

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19 DECEMBER, 2011, 7.00 PM  
 AT THE RECEPTION ROOM, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

**Members Present:**

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

**Officers Present:**

Cate Harding                Neighbourhood Manager, PCC  
 Alex Daynes                 Senior Governance Officer, PCC  
 Paul Phillipson             Executive Director Operations, PCC  
 Ross Burton                 Principal Sustainable Transport Planning Officer, PCC  
 Insp. D Glazebrook        Cambridgeshire Constabulary

**Others Present:**

25 people attended the meeting including residents and representatives of Group Action in Norfolk Street, Peterborough Racial Equality Council, Safer Peterborough Partnership, Working in Partnership, Step Up, Gladstone Connect, MANERP, and Victoria Park Residents' Association.

Item	Discussion and Actions	Action
1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Councillor Sharp.	
2. Declarations of Interest	None were received.	
3. Minutes from the previous meeting	The minutes from the meeting held on 20 September 2011 were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
4. Issues arising from previous Meeting	The Neighbourhood Manager advised that updates and details of completed actions were provided on tables and on the presentation on the big screen.	
5. Open Session	<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>Highways issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New England Triangle, too many traffic lights in small area, causes confusion in rush hour as traffic has to stop instead of moving along causing long tail backs onto the dual carriageway - Ross Burton – the lighting scheme was to ensure bus priority. There was to be a meeting on 12</li> </ul>	

	<p>January at 3pm at 439 Lincoln Road to raise issues regarding the new traffic scheme;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Khan, top end of Clarence Road and Occupation Road, was told would be resurfaced next year but has been put back 4-7 years, not happy about this.</li> <li>• New England Triangle, Maskew Avenue and Bourges Boulevard mini roundabout could aid traffic flow;</li> <li>• Brian Gascoyne - Traffic lights removed on Bright Street and Lincoln Road and improved traffic flow. Ross – signals being reviewed there in the New Year.</li> </ul> <p><u>Taxis in city centre:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tariq, taxi driver – more taxi ranks and parking places for Black Cabs needed in the city for dropping off and picking up of customers. Not sufficient parking for min-cabs. Especially affects disabled and elderly people. Need a pick up and drop off space near Tesco, John Lewis and other main facilities. Paul Phillipson – Smart Car will identify where no parking is allowed when enforcing parking zones. Whatever is allocated, would need to enforce the parking there as with the 3 available spaces behind Tesco. There are stopping places available and officers will continue to enforce no stopping zones. Officers will be writing to advise where stopping areas are. Tariq – could create extra places in bus lane which his very long. Mini-cabs cheaper but being held back by stopping zones. Chair, Rob Saunders will write to advise of issues.</li> <li>• Cllr Nadeem – should arrange a meeting with council to discuss this issue.</li> </ul> <p><u>St Paul's Road:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of missing dogs in area recently. Can this be looked into? Paul Phillipson – will contact dog warden to see if anything seen. Need to report to Police.</li> <li>• Inspector Glazebrook – if suspicions, should report to Police as theft of a dog is a criminal offence.</li> </ul> <p><u>Youth Provision in Central Ward, S106 contribution:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of provision in Central ward increasing anti-social activity. Was there money available, around £50k, now only £10k? Operation Can Do, is there transparency and coordinated working within the council if the S106 allocation is changing? Should be discussed here, not decided somewhere else.</li> <li>• P Phillipson – S106 can be renegotiated at any time. Change of use of University Court means requirement of S106 has changed for that development. Will be for university student accommodation so not impacting on youth in the area. Companies/developers can request to change. Have not engaged community for this S106 contribution, this should have happened. Can present further on powers of this committee.</li> <li>• Cllr Khan, once committed to funding and if little S106 in Central Ward was available, need to identify core funding instead if other areas are to receive more S106 for developments. Would need policy change.</li> <li>• There was a youth centre (Gladstone Road) that was taken away and replaced by a nursery. A building is available but needs funding to establish a youth provision. There was</li> </ul>	<p>RS</p> <p>CH</p>
--	--	---------------------

