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NORTH AREA COMMITTEE



AGENDA

To: City Councillors: Nimmo-Smith (Chair), Ward (Vice-Chair), Boyce, Bird,

Brierley, Kerr, McGovern, O'Reilly, Price, Todd-Jones, Tunnacliffe and

Znajek

County Councillors: Manning, Pellew, Sales and Wilkins

Dispatched: Wednesday, 14 March 2012

Date: Thursday, 22 March 2012

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: The Centre Hall, Shirley School, Nuffield Road, Cambridge
Contact: Glenn Burgess Direct Dial: 01223 457169

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 7.30PM

2 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION (INCLUDING DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST)

COMMUNITY FORUM – JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THESE ITEMS

3 TRANSPORT THEME: CHESTERTON STATION 7.35PM

4 TREE PLANTING PROJECT – 8.20PM PARKS AND OPEN SPACES 2011/15

Attached separately

5 UPDATE ON STREET SCENE ISSUES

8.40PM

Verbal update on the ongoing work to address issues raised through the area committee's "CB4" consultation and community engagement work.

'YOU SAID, WE DID, YOU WANT TO KNOW'

- TO CONFIRM WHAT WAS SAID (MINUTES) AT THE LAST 8.50PM MEETING AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE (ACTION LIST)
 (Pages 1 12)
- 7 YOU WANT TO KNOW (OPEN FORUM)

9PM

8 NORTH AREA COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION PILOT: 9.30PM REVIEW

The North Area Committee has been trying out new approaches over the past year as a "Participation Pilot" for the Council.

The Pilot has been about running the meetings in a different way but also looking to engage people outside of the meetings. The learning from the Pilot will be shared with other Area Committees, who may choose to also take some of the approaches forward.

During this agenda item Councillors and members of the public will be asked to share their views on what has worked well and what could be improved for future meetings.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

9 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 9.40PM (Pages 13 - 20)

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

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NAC/1

Thursday, 26 January 2012

NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

26 January 2012 7.30 - 10.15 pm

Present: Councillors Nimmo-Smith (Chair), Boyce, Bird, Brierley, Kerr, McGovern, Price, Todd-Jones, Tunnacliffe and Znajek

County Councillors: Manning, Pellew, Sales and Wilkins

Officers: Lynda Kilkelly (Safer Communities Manager - City), Andrew Preston (Environmental Improvements Manager - City), Richard Preston (Head of Parking and Road Safety - County) and Glenn Burgess (Committee Manager - City)

Other Officers in attendance: Jonathan James (Head of Customer Services - City), Graham Saint (Strategy Officer - City) and Eve Dziura (Community Development Officer - City)

Others in attendance: Jason Wragg (Police Sergeant), Jim Meikle (Community Fire Safety Officer) and Councillor Ian Bates (Cabinet Member for Growth and Planning – County)

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

12/8/NAC Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from City Councillors O'Reilly and Ward.

12/9/NAC Welcome and Introduction (including Declarations of Interest)

The Chair welcomed the public and explained the format of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest:

None.

12/10/NAC The Fen Road Area - Issues and Solutions

The Chairman introduced the item.

Councillors and members of the public were asked to discuss and highlight all traffic, highway and parking issues associated with the Fen Road area.

A full list of the issues raised can be found at Appendix A or is available via the following link:

http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/democracy/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD727&ID=727&RPID=27747184&sch=doc&cat=13034&path=13020%2c13021%2c13034

Councillors and members of the public were then asked to discuss possible solutions to the issues that had been highlighted.

A full list of the possible solutions and discussion points can be found at Appendix B or is available via the following link:

http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/democracy/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD727&ID=727&RPID=27747184&sch=doc&cat=13034&path=13020%2c13021%2c13034

It was agreed that a dedicated Steering Group would be set up to look at the issues in more detail and progress possible solutions.

The Steering Group would be made up of the Cabinet Member for Growth and Planning, relevant Council Officers, Councillors and interested members of the public.

Progress on this topic would then be reported back at future meetings and via the committee's Facebook page:

http://www.facebook.com/northcambridgecommunityforum

12/11/NAC Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods

The committee received a presentation from the Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant, the Safer Communities Section Manager and the Community Fire Safety Officer on crime and policing in the four wards.

