

West/Central Area Committee

MINUTES

Date:	Thursday 15 October 2009
Time:	7:30pm – 10pm
Place:	Wesley Methodist Church, Christs Pieces

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Council Members Present

City Councillors for:

Castle (John Hipkin and Simon Kightley)

Market (Mike Dixon and Tim Bick)

Newnham (Rod Cantrill, Sian Reid and Julie Smith)

Co-opted non-voting members:

County Councillors: Brooks-Gordon (Castle)

09/50 APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the following:

City Councillors: Colin Rosenstiel and Tania Zmura

County Councillors: Whitebread (Newnham)

09/51 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 August were approved and signed as a correct record.

09/52 MATTERS and ACTIONS ARISING from MINUTES

09/44 – Open Forum

Councillor Brooks-Gordon confirmed that Grove Lodge had been saved.

The Chair confirmed that the Committee Manager would be working with County officers to arrange a transport item at a future meeting. The Committee would like to aim for the meeting on 4 February 2010.

The Executive Councillor for Arts and Recreation confirmed that the seminar on Trees on Lammas Land and Midsummer Common had been deferred due to officer illness.

09/46 – Environmental Improvements Programme

Councillor Brooks-Gordon confirmed that the Canterbury Street area 20mph restriction had been implemented.

09/53 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

Councillor	Agenda item	Interest
Smith	09/56	Personal interest: As relevant Executive Councillor for this subject and as resident in Robinson College (which was in the consultation area)
Hipkin	09/58	Personal Interest: A friend of the developer

09/54 OPEN FORUM

ACTION BY

Q) (i) Who should deal with rubbish in Garrett Hostel Lane and Burrells Walk? (ii) What plans are in place for Market decorations? (iii) Can Section 106 resolve the broken brick wall, muddy footpath and signage issues on the cycle path on Wilberforce Corner?

A) The Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources confirmed that::

(i) Provision of bins and cleanliness of the Garrett Hostel Lane and Burrells Walk areas was being reviewed by Council officers and colleges. (ii) an on-going investment programme was in place for the Market Square. For example, electrical sockets had been installed for traders. Plans were in place for 2009 decorations, but comments would be taken onboard for 2010.

(ii) The Executive Councillor for Arts and Recreation confirmed that she would liaise with Caroline Rankin concerning the cycle lane issue. City and County Councillors encouraged members of the public to petition the County Council to grit the cycle paths as these were important thoroughfares.

Cllr Smith

Q) What plans are in place to address dropped curbs and access?

A) This was an issue for the County rather than City Council. The Head of Network Management confirmed that the County Council did not have a dedicated fund for dropped curbs, and that upgrades were done through its normal budgets. He stated that the issue would be looked at through the budget setting process but did highlight existing pressures.

Q) What is the criteria for allocating the one off £10,000 that has been specially allocated for dropped curbs?

The Head of Network Management confirmed that the County Council had allocated £10,000 to the issue of dropped curbs in 2009. Wards with high numbers of elderly residents would be a priority for the funding.

Councillor Bick felt that city centre areas with a high footfall rate should be a priority, as these too catered for many elderly and infirm residents. It was agreed that if additional funding was identified City Councillors could have an input into the discussions around priorities.

Q) The removal of pram arms in the passageway between Belmore Close, Badminton Close and Histon Road is causing serious issues of safety where the passageway exits into a cul-de-sac.

A) The pram arms were removed to comply with disability access criteria, but this had led to unintended consequences as people can now drive across the end of the passageway, causing safety concerns. City and County Environmental Improvement Teams would liaise to resolve the issue.

EIP Teams

Q) What can be done concerning the dusty and unpleasant paths on Queen's Green?

A) The Executive Councillor for Arts and Recreation confirmed that proposals for new paths were at the consultation stage. Claire Rankin would be contacted to provide feedback for a future meeting.

