

**PETERBOROUGH NORTH AREA COMMITTEE – (N&W2)  
NEIGHBOURHOODS NIGHT**

**THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER 2012  
7.30PM**

**Venue: The Voyager Academy, Mountsteven Avenue, Walton, Peterborough PE4  
6HX – Tel (01733) 383888**

**This Area Committee will be preceded by a Ward forum at 6pm. This will be a chance for you to talk to your Ward Councillor about any issues which are affecting your area. This will be followed by a Neighbourhood Panel from 6.30 – 7.30pm, to discuss policing issues in the area.**

**Exhibition for the following will also be on display from 6pm with an opportunity for questions and answers from Officers:**

- **PCC Transport and Infrastructure Planning Team – plans for future schemes and projects; and**
- **Enterprise Peterborough’s Waste Management Team – roll out of new food waste bins.**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence** **Chairman**  
*To receive any apologies from members unable to attend the meeting*
- 2. Declarations of Interest and Whipping Declarations** **Chairman**  
*At this point Members must declare whether they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, or other interest, in any of the items on the agenda, unless it is already entered in the register of members’ interests or is a “pending notification “ that has been disclosed to the Solicitor to the Council.*  
*Members must also declare if they are subject to their party group whip in relation to any items under consideration.*
- 3. Minutes from the previous meeting** **Chairman &  
Neighbourhood  
Manager**  
*To agree the minutes of the last meeting and matters arising (including update from Neighbourhood Manager)*

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| 4 | <b>Open Session</b>   | <b>All</b>  |
|   | <i>An opportunity for any member of the public, elected and co-opted members of the Area Committee to raise anything that affects your area and to suggest items for future meetings</i>  |   |
| 5 | <b>Matters For Committee Decision</b>   |   |
|   | <i>Proposals and voting for the allocation of the capital budget of £25,000</i>   | <b>All elected Members</b>                              |
| 6 | <b>Updates on Matters of Interest Relevant to the Committee</b>   |   |
|   | <b>a) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)</b><br><i>Discussion and Presentation on the Community Infrastructure Levy, which is a new levy that local authorities in England and Wales can choose to charge on new developments in their area. The money can be used to support development by funding infrastructure that the council, local community and neighbourhoods want.</i> | <b>Simon Pickstone<br/>(Strategic Planning Officer)</b> |
|   | <b>b) Staniland Way Junction</b><br><i>Agenda item requested by Cllr Lane &amp; Cllr Fox (Werrington North on the latest developments for upgrading the Staniland Way junction after a high number of road accidents</i>  | <b>Andy Tatt<br/>Transport Group Manager</b>            |
| 7 | <b>Next Meeting</b>   |   |
|   | The next meeting will be on the 17 December 2012 and the venue will be confirmed  |   |

Committee Members:

Councillors:

Werrington South Cllrs Paula Thacker (Chair), Darren Fower and Julia Davidson  
 Werrington North - Cllrs John Fox, Judy Fox and Stephen Lane  
 Paston, Cllrs George Simons, Sue Day and John Knowles  
 Walton - Cllrs Nick Sandford and Asif Shaheed

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***All members of the public in WERRINGTON NORTH, WERRINGTON SOUTH,  
PASTON and WALTON WARDS are invited  
to attend a meeting of the  
Peterborough North Area Committee  
(Area North and West 2) on  
4 October 2012 at 7.30 pm  
at The Voyager Academy, Mountsteven Avenue, Walton, Peterborough PE4 6HX***

