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ORTON WITH HAMPTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL (NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL S2)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 30 MARCH 2010, 7.00 p.m.

Members Present:

Cllrs Goodwin, North, Winslade, Scott, Seaton, Trueman, Elsey and Allen

Officers Present:

Lisa Emmanuel Neighbourhood Manager, PCC

Bob Beaumont Legal Services, PCC

Cathy Summers Team Manager - Passenger Transport Contracts and Planning, PCC

Andy Chu Neighbourhood Development Worker, PCC

James McCulloch Nene Park Trust Suzanne Taylor Nene Park Trust

Claire George Highways Department, PCC

Helen Hutchinson Senior Practitioner, Young People's Service, PCC

Roger Tallowin O & H Hampton

Alex Daynes Democratic Services, PCC

Rebecca Cook Neighbourhood Development Worker, PCC

Paul Kerr Housing Enforcement Officer, PCC Roy Clark Neighbourhood Officer, PCC

31 members of the public attended the meeting.

ITEM	DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS	ACTION
Notice Boards	The Chairman requested that those in the audience take a few minutes to ask questions of attending officer on any issue that was highlighted on the information notice boards. The following responses were given: Bus Service Review:	
	 There were no plans to remove the Community Link service or the Orton based Dial-a-ride service – the dial-a-ride was external to the review; The Local Link 407 service was underused and therefore the service was revised – some savings from one service would contribute to improvements in others. 	
1. Apologies	None.	
2. Declarations of Interest	None.	
Minutes of the last meeting	A request was made to use alternative words used to describe the audience, not "persons present".	
4. Ferry Meadows	Representatives from the Nene Park Trust addressed the	

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audience to outline plans to apply for a premises Licence for the Nene Park Trust to enable more and a wider array of performances and events to be held.

Responses to questions raised included:

- Most events were expected to be held during daylight hours when the Park was open;
- Not looking to encourage very large events but smaller performances – noise levels are considered when approving events:
- Need a Licence now to cover the planned increase and variety of events (recommended by the city council);
- Further indoor facilities are planned for some smaller events;
- When the licence application is submitted, there will be a consultation period for comments to be received on concerns from local residents on issues such as noise;
- Currently many events take place at the same time and the wildlife of the Park is not unduly affected – this is very important for the Nene Park Trust;
- The powering of events will be different for each one depending on the location in the Park and the needs of the event – generators might have to be used sometimes;
- The licence application will not include alcohol sales as one site is already licensed within the Park;
- More could be done regarding environmental practice, an audit is planned for this next year and the Trust us working with the Peterborough Environment City Trust to support this:
- Promotion of the site is key to attracting more people and therefore more popular events;
- New carriages were planned from the train operator.

A local councillor expressed his interest in assisting with any future performances that included Shakespeare productions at the Park.

5. Request for Pedestrian Crossing on Oundle Road between Ham Lane and Brimbles Way

A representative from the Highways Team advised those in the audience of developments in establishing a crossing on Oundle Road between Ham Lane and Brimbles Way. The members of the audience were advised of the following:

- Following an initial survey, it was not justified to install a crossing;
- All crossing requests have to be considered on a city wide basis.
- Costs for a signal crossing is around £75,000 and zebra crossing around £35,000 – another survey could be conducted but the crossing would have to be proven to be used a lot to justify an improved scheme.

Responses to questions included the following:

- Numbers of people and the type of person are recorded in surveys including the number of passing vehicles;
- Surveys were conducted in the mornings and evenings;

	 A future survey could be conducted during the daytime and at weekends in busy cycling and pedestrian periods; Suggestions for testing disabled accessibility, including wheelchairs, can be included in future surveys; The costs given for installing a crossing came from the city council's engineering department. ACTION: To conduct future surveys, taking into account comments from this meeting when determining the tests to be done including the time, day and duration of the survey.	Claire George
6. Community Action Plans	The Neighbourhood Manager updated those in the audience of the latest Community Planning Event, its importance for allocating the future budget for the Neighbourhood Council and further opportunity would be available to contribute to it. Following discussion on the document provided at the meeting, further issues raised included: Crime, graffiti and repair of pavements; More information on types of crime needed (ASBOs etc); Community Centre at Hampton; Charges for household waste and fly tipping (including shopping trolleys); Facilities for elderly residents in Orton Longueville; Closing of local shops – need access for disabled to alternative amenities; Youth clubs or centres (consult with young people); Antisocial behaviour around elderly people's residences; Action needed to preserve named conservation areas; Car parking on grass verges; Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs) and increase of bedsits; Car parking in Hetley, Orton Goldhay; Motor cycles on footpaths; Litter and provision of bins; Lack of accessible Community facilities.	
	ACTION: Investigate conditions for conservation areas and enforcement actions. Hold evening community planning events, possibly on Tuesdays.	Lisa Emmanu el Lisa Emmanu el
7. Need for Young People's Facilities	Those in the audience were advised by the Senior Practitioner that a youth worker was due to start work in the Hampton area in April. The Neighbourhood Manager asked members of the audience to discuss the need for young people's facilities in their areas. Following discussions, suggestions and issues raised included: • Allocation of Community Leadership Funds for youth facilities must be discussed;	

	 Must identify current facilities to determine need; More publicity of voluntary groups needed; Restrictions around working with children and young people hampering voluntary groups e.g. Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) checks; Could collaborate with other Neighbourhood Councils to develop a large facility such as a large skate park; Use existing Hampton Schools' facilities more; Young people must be involved in arranging and planning facilities; Local newsletters needed to communicate what's available; The Youth Bank has funds available for projects; Possible use of the vacant Eldern Pub for a youth facility. 	
	ACTION: Identify current facilities available for children and young people to aid planning for future developments and projects.	Helen Hutchinso n
8. Open Session	Attendees were given opportunity to ask questions and raise issues affecting the area they lived in. These included: • Policing Panels for the Orton and Hampton areas would address issues concerning pedestrian safety; • All policing issues must be reported; • The Festival on the Green was taking place on 12 and 13 June at St Botolph's; • Updates on the Great Haddon development could come to this meeting; • Condition of Herlington Centre – becoming run down and abandoned looking; - the Neighbourhood Manager advised that plans were being drawn up with Cross Keys Homes to address issues relating to the flats in this area; • Car for sale being left on verges – is an issue for the Police Panel; • Identify location of HMOs; • Location of bus stops for Orton Longueville School – no crossing point nearby; - Cllr Scott to raise with governors; • Enforcement of conservation areas only if terms of the conservation order are being breached; • Must raise issues with Cross Keys Homes so it can address and tackle any problems; • Can use CLF monies for shrubs and plants.	
9. Next Meeting	The date of the next meeting will be announced after Council on 14 April 2010.	