The presentation can be accessed via the following link: http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/democracy/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=8773

Members of the public and Councillors asked a number of questions, as set out below:

1) Resident: Asked for further information on shift patterns of the PCSO's in the North Area.

Sergeant Wragg confirmed that PCSO's worked the same shift patterns as the Neighbourhood Policing Officers in the area. PCSO's worked a mixture of day and late shifts but were flexible depending on the demands of the service.

It was emphasised that PCSO's played a valuable role in collecting evidence and acting as a visible deterrent to crime.

2) Resident: Asked for further information on the reduction in burglary figures.

Sergeant Wragg confirmed that, whilst there would normally be a peak in burglaries over the Christmas period, this year it had thankfully not occurred. It was also noted that weather conditions and the presence of very active individual criminals could have a big effect on burglary figures.

3) Councillor Znajek: Highlighted continuing parking problems at the Shirley School and suggested that it remain a police priority.

Sergeant Wragg confirmed that officers would continue to work closely with the school and monitor the situation as part of their everyday work. It was therefore not felt necessary that it continue as a specific police priority.

4) Resident: Highlighted that cycling offences in Gilbert Road were on the increase and expressed support for this to be a police priority.

This comment was noted.

5) Resident: Highlighted the increase in vandalism, drug use and sexual activity taking place in the public toilets on Church Street.

Sergeant Wragg confirmed that this area was being monitored and the police were working with partners to address the issue.

6) Resident: Highlighted speeding vehicles on Fen Road as an ongoing issue.

Sergeant Wragg confirmed that anti-social driving was probably the biggest issue and noted that the weight and nature of vehicles using Fen Road meant that it was no longer fit for purpose.

7) Resident: Emphasised the need for clearer signage on cycleways in order to reduce anti-social cycling.

This comment was noted.

8) Councillor Todd-Jones: Highlighted the good work being undertaken between the police and the management team at 222 Victoria Road and supported its continuation as a police priority.

This comment was noted.

9) Resident: Highlighted drug dealing in Pearl Close as an ongoing issue.

Sergeant Wragg asked that he be emailed with further information so that the issue could be investigated.

10) Councillor Bird: Further emphasised the need to continue to monitor issues around the Shirley School to ensure the safety of those attending the school and local residents.

This comment was noted.

The committee agreed to vote on each of the suggested priorities separately:

- Continue to reduce ASB around 222 Victoria Road (11 votes to 0)
- Parking issues at the new Shirley School (5 votes to 1)
- Speeding and Anti-Social driving in Fen Road (11 votes to 0)
- Anti-social cycling in Gilbert Road (3 votes to 0)
- Continue with arson preventative work (9 votes to 0)

On a final show of hands the following three Neighbourhood Priorities were agreed by 11 votes to 0:

- Continue to reduce ASB around 222 Victoria Road
- Speeding and Anti-Social driving in Fen Road
- Continue with arson preventative work

At the request of the committee Sergeant Wragg agreed to provide a further update on work around Pearl Close and Church Street for the next meeting on 22 March 2012.

12/12/NAC TO CONFIRM WHAT WAS SAID (MINUTES) AT THE LAST MEETING AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE (ACTION LIST)

The minutes of the 24 November 2011 meeting were approved and signed as a correct record.

Update on Action List:

The Chair confirmed that a response had been sent to Mr Richard Taylor regarding his question on Restorative Justice.

12/13/NAC YOU WANT TO KNOW (OPEN FORUM)

1) Resident: Highlighted that parking around Shirley School continued to be a problem with parents now also parking at the GP Surgery.

This comment was noted.

2) Resident: Asked when the notice would be erected for grass verges.

The Environmental Improvements Manager confirmed that the County Council would require a consultation and it was likely that this would take place during February 2012.

12/14/NAC Future Work Programme for the Area Committee

The committee formally approved their Work Programme for 2012/13 as attached at Appendix C.