## **STANDING INVITATIONS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Lynn Betteridge	Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service
Inspector Rob Hill	Cambridgeshire Police
Cherry Lester	Children's Services
Denham Hughes	Children's Service
Michael Bruce	Cross Keys Homes
Chris Campling	NHS Peterborough
David Bacon	NHS Peterborough
Gary Goose	Safer Peterborough Partnership
Richard Harris	Youth Council Representative
Lawrence Wright	North Team East Urban Panel
Margaret Huggett	Brookfield Home Park Residents Association
David Shelton	South Honeywell Residents Association
Sally Stainton-Roberts	Hodgson Community Association
Barbara Duerden	Loxley Community Association
Dot Pearson	Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association
Elaine Butler	Walton Community Association
Jackie Sidney	Werrington Community Association
David Hedges	Werrington Neighbourhood Council
Kirsty Hills	Cambridgeshire Police
Carol Aston	Crime Reduction Officer
Dan Hall	Representing Peterborough Youth Forum

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## PETERBOROUGH NORTH AREA COMMITTEE (NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE N&W2)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 JUNE 2012, 7.30 p.m.

### Members Present:

Paston Cllrs Day and Knowles  
Walton Cllr Sandford  
Werrington North Cllrs Lane, John Fox and Judy Fox  
Werrington South Cllr Thacker (chairman)

### Officers Present:

Alex Daynes Democratic Services, PCC  
Laura Almond Assistant Neighbourhood Manager, PCC  
Kim Sawyer Head of Legal Services, PCC  
Peter Heath-Brown Planning Policy Manager, PCC  
Nick Harding Planning Services, PCC  
Andy Tatt Transport and Engineering, PCC  
Clair George Road Safety Officer, PCC  
Denham Hughes 8-19 Service, PCC  
Richard Oldfield Enterprise Peterborough

### Others Present:

13 members of the public attended the meeting including representatives from Werrington Neighbourhood Watch, Police Panel, Woodhall Rise Residents, Morland Court, Werrington Neighbourhood Council and the Ploughman Public House.

