

HAZEL GROVE WARD COMMITTEE

Meeting: 30 June 2010

At: 6.30 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Christine Corris in the chair; Councillors Stuart Corris and Kevin Hogg.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 13 April 2010 were approved as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Neighbourhood Policing

Sergeant Karl Needham and PCSO Martin Heys (Greater Manchester Police) attended the meeting and answered questions from Councillors and members of the public in relation to Neighbourhood Policing issues within the Hazel Grove Ward Committee area.

Sgt Needham update the Ward Committee on crime figures for the last year which indicated that there had been a 23.6% reduction in anti-social behaviour, 25% reduction in burglaries, 50% reduction on robberies which reflected the relatively low levels of crime across Stockport and the significant reductions that had been made. Sgt Needham recognised that while these figures were welcomed there was often a discrepancy with people's perception of crime.

A number of issues were discussed including:-

- Police funding for improvements in security at allotments.
- The provision and use of personal alarms and other preventative measures.
- Noise and nuisance caused by licensed premises, particularly during the World Cup and the requirements of licenses for doors and windows of premises to be kept closed.
- Recent violent incident at Brook Street Car Park.
- Obstructions being left in the road on the A6.
- Obstructions on the pavement and what action could be taken to tackle inconsiderate parking.
- Youth nuisance on fields at Chester Road.

RESOLVED – That Sergeant Needham and PCSO Heys be thanked for their attendance.

(ii) Public Question Time

Members of the public were invited to put questions to the Chair.

The following issues were raised:-

- Recent works on Chester Road to improve road safety and concerns about the height of the speed tables.
- Questions about the consultation carried out in relation to the works on Chester Road.
- Changes to the access from the A6 to the Co-op/ ASDA Store and concerns about the impact on traffic congestions.
- Damage caused to pavements caused by works vehicles.
- Concern about the politicisation of the Hazel Grove Carnival.
- The proposed closure of the Torkington Road Civic Amenity Site.
- The future of the Post Office Sorting Office in Hazel Grove.
- Accidental felling of a tree on Beech Avenue.
- Possible development of community garden at the site of the former nursery on Queens Road.
- The future of the Sure Start Centre at Hazel Grove Library.
- The future of the Torkington Centre and need to encourage greater community involvement in the management of the facility.
- Dangerous trees on Hazelwood Road.
- Viability of the Hazel Grove District Centre and the possible measures to prevent the proliferation of takeaways in the area.
- Closure of Footpath 116.

(iii) Environmental Services

The Chair reported that the Area Conditions Officer was unable to attend the meeting.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Area Flexibility Funding

There were no applications to consider.

4. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The following dates of future meetings was noted:-

Tuesday, 10 August 2010

Wednesday, 6 October 2010

Tuesday, 14 December 2010

Tuesday, 8 February 2011

The meeting closed at 8.15pm