Cllr Smith

Q) Salmon Lane trees were removed September/October 2005 and due to be replaced winter 2006. This has not occurred, when will the trees be replanted?

A) Councillor Bick had been made aware of recent correspondence and was anxious to follow it up.

Cllr Bick

09/55 RECYCLING CHAMPIONS' PRESENTATION

The Recycling Champions Coordinator introduced the item. The aim of the project was to recruit recycling champions from city residents to talk to friends and family and encourage recycling. If interested, please contact Mark Buckton, 01223 457673, Mark.Buckton@cambridge.gov.uk

In 2008 25,000 tonnes of rubbish from Cambridge went into landfill. 80% of this could be reused or recycled.

Cambridge recycles 42% of its waste, this was higher than the national average of 33%, but could be improved.

Landfill was becoming increasingly expensive, which could potentially lead to higher council tax in future. Alternatives to landfill include better use of materials, recycling alternative materials and demand management.

Actions that can be taken:

- Blue bin usage to aid recycling (residents won't have to separate items at source). Every household has/will receive information on recycling. Further guidance would be issued with the blue bins.
- Provision of information through contacts such as the Recycling Champion.
- Championing and networking to increase recycling.

Q) What can be done to reduce rubbish from supermarket packaging? It was suggested 80% of waste comes from supermarket packaging.

A) Some reduction work was being undertaken with supermarkets. People could choose to buy products with less packaging, and so influence supermarkets through consumer trends.

Q) What is the role of City Rangers, particularly cleaning up after students?

A) Specific work is done through the Council to educate temporary residents such as students. Work was also being undertaken with Colleges.

Q) Asked for reassurance on why blue bins were sorted at Peterborough/Waterbeach instead of somewhere closer.

A) Cambridge City Council had entered into a joint procurement process with other local authorities. The Peterborough plant was key to the bid due to capacity issues, ie it was the only one that could handle the amount of waste. Waterbeach was involved in the process as a specialist recycler of black bin waste.

The County Council Waste Officer could attend future meetings to discuss issues if desired.

An anaerobic waste recycling unit was coming on-line in March 2010 to produce electricity from Cambridge waste and educate visitors as per the Eden Project.

The Committee took on board public comments concerning a desire to undertake more recycling and the Executive for Councillor for Climate Change was expected to lobby Government for new ideas concerning recycling, new material usage and demand management to reduce consumption.

The County Council had a grant available for recycling initiatives.

09/56 'IMPROVE YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD' PROPOSED PROJECT LIST FOR FUTURE S106 FUNDED RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PROJECTS

The Recreation Officer (Growth Projects) introduced the report to members. It was noted that priority listing No: 2 of the Area Project recommendations (Floodlit all weather pitch at the University Sports Complex at Wilberforce Road/access for public) should now be considered as a CITYWIDE project.

It was also noted that the following projects (noted in the officer's report as not being eligible) could now be considered for S106 funding:

- No: 4 Nest Box Scheme
- No: 8 Bee Friendly Areas
- No: 9 Demonstration Wildlife Garden

Mr Baxter asked who decided where S106 money was spent. His understanding was that the money should be spent in the locality of the development and that the public should be engaged with this process. It was noted that the Planning Obligation Strategy referred to government guidance that was out of date.

The Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth confirmed that a new Planning Obligation Strategy was planned in light of the new government guidance. She agreed that S106 money should be spent to mitigate the impact of any development, but noted that it could not always be spent in the *specific* locality. It was also confirmed that part of the policy allowed for funds to be used for citywide projects.

Members discussed the individual projects in detail but noted that it was difficult to make firm decisions due to the limited information provided.