	<p>funding available but chose to use it for landscaping. Cate Harding – it is still a priority to find funding to support youth initiatives in the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If S106 can change, can the project for the allocated funding change? Chair - can discuss this with local councillors.</li> <li>• Cllr Jamil – funding is still a priority and it will be found for the project to go ahead. Committed to youth provision in the area. Other work is also important for the area.</li> </ul> <p><u>Alcohol and Can Do:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian Gascoyne - alcohol licensing and enforcement, increase in venues selling alcohol and alcohol related anti-social behaviour increasing too. Can Licensing Committee be more robust in issuing licences? Cllr Peach – government legislation makes more difficult to refuse licenses without strong grounds. BG – need to enforce restrictions properly. P Phillipson – have carried out increased enforcement. Trading Standards enforcing too.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Jamil – many new taxis, are there plans to accommodate higher numbers of taxis? P Phillipson – always reviewing needs and provision.</p> <p>Cllr Nadeem – Thomas Deacon Academy no longer to teach Urdu. Disappointing. This is a multi cultural city and it would be a loss if the language is removed. Can the Council treat this as an important issue and discuss with the school? P Phillipson – will discuss with Children’s Services.</p>	PP
6. Updates on Matters of Interest Relevant to the Committee	<p>Short presentations from residents and community groups were given to inform of their work and issues in the Neighbourhood area. Presentations and main points included:</p> <p><u>Working in Partnership (Leonie McCarthy / David Copeland)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peterborough Community And Voluntary Sector;</li> <li>• Public sector reform opening up services;</li> <li>• Greater empowerment of people and communities;</li> <li>• New ways of working;</li> <li>• Greater public engagement;</li> <li>• Funding and commissioning challenges;</li> <li>• Question – need to encourage and spread word to other organisation to get involved. Could groups receiving grants present information on what they’ve been doing to make sure it addresses local issues? D Copeland – local issues brought forward by local people so already aware of what is needed. Already report to city council so would have to determine best way to do this. C Harding – will look into this.</li> </ul> <p><u>Step Up – Jabeen Shafee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local charity, city wide but mainly central ward, 2 years old, looking to make changes to the area. Wants to set it up then hand it back to the community;</li> <li>• Work with socially disadvantaged communities especially young people up to age 25;</li> <li>• Engage, educate and empower communities;</li> <li>• Prevention of violence extremism, work with Police for</li> </ul>	CH

	<p>cohesion for young people, work with mental health and Peterborough Racial Equality Council on inequalities, set up youth forum, conducted survey across Peterborough for priorities, tackling anti-social behaviour, youth club provision.</p> <p><u>Gladstone Connect – Ed Murphy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About 10 years old;</li> <li>• Try to tackle deprivation in central ward, particularly health deprivation;</li> <li>• Need more play provision outside and inside;</li> <li>• Took on management of Gladstone Community Centre – needs investment - have increased the use of the building;</li> <li>• Need more social care, health improvement;</li> <li>• Will tackle community safety in future;</li> <li>• New requests from volunteers;</li> <li>• Courses at Peterborough Regional College, job club in New Year too.</li> </ul> <p><u>MANERP – Brian Gascoyne</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formed about 7 years ago in response to influx of foreign nationals and deterioration of the area;</li> <li>• Consider all planning applications, licensing requests, involved with council departments, housing developments, Houses of Multiple Occupancy, highways, Police – all community services;</li> <li>• Receive no funding from the council in order to be independent;</li> <li>• Had a big say in the development of the Triangle;</li> <li>• Establishing MANERP foundation for anyone from 13-20 in MANERP area to look at same issues.</li> </ul> <p><u>Victoria Park Residents’ Association – John Shearman</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many issues led to establish the association;</li> <li>• Address issues in the local area;</li> <li>• Had to identify the area represented;</li> <li>• Can be lots of work to do, sometimes need new skills to carry out roles;</li> <li>• Welcome booklet for new residents, painting a mural at the park, encourage street leaders.</li> </ul>	
7. Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Central & North Neighbourhood Committee was to be held on 5 March 2011.	

**Meeting Closed 8.32pm**

## ACTIONS

DATE	ACTION	WHO AND WHEN?	STATUS
19 December 2011	Write to Taxi companies to advise of stopping and parking places in City Centre.	Rob Saunders, ASAP.	
	Update the Committee on its powers and responsibilities over funding streams including S106/POIS/CIL and central funding.	Cate Harding, next meeting	
	Discuss / review decision to remove Urdu from syllabus at Deacons Academy.	Paul Phillispon, next meeting	
	Groups receiving Council grants in the area to give information on their local work.	Cate Harding, next meeting.	