The meeting ended at 10.15 pm

CHAIR

Appendix A: Issues raised at the meeting

- Speeding
- Safety on the level crossing
- Anti-Social driving
- Littering from vehicles
- Driving on pavements
- Ineffective speed control measures
- Illegal parking and safety issues
- Damage to properties from HGV vibrations
- Damage to highway, drains and pavements
- Parking blocking resident's driveways
- Nuisance noise from HGV's
- Cycle safety (behaviour of vehicles towards cyclists)
- Increase in skip vehicles using road
- Trade recycling (where's it going?)
- Speed bump profile
- Parking blocking pavements
- Planning approvals (LA boundary issue)
- Pedestrian safety (cyclists riding on pavement)
- Frequency of trains on crossing (causing backlog of traffic which will only get worse with new station)
- Safer pedestrian crossings on Fen Road
- Intimidation of pedestrians/cyclists by vehicle drivers
- Vans drivers stopping and blocking road
- Parking issues on level crossing
- Residents refused taxi's back to Fen Road
- Quantity of traffic (commercial) in the 2006 survey:
 - 32% of morning vehicle traffic was commercial (1 every 32 seconds!)
 - 28% of afternoon vehicle traffic was commercial
 - 16% of evening vehicle traffic was commercial
- Standard of highway drainage
- Lack of footway provision
- Inadequate maintenance of highway
- Enforcement issues regarding planning applications
- Desperate need for a secondary access

Appendix B: Possible solutions and discussion points

Issue/Concern	Possible Solutions/Discussion points
Need for a secondary access road During the discussions this issue was raised by 7 tables	 Restrictions needed on weight and width Need to be split/controlled at level crossing Appropriate Traffic Management Plan (inc bollards) Recognition that with the new station more cars will use Fen Road to avoid Milton Road. Access road needs to be looked at NOW as part of any new station proposals The government are currently consulting on A14 improvements - could this form part of solution? A new station without a new access road will be terrible
Cycle and pedestrian access/safety (particularly at crossing)	 Level crossing issues need to be addressed Carriageway needs to be designed better for cyclists and pedestrians Could the £2m that that the County Council currently has allocated for improvements in North Area be used? Two way cycling south of Fen Road is an issue Cycle lanes need to be widen to two lanes
Controlling ASB on Fen Rd Road Layout/traffic calming	 Pinch point on both sides of Fen Road Rising bollards Appropriate traffic calming measures Improved policing of the area Improved road layout Strong metal Bollards on edge of pavements (and widen pavements if necessary) Make Fen Road 'part' one way Block part of Fen Road (this side of railway line) Widen pavements and introduce planting Need for the bridge over railway line to be accessible Speed camera on straight Speed survey

Approval of retrospective Planning applications	 Problems made worse by continued growth in the area Increased growth especially at the bottom end of Fen Road
Need to address safety issues asap (not wait for access road)	As above
Need continuing discussion on these issues – through website/Facebook etc	- Need for evidence base to support issues raised (i.e info on train times/frequency etc)

Appendix C: Approved Work Programme

Meeting Date	Community Forum Topic
26 January 2012	Safer NeighbourhoodsFen Road – Issues and possible solutions
22 March 2012	Transport theme inc. Chesterton StationUpdate on Street Scene issues
17 M ay 2012	 Safer Neighbourhoods Young People (inviting groups and organisations and engaging with young people)
26 July 2012	- Health and Wellbeing (emphasis on sport and exercise to tie in with the Olympics)
27 September 2012	Safer NeighbourhoodThe Voluntary Sector and Localism

COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET

Committee	North Area Committee
Date	26.01.12
Circulated on	01.02.12

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
Fen Road Steering Group Set up first meeting including relevant officers, councillors and interested members of the public	lan Nimmo-Smith/ Glenn Burgess	ASAP	
Pearle Close and Church Street Update on current work to tackle the highlighted issues (see below)	Lynda Kilkelly/ Sergeant Wragg	Report back at meeting on 22.03.12	

Specific Police Issues Raised:

1)	Continuing parking issues at the Shirley School
2)	Anti social cycling in Gilbert Road
3)	Vandalism, drug use and sexual activity in Church Street toilets
4)	Speeding and ASB driving on Fen Road
5)	Continued work with management of 222 Victoria Road
6)	Drug dealing in Pearle Close

Police Priorities Agreed by Committee:

- i. Continue to reduce ASB around 222 Victoria Road
- ii. Speeding and anti-social driving in Fen Road
- iii. Continue with arson preventative work

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Agenda Item 9

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item

Report by:	Head of Streets and Open Space	ces
To:	North Area Committee	22 March 2012
Wards:	Arbury, East Chesterton, King's	Hedges, West Chesterton

Environmental Improvements Programme

1. DECISION TO BE MADE: -

• New Suggested Schemes for the 2012/13 Programme

Recommendation: To approve the list of schemes in section 4.0 of this report for further investigation into their feasibility and estimated cost.