Members APPROVED the following Area projects:

- Paddling pool Improvements Lammas Land (by 9 votes to 0)
- BMX bike play facility Lammas Land (by 5 votes to 0)
- New shelter Lammas Land /park infrastructure improvement (by 2 votes to 0)
- Kiosk area improvements Lammas Land (by 5 votes to 0)
- Improvements to river access Lammas Land (by 6 votes to 0)
- New benches on Lammas Land (by 6 votes to 0)

Members APPROVED the following CITYWIDE projects:

- Kelsey Kerridge refurbish climbing wall & build new bouldering wall (by 6 votes to 0)
- Jesus Green path works / to main London Plane Ave (unanimously)
- Christ Pieces - creation of winter garden along Pikes Walk (by 6 votes to 0)
- Floodlit all weather pitch at the University Sports Complex at Wilberforce Road/ access for public (by 4 votes to 3)

Members APPROVED the following additional projects:

- Nest boxes scheme / identify suitable council owned buildings for erection of boxes (by 6 votes to 0)
- Bee Friendly areas (by 6 votes to 0)
- Demonstration wildlife garden (by 6 votes to 0)

09/57 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE GRANTS

The Chief Executive of the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) introduced the report to members and covered each application in detail.

CCF Ref WEB 1173: The Friends of Midsummer Common (FoMC)

The Head of Active Communities confirmed that consultation was ongoing with FoMC and local residents concerning this issue. A report would be produced and circulated to members of the Area Committee for comment, prior to the Executive Councillor making a decision.

Through discussion, members decided to approve the full amount (£1,500 for trees, tools and equipment) as not to delay the start up of the project if and when Council permission was granted.

Members approved (unanimously) the following officer recommendations:

£1500 to be offered to Friends of Midsummer Common for trees/equip subject to 1.) permission for plating from council and 2.) confirmation that safe/secure storage has been found – offer valid until 31 Jan 2010 after which date money to be released

CCF Ref 1811: Social Committee of the Parish of the Ascension

Councillor Hipkin highlighted the quality and inclusiveness of these events and noted the high attendance rates. He felt that, due to no admission charge and the accessible location, they particularly benefitted low income groups, the mobility impaired, older people and children.

It was suggested that the officers recommendation be ammended to award funding of £750 (not £500).

Members approved (unanimously) the following recommendations as amended by Councillor Hipkin:

£750 to be offered to Social Committee of the Parish of the Ascension for New Year Gala Concert.

CCF Ref WEB 2636: Windsor Road Residents Association

Members voted unanimously to defer detirmining this application until the allocation of grants in 2010/11.

09/58 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

These minutes and the appendix should be read in conjunction with the reports on applications to the committee, where the conditions to the approved applications or reasons for refusal are set out in full and with the Amendment Sheet issued at the meeting. Any amendments to the recommendations are shown.

Full details of the decisions, conditions of permissions and reasons for refusal may be inspected in the Environment and Planning Department, including those that the committee delegated to the Head of Development Control to draw up.

Site Address: Pinehurst South, Grange Road
Application Number: 09/0583/FUL
Proposal: Erection of one-bed flat over existing parking bays (joint application with 09/0584/CAC).
Applicant: C/o Estate Office Midsummer Meadows Cambridge CB4 1JT
Officer Recommendation: APPROVE subject to the satisfactory completion of the s106 agreement by 31st October 2009 and subject to conditions.
Public Speaker:
DECISION: APPROVED (7-0) as Agenda, with the addition of the conditions and second resolution shown below: An alternative recommendation is required should the Unilateral Undertaking not be completed in time: Unless prior agreement has been obtained from the Head of Development Services, and the Chair and Spokesperson of this Committee to extend the period for completion of the Planning Obligation required in connection with this development, if the Obligation has not been

completed by 31st October 2009 it is recommended that the application be refused for the following reason(s).

The proposed development does not make appropriate provision for public open space, community development facilities in accordance with the following policies, standards and proposals 3/8, 5/14, 8/3 and 10/1 of the Cambridge Local Plan 2006; and policies P6/1 and P9/8 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003.

09/59 Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting was confirmed for 10 December 2009.

Meeting finished at 10pm.

Chair

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