

CENTRAL & EAST 1 – NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL
(Central & North Wards)

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 October 2009

Present:

Cllr Y Lowndes (Chairman)
Central: Cllr M Fazal, Cllr Z Hussain & Cllr N Khan
North: Cllr C Swift & Cllr K Sharp

Also present:

John Harrison, Executive Director, Strategic Resources
Adrian Chapman, Head of Neighbourhood Services
Julie Rivett, Neighbourhoods and Community Engagement Strategic Manager
Cate Harding, Neighbourhood Manager (Central & East)
Cllr David Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources
Richard Kay, Strategic Planning Manager
Emma Latimer, Strategic Planning Officer
Sally Crawford, Community Governance Manager

28 members of the public attended including representatives from MANERP, Gladstone Connect, Innova, Fulbridge Residents, Bluebell Residents' Association, Fire Service and Cross Keys Homes.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Overview of the Neighbourhood Council Model

- 3.1 The Chairman referred to the information document that had been distributed and presented an overview of the Neighbourhood Council model to elected members and the public.
- 3.2 The chairman asked members of the neighbourhood council and public present to put forward suggestions to name the neighbourhood council that would be easily identifiable with the area. A form was provided for suggestions to be brought back to the next meeting for discussion and decision.
- 3.3 Following a recommendation from the neighbourhood manager that the following be given standing invitations to future meetings of this neighbourhood council:

Core Group:

Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service	Station Manager
Cambridgeshire Police	Sector Inspector
Children Services	Locality Manager
Cross Keys Homes	Area Manager
NHS Peterborough	Neighbourhood Lead
PCC Neighbourhood Management Team	Neighbourhood Manager
Community Safety Officer (PCC and Cambs Police)	TBC
Parish Council	N/A

It was AGREED to consider the above list above along with any other suggestions from elected members or the public.

4. Community Action Planning and Baseline Information for Central and North

Elected members and the public received a presentation from the Neighbourhood Manager on the proposed community action plan and statistical information that related to Central and North wards including population, education, flytipping, crime and anti social behaviour.

The Neighbourhood Manager confirmed that the statistical information for crime did not include the city centre and the inclusion of those figures would be reviewed at a later date.

5. Core Strategy

Elected members and the public received a presentation on the Core Strategy from the Strategic Planning Manager. It was explained that the core strategy was an important planning policy document that would identify the proposed areas of development for the city up until 2026. Significant consultation had been undertaken already but the Neighbourhood Council meetings provided a further opportunity for local people to become involved in the process prior to a final decision being taken at the meeting of the full Council on Wednesday, 2 December, 2009.

Members of the public and elected members asked questions in relation to:

- The regeneration of Peterborough
- S106 monies must be spent in a fair and equitable manner
- There was no development taking place in Central & North wards and, therefore, no S106 money for development
- Provision of open space
- Inclusion of the city centre could distort statistical information
- 4,500 dwellings in the city centre provided a challenge to the ratio between jobs and housing
- Castor should have been included in the core strategy

The Strategic Planning Manager responded:

- There was a specific policy for neighbourhood regeneration
- S106 money was a condition of planning permission and a commitment to finance or provide resources needed by the community as a result of development
- S106 monies would be placed into three pools that the council would agree spending on:
 1. site related infra structure
 2. neighbourhood area
 3. strategic infrastructure, i.e. schools
- Neighbourhood councils would be able to bid for funding
- Open space would be protected and created through development when possible
- 4,300 dwellings would be built across the wider city area i.e. South Bank, Fletton and the hospital site
- Provision of jobs would be challenging but Peterborough was a commuting centre

Cllr Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources, who was present at the meeting agreed that city centre information should not be included in statistics and encouraged Neighbourhood Councils to bid for S106 money, this would also be a good way to make local views heard by Cabinet.

6. Open Session

The Chairman invited members of the public and elected members to raise any matters affecting their communities. The main issues raised during this part of the meeting were as follows:

- Schools
- Closure of New England public houses
- Lack of housing officers
- Rubbish dumping
- St Mary's Centre should not be excluded along with city centre
- Poor condition of roads and pavements
- Parking and yellow lines
- Gladstone Park, lining out of football and cricket pitch and remains of notice board should be removed or replaced
- Deprivation
- Lack of stability in community
- Prostitution in the area

The Neighbourhood Manager responded that all the above were of significant concern and the community action plan would look at how to tackle issues in the short and long term. Neighbourhood management was a new approach and would provide a joined up, cohesive way of working to solve issues.

The issue of Gladstone Park was being resolved by the neighbourhood team. Members of the public were asked to leave their contact details on the forms provided so that the Neighbourhood Manager could liaise with them about concerns raised and also encouraged people to attend Neighbourhood Panels to express their concerns.

7. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 16 December at 7pm should be held at the Gladstone Community Centre.

CHAIRMAN
7.00pm – 9.00pm

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