ITEM	DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS	ACTION
1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Cllrs Fower, Davidson, Shaheed and Simons.	
2. Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were received.	
3. Election of Vice Chair	Cllr Fower was proposed by Cllr Sandford. This was not seconded.  Cllr John Fox was proposed by Cllr Day. Cllr Fox indicated he would not be vice-chairman this time. This was not seconded.  Cllr Day was proposed by Cllr Thacker. This was seconded by Cllr John Fox. There were no other nominations. Cllr Day was named as vice chairman.	
4. Minutes from the previous meeting	The minutes from the meeting held 20 March 2012 were agreed to be accurate. Updates from the meeting were made available on the tables at the meeting.	
5. Position of Neighbourhood Chairman	Cllr Fox introduced debate on how the chairman of the Area Committee was selected including the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In this area, only 33% voted for conservative group councillors;</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request Leader to allow each neighbourhood committee to be able to elect their own local chairman; and</li> <li>• Also request the Leader to stop the Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) to the chairman and put the money into the area budget (now divided into seven areas), receiving £3071 each. For four meetings a year, this was over £700 a meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Fox requested whether members of the public also supported this view.</p> <p>This motion was seconded by Cllr Sandford whose comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any committee should be able to choose own chairman;</li> <li>• Tradition was that the political group with largest number of people on the committee chose the chairman;</li> <li>• This committee has 4 Lib Dem, 3 Independent, 2 Conservatives and 1 Labour group member. No requirement for a conservative chairman; and</li> <li>• Leader of Council has said he wants more decentralising of powers but is trying to keep control by appointing his own chairman.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Thacker corrected Cllr Sandford as there were three Conservative members of the committee. Cllr Thacker further stated that she was appointed as chairman by Full Council and did not receive any additional allowance for being chairman of the committee.</p> <p>Cllr John Fox added that all Conservative members on this committee already received an SRA. Therefore, the position should be offered to someone else and put the money back into committee.</p> <p>A member of the public stated that in some cities the Mayors were now elected but not in Peterborough. There needed to be more accountability in Peterborough, more local voting for political leaders.</p> <p>Lawrence Wright stated that the Chairman should not be paid to chair as it was on behalf of and a duty to the community.</p> <p>David Hedges added that very few members of the public attended the meetings. It could not be justified that the meeting contributed to community engagement.</p> <p>Following debate, a vote was taken (5 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions) and it was agreed that a report be submitted to Council with the recommendations that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chairmen of Neighbourhood Committees should be elected by the members of each committee; and</li> <li>2. the Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) allocated to the chairmen of the Neighbourhood Committees be withdrawn and the budget made available for Neighbourhood Committees to spend in their areas.</li> </ol> <p>Lawrence Wright - Request in report that this is what the people of</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AD/JR</p>
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	the area want, not Town Hall 'dictation'.	
6. Open Session	<p>Audience members were given the opportunity to ask questions and raise issues affecting the area they lived in. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lawrence Wright – need to ensure references are Area Committee, not Neighbourhood Committee, in the paper work.</li> </ul>	
7. Updates on Matters of Interest Relevant to the Committee	<p>a) <u>Werrington Centre and Staniland Way</u></p> <p>Members of the public were invited to raised concerns and discuss the proposed redevelopment of the Werrington Centre. Comments and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nick Harding, the Council's Group Manager for Development Management stated that Tesco was originally aiming to start development in Spring 2012 but wasn't able to and was now proposing to start in 2013. It was anticipated that a planning application to make some revisions to the approved scheme would be submitted in the next few weeks.</li> <li>• There would be a consultation event once they had been received.</li> <li>• The revised scheme is expected to include a petrol station, less car parking and a revised appearance of the proposed building (but the same floor space).</li> <li>• The revised scheme retained the existing requirement to improve the David's Lane junction which would become a roundabout junction that would not include traffic lights. Traffic lights are very expensive and we only install them where they are needed to resolve a traffic issue.</li> <li>• David Hedges – Tesco didn't say would begin in 2013. The roundabout would be started but the store commencement in 2014. Planning permission was also extended. Landlord of Ploughman public house offered a new three year lease which would be until 2015. The pub is due to be demolished under the approved plans. Want openness and honesty on what the plans are. Werrington Centre moving in direction of Orton Centre before its own improvement. How will the revised application be made known to people?</li> <li>• Nick Harding – We will write to all those that wrote in about the original application as well as neighbours, put a notice in the paper and put posters up..</li> <li>• Regarding the Public House extension of lease, the extension was given for one year with a further two years but with break clauses meaning that only 2 months notice has to be given.</li> <li>• Nick Harding – the proposed road scheme would be a single roundabout at the junction of Davids Lane and Staniland and during its construction there will inevitably be disruption.</li> <li>• Andy Simons, Landlord of Ploughman public house – stated that he had a three year renewal of the tenancy from June this year. Break clauses were put in. No terms and conditions on renewal.</li> <li>• Nick Harding confirmed that there was not a requirement for Tesco to improve the David's Lane junction as an integral part of the recent demolition of a toilet block. Because the toilet</li> </ul>	