2. BUDGET (See Appendix A)

3.0 APPROVED SCHEMES: PROGRESS

3.1 Downhams Lane renovation of native hedge -

A written legal agreement with the University is being developed in order for this work to be carried out. It is planned to take place at the same time as the Downhams Lane cycleway scheme, a separate scheme to upgrade the adjacent cycle route.

3.2 Kendal Way Verge Parking Prohibition

The consultation for this scheme is currently under way. The scheme proposes to ban verge and footway parking throughout Kendal Way through the introduction of a verge parking prohibition zone, enforced by the County Council through their Civil Enforcement Officers.

3.3 Mortlock Avenue

Construction of this scheme is now complete.

3.4 Woodhead Drive/Milton Rd

The tree works application process for this scheme is now complete which involves the thinning and tidying of a Yew hedge to allow surveillance views through to the rear of the hedge and the sowing of wildflower plugs to introduce some diversity into the grass sward. No objections to this application have been received and this work will be carried out in October at the start of the planting season, once a further informal local residents' consultation is complete.

3.5 Franks Lane Landscaping

A design for this scheme will be consulted on with local residents shortly. The scheme will then be implemented in the autumn at the start of the planting season.

3.6 Rackham Close Improvements

This scheme is currently out to consultation with local residents. Subject to the outcome of the consultation, work is planned to start during the summer.

3.8 Milton Road Verge Parking Prohibition

This project is currently under review by the County Council and forms part of their ring road and radial routes review.

3.9 Buchan St, Hazelwood and Perse Way Landscaping

This scheme to refurbish planting in City Homes areas is currently being implemented.

4.0 NEW SUGGESTED SCHEMES FOR 2012/13

The table below lists the new schemes that have been submitted by Ward Councillors and residents for consideration as part of the 2012/13 Environmental Improvement Programme.

Proposition of the proposition o	Proposed Scheme Meadows/Arbury Road/St. Albans Road/Mere Way 'Super Safe' paths Kings Hedges area Replacement bench, junction of Union Lane and Scotland Road & Planting work Extra bin and Lighting for	Ward Arbury Kings Hedges East Chesterton	Promoter(s) Cllr Todd-Jones Ward Councillors Cllrs Kerr & Znajek	Estimated Cost TBC TBC E2,000	Considerations Funding from County Minor Works Budget applied for. Minimum 10% required from EIP Budget applied for. Minimum 10% required from EIP Budget. Potential joint delivered scheme with Transition Cambridge. Maintenance implications of the planting areas to be determined.
Sco Sco Imp of th	Extra bin and Lignting for Scotland Road play area Improvements to the corner of the Water Lane/High Street junction	Chesterton East Chesterton	Clirs Kerr & Clirs Kerr & Znajek	1BC £6,000	rurtner investigation required in the proposals and options available. Further investigation required to determine most appropriate measures.
Ver Stre june on	Verge protection for Church Street/High Street junction and food planting on the green area	East Chesterton	Clirs Kerr & Znajek	£5,000	Further investigation required. County Council maintenance issue.
Tre on t	Tree planting and benches on the East Chesterton Halingway.	East Chesterton	Clirs Kerr & Znajek	TBC	Liaison with Cam Conservators required, including potential legal agreement required.

