

The **NUNEATON & BEDWORTH AREA COMMITTEE** met at the **ELIOT PARK INNOVATION CENTRE, NUNEATON** on the **27th JULY, 2005**.

Present:-

Councillor Barry Longden (Chair)

“ Frank McCarney (Vice Chair)

“ John Burton

“ Richard Chattaway

“ Alan Farnell

“ Martin Heatley

“ Pat Henry

“ Bob Hicks

“ Mick Jones

“ John Ross

“ Kam Singh

“ June Tandy

“ Sid Tooth

Officers

Tim Bowtell, Highways Design Services, PTES

Neil Gulliver, Principal Committee Administrator, Chief Executive's Dept

Jane Pollard, Assistant County Solicitor, Chief Executive's Dept

John Scouller, Head of Social & Economic Regeneration, PTES

Pam Williams, Area Administrative Officer, Area Officer

Paul Williams, Area Support Co-Ordinator, Chief Executive's Dept

Before the commencement of business, the Committee held a minute's silence in respect of 2nd Lieutenant Richard Shearer, the Nuneaton soldier killed in Iraq, and the victims of the London bombings.

1. **General**

1. **Apologies**

were received from John Haynes, Martyn Davey and Heather Shearer.

2. **Members' Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

Councillors Henry, Hicks and Ross declared a personal interest in Agenda item 5 as Members of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15 June 2005 and Matters Arising**

(i) **Minutes**

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee held on the 15 June 2005 be approved and signed by the Chair.

ii. **Matters arising**

Minute 1(3)(ii)(a) Request for New Bus Stop Outside the Railway Station

At the invitation of the Chair, Alan Breed stated that he was not aware of any further developments in this matter and offered to talk to officers from PTES on a number of possible options. John Scouller agreed to talk to Max McDonagh about Mr Breed's offer.

4. **Chair's Correspondence and Announcements**

Funding Sub Group

The Chair reminded the Committee what happened last year and that he was going to suggest that the Community Development Fund be 'top sliced' by £5,000 this year because it proved to be very successful in helping new and emerging groups who set up outside the normal funding round. However the advice was that the Committee could not do that, but it could take £5,000 from the Social Inclusion Fund for this purpose. He added that it was intention to ask the officers to build this facility into the funding arrangements so that there would be no further need for requests such as this to be considered.

Resolved that £5,000 be set aside from the Social Inclusion Fund to support new and emerging groups as requests came forward during the year.

The Chair then reminded the Committee that last year £20,000 was set aside for match funding by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council to support the Community Fund. He asked that the Committee support the same approach being adopted in 2005/06.

Resolved that £20,000 be allocated to the Community Fund to be match funded by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council.

It was suggested that the priorities for Well-being commissions should be Anti Poverty and the Fear of Crime.

Decriminalisation

The Chair reported that the proposed date for the introduction of decriminalisation was April 2006 and that a consultation process was currently being launched.

2. Public Question Time

None.

3. Appointment of Councillors to External Organisations

The Committee considered the appendix to the report by the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive and agreed the appointment of Councillors to the outside organisations as listed in the appendix to these minutes.

4. Highway Maintenance Plan 2005/06 and Five Year List of Structural Maintenance Schemes

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy setting out the highway maintenance work proposed in 2005/06 and other sites where maintenance work required in the future. During the discussion a number of issues were highlighted as follows:-

- Concerns expressed about the need for road markings to be restored quickly after surface dressing had been completed. Tim Bowtell confirmed that this problem was under review.
- There should be no reduction in the budget for tree maintenance in the area. Issues around responsibility for the maintenance of trees and bushes.
- Poor service from Powergen in restoring electricity to faulty street lights.
- Tree root growth becoming a safety issue on footpaths and roadsides – possibly need for maintenance budget to deal with this work.
- Issue of relocation of Contact Centre to Kings House

The Chair confirmed that he had asked the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy to look into the possibility of establishing a team to deal with minor repairs in the borough.

5. Proposed Amendment to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council Off-Street Parking Places Order

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy was considered. Concerns were raised with regard to the entrance signage and the Committee were assured that this was in hand.

Resolved having considered the report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy that approval be given to the proposed amendment to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council's Off-Street Parking Order to incorporate the new Justice Walk Car Park.

6. Asset Management Plan for Social Services

In the absence of an Officer from Social Services, it was agreed to defer this item until the Committee's next meeting.

7. Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Performance 2004/05 and Target Data for 2005/06

The report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive was considered.

The Committee agreed that the performance of schools should continue to be monitored at least twice a year. It was also agreed that there should be a special meeting for members of the Committee in the autumn to discuss school performance with the Area Education Officer.

Resolved:-

1. That the 2004/05 area performance data be noted
2. That the County and Area Performance Targets for 2005/06 be noted
3. That the proposal to reduce the number of indicators monitored and reported on at area level be agreed
4. That a special meeting for members of the Committee be held in the autumn to consider school performance

8. 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 following items to the September 2005 meeting:

- Changes in school capacity Education
- Regeneration Zone Project Development PTES
- Crime Statistics and Crime Hotspots Chief Executive's
- Occupation of Kings House, Bedworth ChiefExecutive's/Property Services

9. Any Other Items

There were no urgent items to be considered.

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Chair of Committee

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Appendix

Appointment of Councillors to External Organisations.

Organisation	Conservative	Labour
Area Community Education Council (4)	Cllr Burton Cllr Ross	Cllr Chattaway Cllr Jones
Bedworth and District Volunteer Bureau Management Cttee		Cllr McCarney
Bedworth Nicholas Chamberlaine's School Foundation (1)		Cllr Haynes
Building Sustainable Neighbourhoods – local management board (1)		Cllr Tandy
Bulkington Village Centre Ltd Board (1)	Cllr Ross	Todner
Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships (1)		Cllr Hicks
North of Coventry Regeneration Zone Forum (1)		Cllr Tandy
North Warwickshire and Hinckley College Corporation (1)-based in Nuneaton.		Cllr Grant
Nuneaton and Bedworth Doorway Charity Management Cttee (1)		Cllr Tooth
Nuneaton and Bedworth Town Centres Partnership Board (4)	Cllr Burton Cllr Heatley	Cllr Chattaway Cllr Henry
Nuneaton and Bedworth Council for Voluntary Services(1) (<i>formerly called Bedworth and District Volunteer Bureau Management Cttee</i>)		Cllr Singh
Nuneaton Befriending		Cllr Jones

Service Management Cttee (1)		
Nuneaton and District Association for Mental Health Day Centre – Exec Cttee (MIND) (1)	Cllr Heatley	
Nuneaton Hatters Space Community Centre Management Cttee (2)		Cllr Hicks Cllr Tooth
Nuneaton Homestart Management Cttee(2)		Cllr Tandy Cllr Tooth
Nuneaton Signs Board of Management (2)	Mr Watson (non cllr)	Cllr Chattaway
Pride in Camp Hill (4)		Cllr Tooth
Voluntary Sector Consortium Charitable Co Board of Directors (1)		Cllr Tooth