

The **NUNEATON & BEDWORTH AREA COMMITTEE** met in the **CONFERENCE ROOM, ELIOT PARK INNOVATION CENTRE, 4 BARLING WAY, NUNEATON** on 23 March 2005

Present:

Councillor Barry Longden (Chair)
“ Dot Webster (Vice Chair)
“ Cliff Baldry
“ John Burton
“ Richard Chattaway
“ Alan Farnell
“ Martin Heatley
“ Mick Jones
“ June Tandy
“ Dot Webster

Officers:

Andrea Buckley, Community Partnership Officer, Chief Executive's Dept.
Martyn Davey, Director, Contract & Management Services
Mark Gore, Assistant County Education Officer (Strategy)
Jane Pollard, Principal Solicitor, Chief Executive's Dept.
Jean Hardwick, Principal Committee Administrator, Chief Executive's Dept.
Stephen Rumble, Communications Manager, PTES.
John Scouller, Head of Social & Economic Regeneration, PTES
Heather Shearer, Area Manager, Chief Executive's Department.
Pam Williams, Area Administrative Officer, Area Office

Also present: 2 Members of the public and a representative from the press

1. (1) Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ian Bottrill, John Haynes, Frank McCarney, Ronnie McIntosh, Sid Tooth and Hughie Todner,

(2) Members Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest

Councillor Richard Chattaway declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 7, North Warwickshire and Nuneaton and Bedworth: Area Review of 14-19 Provision, because a member of his family was currently in post 16 education.

(3) (i) Minutes of the Meeting of 26 January 2005

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee held on 26 January 2005 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

(ii) Matters Arising

Request for New Bus Stop outside the Railway Station.

The Chair reported a request from Alan Breed for an update on the position with regard to the provision of a new bus stop on the ring round near the Railway Station. John Scouller said that the Officers were awaiting a written response from Stagecoach. Alan Breed said that he had spoken to the Manager of Stagecoach in Nuneaton and he had expressed support for the bus stop. John Scouller reiterated that no formal response had been received by the County Council from Stagecoach but that he would investigate the matter.

(4) Chair's correspondence and announcements

Members not Seeking Re-election on 5 May 2005

The Chair said that Councillors Ian Bottrill, Dot Webster, Cliff Baldry, Hughie Todner and Ronnie McIntosh would not be seeking re-election on 5 May 2005 and wished to record the Area Committee's thanks for their work.

Resolved that the Area Committee place on record their sincere thanks to the above Members for the contribution they had made towards making the Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee the most successful in the County, and for the work they had undertaken towards making the Borough a better place for people to live, work and be educated. Their range of experience would be difficult to replace and they would be greatly missed.

2. Public Question Time

None

3. New Safety Cameras in Nuneaton and Bedworth

Stephen Rumble presented the report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy –

- outlining the site selection and installation process followed by the Casualty Reduction Partnership for the positioning of cameras in Nuneaton and Bedworth;
- providing an up to date list of safety camera sites in Nuneaton and Bedworth;
- providing a justification for the installation of all safety camera sites in Nuneaton and Bedworth;
- demonstrating the impact safety cameras were having both on speed and casualty numbers.

Discussion followed during which Stephen Rumble answered questions on a wide range of issues, which included the criteria for installing cameras, the impact of camera sites in the Nuneaton and Bedworth areas in reducing vehicle speeds, and the process for establishing and investigating new camera sites.

Resolved that Members –

- (1) note the content of the report;
- (2) request that the Committee's thanks be conveyed to the Casualty Reduction Partnership for the excellent work that it does in Warwickshire.

4. Capital Programme for Integrated Transport 2005-06

John Scouller presented the report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy, which set out the draft Capital Programme for Integrated Transport for 2005-06 in the Nuneaton and Bedworth area.

Following discussion it was resolved that Members –

- (1) Support the Capital Programme for Integrated Transport for the Nuneaton and Bedworth area given in Table 1 of the report subject to further consultation and a site visit by the Officers and Councillor Farnell to discuss the removal of the central hatching on the cycle route along the A444 Road (Weddington to Nuneaton).
- (2) Support the actions recommended in table 3 for the delegated budget.
- (3) Ask the Officers to –

- investigate the possibility of funding being available to provide a footway along the A444 Griff Island to George Eliot Hospital (Ref7/04-05).
- Arrange for a tidy-up of the work carried out on Caldwell Road, Hill Top (Ref 6/04-05).

5. Ribbonfields, Nuneaton – Proposed Prohibition of Waiting Restrictions

Resolved, having considered the report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy, that prohibition of waiting at any time be introduced as follows:-

- (1) The whole length of the north side of Ribbonfields access road;
- (2) The west side of the cul-de-sac fronting No's 31-33 and,
- (3) Subject to a further consultation, on the south side of Ribbonfields access road from a point 62 metres west of its junction with Attleborough Road west for 31 metres.

6. Proposal to reduce the Indicated Admission Number (IAN) – Newdigate Primary School, Bedworth.

Resolved, having considered the report of the County Education Officer, to recommend to Cabinet that the proposed reduction in the Indicated Admission Number of Newdigate Primary School be implemented.

7. North Warwickshire and Nuneaton & Bedworth : Area Review of 14-19 Provision.

Resolved, having considered the report of the County Education Officer, that the Area Committee recommend Cabinet and Learning Skills Council to support the Area Review and Action Plan.

8. Nuneaton and Bedworth Well-being Fund Commissions

Resolved, having considered the report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive, –

(1) to approve Well-Being Fund Commissions for:

- (i) History for All – Local Industrial Heritage Project - £50,000;
- (ii) Community Group/Project Funding as a lever for Landfill Tax Funds - £40,000;
- (iii) George Eliot Hospital Museum - £14,000

(2) that the incoming Area Committee be recommended to look at a way of utilizing the members of the public used in the WBF funding allocation exercise, including young people, to form an advisory group that the Area Committee can call on from time to time as required.

9. Community Development Fund

Resolved, having considered the report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive, that the –

(1) report be ratified;

(2) incoming Area Committee be recommended to consider retaining £5,000 of the Community Development Fund to be allocated by the Area Committee's Funding Sub-Group to target new and emerging community groups.

10. Future Agenda Items.

Resolved to note the programme of agenda items as outlined in the report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive subject to the addition of the Bedworth to Keresley Quality Bus Corridor Report, deferred from a previous meeting, to the list of items for the next meeting.

11. Any Other Business

The Chair agreed to the following an item of urgent business.

12. Children's Act Project Team

The Chair reported an invitation for Members to attend a briefing on the Children's Act Project Team to be held on 30 March 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in the Magistrates' Court, Atherstone, and refreshments to be provided at 5:30 p.m.

13. Reports Containing Confidential or Exempt Information

Resolved to exclude the public from the meeting for the agenda item below on the grounds that their presence would involve disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in the Local Government Act 1972.

14. Countywide Bus Shelter Advertising Agreement

John Scouler presented the report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy and invited Members' comments on the proposed Countywide agreement.

Following discussion it was –

Resolved that the Area Committee's concerns be conveyed to Cabinet.

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Chair of the Committee

The Committee rose at 7:25 p.m.