

The **NUNEATON & BEDWORTH AREA COMMITTEE** met
the **CONFERENCE ROOM, ELIOT PARK INNOVATION
CENTRE, 4 BARLING WAY, NUNEATON** on 31 January
2007.

Present:

Councillor	Barry Longden (Chair)
“	John Burton
“	Alan Farnell
“	John Haynes
“	Pat Henry
“	Bob Hicks
“	Mick Jones
“	Frank McCarney
“	John Ross
“	June Tandy
“	Kam Singh (Vice Chair).
“	Sid Tooth

Officers:

Sue Ashley, Town Centres Regeneration Manager,
Environment and Economy Directorate.
Andrea Buckley, Community Partnership Officer,
Performance and Development Directorate.
Jean Hardwick, Principal Committee Administrator,
Performance and Development Directorate.
Alison Hallworth, Adult and Community Team Leader,
Performance and Development Directorate.
Nick Gower-Johnson, County Partnership Manager,
Performance and Development Directorate.
Jane Pollard, Overview and Scrutiny Manager, Performance
and Development Directorate.
Heather Shearer, Area Manager, Performance and
Development Directorate.
John Scouller, Head of Skills, Tourism and Economy,
Environment and Economy Directorate.
Pam Williams, Area Administrative Officer, Performance and
Development Directorate.

1. General

(1) Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from
Councillors Richard Chattaway and Martin
Heatley

(2) Declarations of interest

Declarations of interest were recorded as follows –

Councillors Pat Henry and John Ross declared personal interests relating to any item on the agenda by virtue of them serving as Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough councillor.

(3) Minutes of the Meeting of 29 November 2007 and Matters Arising

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee meeting held on 29 November 2006 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

Matters Arising

None

(4) Chair's correspondence and announcements

None

2. Public Question Time

None

PART A Non-Executive Functions

None

PART B Executive Functions

3. Area Committee Proposal for Lighting on Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy, which detailed the costs of providing lighting in Gipsy Lane.

Discussion followed during which Members, whilst supporting the recommendations contained in the report, expressed concern about Gipsy Lane being very dark and dangerous and recommended that when budgetary provision allowed the road should be improved.

Resolved that the provision of lighting on Gipsy Lane is not pursued at this time but the Area Committee reserves the right to pursue this issue further when funding becomes available and for the scheme to include a pavement.

4. Berrington Road, Camp Hill Road and Craddock Drive, Nuneaton – Proposed Prohibition of Waiting.

Resolved, having considered the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy, that the advertised proposals for –

(1) double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) on Berrington Road and Camphill Road, Nuneaton are implemented as advertised.

(2) Craddock Drive is varied to –

- (i) No waiting at any time from its junction with Camp Hill Road southwards for 15 metres;
- (ii) No waiting Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. from a point 15 metres from its junction with Camp Hill Road, southwards for 25 metres.

5. Bayton Road Industrial Estate Business Improvement District

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy, which informed Members of the Bayton Road Industrial Estate Improvement District Progress and its imminent Electoral Campaign. Members were asked to nominate a representative to the Business Improvement District Board should a Business Improvement District be secured.

Resolved –

(1) That Members note the contents of this report.

(2) (Councillor June Tandy moved, seconded by Councillor Alan Farnell), that Councillor Kam Singh be nominated as the Committee's representative to the Business Improvement District Board, should a successful Business Improvement District be secured.

(3) That Sue Ashley is thanked for work on the BIDS initiative.

6. Development of the Warwickshire Local Area Agreement (LAA)

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development which summarised recent progress made in relation to the development of the Warwickshire LAA following the submission of the 'near final' draft to Government Office West Midlands on 8th December 2006. The report informed the Area Committee of the likely outcomes to be included within the final LAA and requested the views of the Area Committee on its priorities for delivery.

Nick Gower-Johnson reported that work on the LAA was on track and all key partners engaged in the process of endorsing the LAA. The focus

now was on delivery plans about which he would be reporting to the Committee's meeting on 23 May 2007.

Discussion followed during which concern was expressed about who would make the decisions in relation to issues agreed through the LAA and the funding arrangements.

In response Councillor Alan Farnell explained that the County Council would make decisions on particular projects in accordance with current practise and procedures, as would management of the County Council's budget. LAA partners would pool their budgets and make contributions to these projects. He highlighted that LAA was a Government initiative and asked that Members view this in a positive light and with optimism.

Nick Gower-Johnson explained that the governance arrangements were being developed and would provide solutions for consideration and said that these would be reviewed after a short time. He advised that, if pooling of budgets was achieved, there was the possibility of receiving from the Government a £14 "reward grant".

Resolved that the Area Committee -

- (1) notes the current position in relation to the developments of the Warwickshire LAA.
- (2) notes the near final draft LAA as submitted to Government Office West Midlands on 8 December 2006.
- (3) notes that a further report will be brought to the Committee's meeting on 23 May 2007 describing the progress made by the County Council and its partners in making arrangements for the local delivery of LAA outcomes.
- (4) Thanks Nick Gower-Johnson for the hard work he has done in developing the Warwickshire LAA.

7. Nuneaton and Bedworth Social Inclusion Fund 2006/07.

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development, which detailed projects identified through the Area Committee Funding Sup-Group. The Chair reported that the application from the Pastels Day Care Centre had been withdrawn.

Resolved that the Area Committee –

- (1) approves funding of £7,050 from the Social Inclusion Fund for the Disabled Advice and Information Line (DIAL).

(2) notes that the application from Pastels Day Care Centre has been withdrawn.

8. Consultation on Local Area Scrutiny

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development, which sought the views of the Area Committee on any appropriate topics for a local area scrutiny exercise.

Jane Pollard reported that a range of topics had been suggested by the other Area Committees and said these would be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Group at its meeting on 20 March 2007.

The Chair asked Members to send suggestions for topics to the Area Office and these would then be forwarded to Jane Pollard for onward reporting to the Co-ordinating Group.

Members' suggestions for topics included –

- Quality/Performance Indicators
- Educational attainment in Nuneaton and Bedworth

Resolved that the Area Committee Members be asked to forward suggested topics for scrutiny to the Area Officer before 21 February 2007.

9. Future Agenda Items

Resolved, having considered the report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development that the Area Committee agrees the schedule of report for future meetings as indicated.

10. Any Other Business

There were no items of urgent business.

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Chair of the Committee

The Committee rose at 7:15 p.m.