No	Proposed Scheme	Ward	Promoter(s)	Estimated Cost	Considerations
Θ	Verge Remediation and Protection measures on Cam Causeway	East Chesterton	CIIrs Kerr & Znajek	TBC	Further investigation required. County Council maintenance issue.
о́	Improvements to access point into open space from Cam Causeway	East Chesterton	CIIrs Kerr & Znajek	TBC	Further investigation required.
10.	Chesterton High St Hanging Baskets	East Chesterton	Cllr Bird	TBC	
⊏ Page	Additional tree planting on Green End Road	East Chesterton	Cllr Bird	TBC	Depending on the number of trees, this scheme could potentially attract sizeable commuted sums for maintenance payable to the County Council.
27 2 16	Bench at bus stop at junction with Franks Lane and Green End Rd	East Chesterton	Cllr Bird	£1000	Limited space available at this location, further investingation required.
7 3.	Additional seating on Bramblefields Nature Reserve	East Chesterton	Cllr Bird	TBC	Number of benches and locations to be determined.
4.	Litter bins outside Grumpys on Scotland Rd	East Chesterton	Cllr Bird	£1000	Number and locations to be agreed.
15.	Herbert Street Improvements	West Chesterton	Cllr Boyce	TBC	Further investigation and site meeting planned with Councillors and County Council.

5.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

APPENDIX A: EIP Budget Table for North Area Committee.

APPENDIX B: Environmental Improvement Programme

Eligibility Criteria.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Equal Opportunities Implications:** These are taken into account on individual schemes.
- b) **Environmental Implications:** All of the projects seek to bring about an improvement in the local environment.
- c) Community Safety: This has been included as one of the assessment criteria agreed by Committee and is considered on each project.

7.0 INSPECTION OF PAPERS

To inspect or query the background paperwork or report, please contact,

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Environmental Projects Manager

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APPENDIX B

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - as agreed by Executive Councillor (Environment) on 18 March 2003 with amendments agreed 22 March 2005

The essential criteria for consideration of funding of Environmental Improvement works are:

- Schemes should have a direct, lasting and noticeable improvement to the appearance of a street or area.
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- Schemes must account for future maintenance costs.

Desirable criteria – potential schemes should be able to demonstrate some level of:

- Active involvement of local people.
- Benefit for a large number of people.
- 'Partnership' funding.
- Potential for inclusion of employment training opportunities.
- Ease and simplicity of implementation.
- Potential for meeting key policy objectives (e.g. improving community safety or contributing to equal opportunities).

Categories of scheme ineligible for funding:

- Where a readily available alternative source of funding is available.
- Revenue projects.
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- Works that the City or County Council are under an immediate obligation to carry out (e.g. repair of dangerous footways)
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The following categories of work were agreed as being eligible for funding by the Area Committees:

- Works in areas of predominately council owned housing
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NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

Environmental Improvements Programme 2011-2012

Budget for 2011/2012 financial year 59200 Add funding rephased from previous financial years 167700

Total Budget Available to 31/3/12 £226,900

ADOPTED PROJECTS	COMPLETE	Total Spend Previous Years £	Forecast Spend 2011/12 £	TOTAL SCHEME COST £	Approved Budget £
Chesterton High St Hanging Baskets 2011	✓	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Contribution to Riverside/Abbey Road conflict					
reduction scheme	✓	0	101,700	101,700	101,700
Kendal Way Planting	✓	6,265	500	6,765	8,750
Woodhead Drive/Milton Rd		0	4,000	4,000	4,000
Mortlock Avenue	✓	0	28,000	28,000	39,000
Downhams Lane		0	6,000	6,000	6,000
Rackham Close		0	23,000	23,000	23,000
Water St/Water Lane Bollards	✓	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Gilbert Close bed refurbishment		0	1,444	1,444	1,444
Hazelwood planting refurbishment		0	2,902	2,902	2,902
Perse Way Landscaping		0	2,447	2,447	2,447
Joint Minor Highway Schemes		0	7,000	7,000	7,000
Kendal Way Verge Parking		0	3,000	3,000	3,000
Milton Road Verge Parking		0	4,500	4,500	4,500
Buchan St Area Planting		0	11,964	11,964	11,964
Franks Lane Landscaping		0	10,000	10,000	10,000
total cost to implement adopted projects			216,457		<u>-</u>
Uncommitted Budget			10,443		
SCHEMES UNDER DEVELOPMENT*		Total Spend to Date £	Total Estimated Cost		
total estimated cost of projects in development		0	0		
Uncommitted Budget			10,443		

*Projects agreed by Ctte to be investigated, but no budget committed. Costs shown are estimated and will depend on detailed design and site investigation. N.B. The estimated costs shown above are merely given as a rough guide until the projects can be designed and costed.

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