

## OFFERTON WARD COMMITTEE

Meeting: 6 July 2010  
At: 6.30 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Wendy Meikle (Chair) in the chair; Councillors Dave Goddard and John Smith.

### 1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 17 May 2010 were approved as a correct record.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

### 3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### (i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair reported that a 'You Say We Pay' event is taking place on Saturday 24 July at Dial park Primary school where residents can vote on which community groups get funding for projects on the Offerton Estate.

Councillor John Smith reported that the Chadkirk Festival would take place on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 July 2010.

#### (ii) Neighbourhood Policing

Representatives of Greater Manchester Police attended the meeting to answer questions from Councillors and members of the public in relation to Neighbourhood Policing issues within the Offerton Ward. The following issues were discussed/ issues raised:

- Vehicle Crime
- Anti-social behaviour on (i) Poisebrook Park and (ii) Bean Leach Road
- The reporting of crime/crime statistics.
- Vandalism on Minsmere Walk.
- Theft of motorbikes.
- The advertising of Police Surgeries.
- Speeding on Shearwater Road/ introduction of a 20mph speed limit.
- The mobile speed sign road safety initiative.
- The role of Police Community Support Officers.

RESOLVED - That the representatives of Greater Manchester Police be thanked for their attendance.

#### (iii) Public Question Time

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Questions were asked and answered at the meeting in respect to the following issues:

- The consultation in relation to the possible closure of Offerton School.
- Services provided at the Dialstone Centre/expansion of the site.
- The possible creation of a Community Centre on the Shearwater Road Estate.

### (iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

### (v) Area Flexibility Funding

No applications for Area Flexibility Funding were received.

## **4. ISSUES AFFECTING THE OFFERTON WARD**

A representative of the Head of Area Governance reported that the following items had been placed on the agenda at the request of the Ward Councillors.

### (i) Offerton Precinct Update

Councillor Smith reported that had recently consulted the Council's Head of Regeneration in respect to the Compulsory Purchase Order and he had confirmed that no objection had been lodged against the proposal. He further confirmed that negotiations remained on going with existing businesses on the site in respect to a time scale to move the process forward.

### (ii) Fencing at the Park on Turnstone Road

Councillor John Smith reported that he had met with the Head of Parks & Recreation to discuss this issue and he would write to residents providing them with an update in due course.

### (iii) Grass Verges

Councillors expressed concern at the problem of cars parking on the grass verges at the top end of Shearwater Road and suggested that a possible solution would be to convert the verges to hard standing as had been carried out on other parts of Shearwater Road.

RESOLVED - That the Service Director (Environment) be requested to investigate the possibility of converting the grass verges on Shearwater Road to hard standing and costs and submit a report to a future meeting of the Ward Committee.

## **6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the Head of Area Governance in consultation with the Ward Councillors be requested to make the necessary arrangements for a meeting of the Offerton Ward Committee in September 2010.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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