

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SOCIAL INCLUSION AND HOUSING SELECT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY, 2007 AT 4.00 P.M.
CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Meaden, R.G. (Chairman)

Collis, C.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Faulkner, B. J.	Williams, A.
Kraujalis, J.T.	

Also Present: Chase Tenants' and Residents' Federation Representatives:-

Mrs. A. Ames	Mrs. D. Whitehouse
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24. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Kraujalis, J.T.	Works for Housing Association	Personal
Toth, J.	Member of Staffordshire County Council	Personal
Toth, J.	Member of Norton Canes Community Partnership	Personal
Toth, J.	Norton Canes Community Partnership Newsletter – has given money to the scheme	Personal

25. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2006 be approved as a correct record.

26. Community Engagement

Consideration was given to the results of the Consultation Exercises (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.10).

The Chairman welcomed Martin Drayton, Community Engagement Officer to the meeting to present the results of the Community Engagement Consultation Exercises.

Martin Drayton explained the key priorities (results) for each consultation survey and reported that street meetings were favoured by residents of Brereton and Norton Canes. Street meetings involved the Police engaging with neighbourhoods and provided the opportunity for residents to raise issues regarding problems on their estate. He asked Members and Tenant Representatives if there was anything further they wished add to future surveys.

He explained that Norton Canes engaged in CAT (Community Action Teams) and the CAT had requested a poster detailing the top 5 methods of consultation which would be placed in the consultation areas.

Members raised concern that the Council's Community Forums should be a method of engagement with the Community and considered that a process was required with regard to Agenda items. From the consultation exercise the Forums were ranked 4th on the results for the top 5 preferences when residents were consulted in Norton Canes.

With regard to the Citizens Panel a representative from Chase Tenants and Residents Federation pointed out that a person could not remain on the Panel indefinitely and for a maximum of 2 years only. The Community Engagement Officer confirmed that he would check this.

Members discussed the use of the Citizens Panel and raised some concern with the formation of questions being set, and asked for confirmation of who would set questions for members on the Panel. It was considered important that Members should have some input into the types of questions asked depending on the survey being undertaken.

The Community Engagement Officer reported that the Panel would be selected by an Agency in Birmingham but was unsure of how the questions were devised for the Panel. He confirmed that he would provide information relating to the process and the initial setting up of the Citizens Panel at the next meeting.

The Community Engagement Officer provided background information on the Consultation Survey Results and Community Engagement Best Practice.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the recommendations from the Consultation Survey with Residents of Brereton and Norton Canes be agreed.
- (B) That information relating to the Citizens Panel be provided to the next meeting of the Social Inclusion and Housing Select Committee.

- (C) That the Social Inclusion and Housing Select Committee consider the consultants report and agree to implement its recommendations regarding the Consultation Survey Results and Community Engagement Best Practice at a future meeting.
- (D) That the Social Inclusion and Housing Select Committee considers how it can support the development of consultation and engagement activities across the District and discuss how a partnership approach to community engagement may be achieved, at a future meeting.
- (E) That the Social Inclusion and Housing Select Committee consider making recommendations for the allocation of funds to enable engagement and consultation activities to continue, at a future meeting.

CHAIRMAN