	<p>block has been demolished, this means that the development has started and therefore the planning consent remained valid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Hedges – the slowing of traffic on David’s Lane would have the effect of blocking David’s Lane and Fulbridge Road becoming a rat run.</li> <li>• Cllr John Fox – Councillors are not more aware of what is going on than anyone else. City councillors have been working hard to get results on this issue.</li> <li>• Member of the public – a two page article in Times newspaper showed a similar situation near Glasgow where a shopping centre deteriorated to such a degree that the council simply agreed with Tesco proposals just to get something done. Nick Harding - confirmed that Tesco have planning permission so it is up to Tesco when it is implemented. Cannot force them to act. Can serve notice if buildings dilapidate too far.</li> <li>• Cllr John Fox – many complaints about state of the centre. Very few people here at this meeting but expected many more to come here tonight. Nick Harding confirmed that a walkabout by some local members and a Tesco representative is due to take place to identify particular problems that need to be addressed to ensure the centre does not look too run down.</li> </ul>	
	<p>b) <u>Peterborough Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)</u></p> <p>Peter Heath Brown introduced the SCI including the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part of the Localism Act, can produce local plans and orders. Had to revise the SCI to advise how communities could produce their own planning documents.</li> <li>• Considers involvement in planning matters.</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Plans allow Area/Neighbourhood Forums to produce their own plans. An Area can produce its own plans, smaller than the committee area, closer to Parish size areas.</li> <li>• SCI advises how the Neighbourhood Plan can be prepared.</li> <li>• Is about planning matters and Neighbourhood Development Orders to allow planning applications. Also includes how to consult on planning applications.</li> <li>• SCI is currently in draft form, available in Libraries and the customer service centre and on the council’s website at <a href="http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/sci">www.peterborough.gov.uk/sci</a>. Can comment online, email or letter, by 5 July.</li> </ul> <p>Comments and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julie Rivett - If a community group, such as a parish council, came forward to develop a plan, support from PCC would include the neighbourhood team on the Community Action Plan. P Heath-Brown – There was currently no additional budget for this so no monetary support. However, officers would give explanations on processes and guidance on what can and can’t be done.</li> <li>• D Hedges – Werrington Neighbourhood Council would be the group to take this forward in Werrington. What happens with the other areas in this committee with no current organisation to</li> </ul>	



	pick this up? Peter Heath-Brown – interest would come from the community, rather than the council determining specific areas. Awareness needs to be increased with public and groups. Need to form a Neighbourhood Forum and propose a boundary first.	
	<p>c) <u>Work Programme for Peterborough North Neighbourhood Committee</u></p> <p>Those Present were requested to suggest agenda items for future meetings. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Sandford – very few people attend. Need to consider more publicity to encourage more attendance. Julie Rivett – Werrington Neighbourhood Council provides a newsletter and has allowed a space on that for the committee information. Need to use other local newsletters too and other means.</li> <li>• Cllr John Fox – Standing invitations – is there any point as they don't really attend? D Hedges – Neighbourhood Council members only know because they involved in local public affairs. How would other members of the public really know?</li> </ul>	JR
8. Next Meeting	The date of the next meeting would be confirmed in due course.	

Meeting closed 8.35pm

CHAIRMAN

## ACTIONS

DATE	ACTION	WHO AND WHEN?	STATUS
12 June 2012	Produce report for Council to consider recommendations made.	Alex Daynes / Julie Rivett, for 11 July	
	Consider more ways to advertise and attract people to the meetings.	Julie Rivett Ongoing	

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<b>Peterborough North Area Committee</b>	<b>Agenda Item: 5</b>
<b>4 October 2012</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

## **CAPITAL BUDGET ALLOCATION 2012/13**

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
<b>FROM: Julie Rivett, Neighbourhood Manager (North and West)</b>
<p>That this Area Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Considers the proposals for allocation of the capital budget of £25,000 for 2012/13;</li> <li>2. Approves the proposals which will receive an allocation of the budget;</li> <li>3. Agrees to a reduction in the individual allocations should the approved proposals exceed the £25,000 budget, to be determined by the Neighbourhood Manager; and</li> <li>4. Agrees that the Neighbourhood Manager will be responsible for determining the final detail of the project in consultation with ward councillors and other relevant parties.</li> </ol>

### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for allocating the capital budget of £25,000 for 2012/13 for the Peterborough North Area Committee.

### **2. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY, COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN AND DELEGATIONS**

- 2.1 Area Committees should contribute across the full range of Sustainable Community Strategy priorities, which are:
  - Creating opportunities – tackling inequalities (Safer / Stronger)
  - Creating strong and supportive communities (Safer / Stronger)
  - Creating the country's environment capital (Greener / Cleaner)
  - Delivering substantial and sustainable growth (Safer / Stronger)
- 2.2 The proposed projects represent interventions that directly support priorities within the Community Action Plan a) improving parks and opens spaces b) improving local community facilities
- 2.3 This report is for the committee to consider under its delegated executive function 3.13.5, 'to determine the investment of identified and delegated funding to support local priorities contained within the Community Action Plan'.

