

OFFERTON WARD COMMITTEE

Meeting: 17 May 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 16 March 2010 were approved as a correct record subject to the deletion of the words Public House and their replacement with Care Home under minute 5 ' Traffic Issues - Parking Around Schools.'

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair congratulated Councillor John Smith on his re-election at the Local Government Election on 6 May 2010.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

A representative 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:

- The issuing of Direction to Leave notices.
- An armed robbery on Fulmar Drive and attempted robbery on Amlwch Avenue
- Vehicle crime on the Offerton Estate.
- The arrest of a youth drug dealing on Poise Brook Park.
- Youths congregating and drinking alcohol in parks on a Friday and Saturday night.
- Anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Turnstone Road.

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

(iii) Public Question Time

No public questions submitted.

(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 Councillor John Smith.

(i) Dog Fouling

Councillor Smith reported that following the presentation at the last Offerton Ward Committee by representatives of the Dog Warden Service, particular attention had been paid to Turnstone Road, Sundial Road and Offerton Drive and that Greater Manchester Police and the Dog Warden Service were holding a 'Day of Action' on 28 May 2010.

(ii) Offerton Precinct

A representative of the Service Director (Regeneration) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Ward Committee on progress in respect to implementing proposals contained in the Offerton Local Centre Action Plan and in particular to the redevelopment of Offerton Precinct.

(iii) Potholes

Councillor Smith reported that maintenance remained ongoing to deal with the potholes resulting from the poor weather over the winter period. He anticipated that works on Turnstone Road, Shearwater Road and Offerton Lane would be completed in the near future.

(iv) Redundant Lampposts

Councillor Smith reported that he had requested the Street Lighting Section to remove the lampposts on Marple Road which had been left redundant following works by United Utilities.

(v) Ward Publications

Councillor Smith suggested it would be prudent to agree Ward Committee dates for the remainder of the municipal year to enable the dates to be advertised in Ward Publications and raise awareness of the existence of the Ward Committee.

RESOLVED - That the Ward Councillors be requested to inform the Head of Area Governance of dates for future meetings of the Ward Committee to enable venues to be booked and for the inclusion of the dates in future Ward publications.

5. CONNECTING COMMUNITIES IN OFFERTON

A Representative of the Head of Area Governance reported that this item had been placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor John Smith.

A representative of Stockport Homes attended the meeting and updated the Ward Committee on progress made in respect to the Connecting Communities Project in Offerton which had been developed following funding received from the Department for Communities and Local Government to reinvigorate and connect communities. The project in Offerton is being delivered by the Council and its partners and seeks to:-

- Increase customer satisfaction through intensive local engagement to improve the impact of current work and any future initiatives.
- Develop a light but effective neighbourhood management approach for Offerton which could be aligned to that for the Priority 1 areas.
- Improve relationships between agencies and the community to make the community more resilient to the challenges it faces.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Ward Committee be held on Monday 5 July 2010 at 6.30pm at Warrenwood Primary School.

The meeting closed at 7.18 pm.

