipson, by date of next meeting 19 December 2011	