### **3. CAPITAL BUDGET ALLOCATION 2012/13**

- 3.1 Members from the Peterborough North Area Committee decided that they would split the £25,000 between two wards within the Committee Area during this financial year to allow for something more substantial to happen with the available funds and thus have a more major impact into the area of benefit. The wards benefitting from the funding this year will be Werrington South and Paston. Next year the Area Committee funding will be assigned for projects in the Walton and Werrington North Wards.

The following projects have been proposed by Members. Approval for each will be subject to the projects being costed within budget.

3.2 **The combined estimated cost of the proposed capital projects is as follows:**

3.3 **Werrington South Ward Additional Equipment for Welbourne Play Area – Proposed by Cllr Julia Davidson, Cllr Darren Fower and Cllr Paula Thacker - £12,500**

3.4 Welbourne Play area has recently had some basic improvement works which were funded by Peterborough City Council. These improvement works were done to ensure the park remained safe to those who use it. However members of the public and elected Members wished to see additional equipment bought to the park which would:

- Improve the facility which is open for all to use;
- Provide a facility which would be suitable for all ages; and
- Meet with a community action plan objective of improving open space facilities.

3.5 With this in mind the Councillors propose the installation of a new piece of play equipment but also to install an outdoor gym. This would benefit a wider section of the community and extend the use of the current facility. This would also give the opportunity for adults to use the outdoor gym equipment whilst attending the park with their children.

3.6 The individual pieces of gym equipment will be chosen (within the scope of the budget) after an open consultation event for local residents to be arranged if the budget is agreed.

3.7 **Paston Ward Additional Equipment for Honeyhill Play Area – Proposed by Cllr Sue Day and Cllr John Knowles - £12,500**

3.8 Honeyhill play area will be a completely new play area after the old area was removed to make way for a new area of housing. It is proposed that an outdoor gym will form part of the new site which will be accessible to both adults and young people. The site is close to the Chadburn Centre which sees a considerable amount of 'through' pedestrian traffic. It is also close to the Honeyhill community garden and Children's Centre.

3.9 It is acknowledged that the Paston ward is one of the most affected by poverty in the city with over 30% of children within the ward living in poverty. There is less likely to be any disposable income for leisure and sporting activities. An outdoor gym would contribute to the free facilities within the area and would also give the opportunity for adults to use the outdoor gym equipment with their children

3.10 The individual pieces of gym equipment will be chosen (within the scope of the budget) after an open consultation event for local residents to be arranged if the budget is agreed.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

4.1 The final spend recommendations have been discussed with all elected members, the local community first panel and the young peoples forum together with relevant service areas that will take on the project management to implement once spends have been fully approved. There will also be further consultation events to choose the specific equipment (within the scope of the budget).

#### **5. REASONS**

5.1 The budget assigned to Area Committees was assigned specifically to spend on projects which address priorities from the communities for each Area Committee area. To enable the £25K to be spent within this financial year Members were asked to bring forward capital spend projects which helped to meet some of these emerging priorities. This active Member involvement ensures the money is spent on the most appropriate projects to benefit

communities.

## **6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 6.1 Not to spend the money. This would lead to proposed local projects not receiving funding resulting in no benefit to the local area.

## **7. IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The proposed projects represent interventions that directly support priorities within the Community Action Plan a) improving parks and opens spaces b) improving facilities for young people).
- 7.2 All proposed projects relate to capital expenditure but may have revenue implications for on-going maintenance. In all cases where this applies, agreement has been made with the respective service area to absorb these costs.

## **8. NEXT STEPS**

- 8.1 If the proposals set out are agreed, the Neighbourhood Manager will be responsible for ensuring the project is delivered and spend is allocated in a timely manner and in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations. A regular monitoring report will be provided for Members to be able to scrutinise progress and measure the impact of the investment.

## **9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985  
N/A

## **10. APPENDICES**

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