

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2012 AT 8PM
AT THE SALVATION ARMY CITADEL**

Members Present:

Central Ward Councillors Nadeem (Chairman), Jamil and Khan
North Ward Councillor Sharp and Swift

Also Present:

Councillor Cereste, Leader of the Council

Officers Present:

Paul Phillipson Executive Director Operations, PCC
Jonathan Lewis Assistant Director, Education and Resources
Cate Harding Neighbourhood Manager, PCC
Louise Tyers Compliance Manager, PCC

Others Present:

40 members of the public attended the meeting including representatives of Cross Keys Homes, Axiom, Gladstone Connect, Operation CAN-do Community Board, Enterprise Peterborough, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Gladstone Primary School and MANERP.

Item	Discussion and Actions	Action
1. Photographs	The Chairman advised that a member of the press wished to take photographs of the proceedings and sought the meeting's agreement. It was agreed that the press could take photographs of the meeting.	
2. Apologies for Absence	None	
3. Declarations of Interest	None	
4. Minutes from the previous meeting	The minutes from the meeting held on 13 September 2012 were agreed as an accurate record.	
5. Issues arising from previous Meeting	The Neighbourhood Manager advised that updates and details of completed actions had been provided in the handouts on the tables and were also highlighted on the rolling presentation. Key points raised were: <u>Youth Provision</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Phillipson, Executive Director Operations, confirmed that the Council was actively looking at two locations but could not 	

	<p>confirm provision yet. He reassured the meeting that this issue was high on the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public asked for a commitment on the level of funding as that was the key factor. Paul advised that he was unable to make that commitment as the Council's budget discussions were currently ongoing; however the Council were working hard to provide services but difficult decisions would need to be made. 	
<p>6. Updates on Matters of Interest Relevant to the Committee</p>	<p>a) Update on Proposals for New School Located at Gladstone Park Community Centre</p> <p>Jonathan Lewis, Assistant Director Education and Resources gave a presentation on the proposals for a new school at Gladstone Park Community Centre. The key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The priority for the Council was to ensure local school places for local children; allowing parental choice and ensuring there was a range of successful and different schools within the city. • There were a number of pressures on school place planning in the city including birth rates, migration, Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) and economic growth. • The preferred site for the new primary school was the Gladstone Park Community Centre. It would be a 420 pupil school and would cost an estimated £6.5m to build. It was expected to be open by September 2014. The current community facilities at the site would remain. • Formal consultation on the proposal would begin shortly. <p>Comments and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Nadeem thanked Jonathan and his team for their work in bringing this scheme forward. He was pleased that they had worked with the community and community leaders and encouraged everyone to get involved in the consultation. He advised that he had also discussed the budget shortfall with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education. • Councillor Cereste confirmed that the Council were supportive of a new school and he was 99.9% sure that the funding would be found. The Government had put forward an extra billion in schools funding and the Council would make a bid for some of that money. • Councillor Khan welcomed the commitment that the money would be found for the project but questioned why money had not already been earmarked for the project. In response, Jonathan advised that the project had been expected to have been ready for 2015 so was later in the capital programme. • Councillor Jamil asked whether the current community use of the Centre would be maintained. Jonathan advised that they were aware of all the uses of the Centre and would be looking to preserve their use. The school would be designed around such use. • Councillor Murphy requested that the Council ensure that the provision at the Children's Centre was not reduced. He also asked what the other options were for provision of the school. In response Jonathan confirmed that the Children's Centre was 	

	<p>a key vehicle within Children’s Services and they were committed to maintaining a Children’s Centre in the area. He was unable to discuss the other sites at this time but would be happy to do so when he was able.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public asked how the new school would fit in with Gladstone School. Jonathan advised that he did not yet know but needed to look at how the education side could be delivered. The plans would be discussed with the other schools and governors. • Councillor Swift asked if the Council were looking for a sponsor to make a contribution to the school or for them to run it. The local authority would have no say in how it would be run. Jonathan advised that academies were independent state schools; however the local authority did still have accountability around standards. Providers could bring capital with them but the Council would look to retain an element of control. • A member of the public asked if the proposed all weather pitch would be just a pitch or a state of the art facility with floodlights etc. Jonathan advised that it was early days around design and they would consult around the type of facility which was needed. • T Masood asked what the administration was doing to ensure that Peterborough was being properly funded by the Government. In response Councillor Cereste confirmed that this was an important issue. He had met with Brendan Lewis MP and had been given an assurance that Peterborough’s growth figures would be recognised. Peterborough was not currently receiving the correct funding as money had been taken from Peterborough to give to other cities. We were being penalised for delivering as a city. • M Sabeel welcomed the idea of the school but highlighted that consultation was key. The Operation Can-Do board should be fully involved in the consultation. • A member of the public stated that whilst the new school was most welcome the community should be allowed full consultation on all of the possible sites. Jonathan advised that the other two sites would be some time in the future. This option could be delivered quickly but he would come back to a future meeting about the other sites when he was able. 	
<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Gascoyne advised that he was frustrated that the Licensing Committee had been unable to refuse an application for an alcohol licence despite everyone objecting. In 2005 there had been 16 places selling alcohol in the area and now it was 80. A Cumulative Impact Zone was being looked at for the area and he would welcome the support of this meeting in trying to stop the spread of alcohol licences. • Paul Phillipson advised that whilst he was sympathetic with the Licensing Committee on the decision which they had to make they were unable to refuse a licence on need. The Cumulative Impact Zone would introduce a presumption that licences would not be granted for licensed premises. The Council would be 	

	<p>consulting on this and intended to take it to the Licensing Committee in January. There was also an additional option of a Late Night Levy, which could be imposed on premises which were open between midnight and 6am, where an additional fee could be charged to those premises. He would urge everyone to continue to submit their objections and views if any other licence applications came forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public stated that some licence applications may be from shopkeepers who were trying to protect their business by becoming a one stop shop. Paul advised that that view should be included within the consultation. • Councillor Khan advised that a licence application in Star Road had recently been refused. Could the Neighbourhood Manager investigate on what grounds it had been refused and report back to this meeting. • A member of the public advised that the Committee's previous decision to award £9,000 to resurface the Astro turf was now a waste of time due to the proposed new pitch planned for the new school. Cate Harding advised that a decision had now been made to reallocate the £9,000 to other projects due to the school scheme. 	CH
8. Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday 4 March 2013 at the Gladstone Park Community Centre	

Meeting Closed 9.05 pm

ACTIONS

DATE	ACTION	WHO AND WHEN?	STATUS
10 December 2012	Investigate why a licence application in Star Road had been refused and report back.	Cate Harding	