

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SOCIAL INCLUSION AND HOUSING SELECT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER, 2006 AT 4.00 P.M.
CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Meaden, R.G. (Chairman)

Collis, C.
Faulkner, B.

Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Williams, A.

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

Mr. L. Lloyd
Mrs. H. Heath
Mrs. V. Lloyd

Mrs. A. Ames
Mrs. D. Whitehouse

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S.M. Hewitt, J.T. Kraujalis, Mr. R. Wells and Mr. A. Derry).

22. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2006 be approved as a correct record.

23. Presentation

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Mat Derrick to the meeting.

Inspector Derrick explained the concept behind 'Partners and Community Together', which highlighted the need for the Police to engage with neighbourhoods.

He explained that priority needed to be placed on crime areas as most people viewed their neighbourhoods as not very safe. The 'Partners and Community Together' was a chance for the public to express their concerns at Police meetings and for the Police to engage with the public and tackle the issues raised.

Inspector Derrick explained that some crimes were classed as 'signal crimes', which included street muggings and those crimes would then impact on other areas.

He reported that there was a neighbourhood agenda to develop systems to access resources, look at interventions and solve problems. Police meetings would take place monthly at a pre arranged venue and time. Personal invites would be sent to all households incorporating information on what the meeting entailed and asking members of the public to take their concerns along. There would also be a form attached to the information for those members of the public that could not attend, for their priorities to be heard at the meeting.

Inspector Derrick reported on the first meeting that took place with regard to the Jubilee Estate. He reported that 250 invites had been forwarded to the public that lived on the estate, and 55 members of the public turned up at the first meeting. Issues such as dog fouling, mini motos and closure of alleyways were identified as priorities. Following the meeting, notices were circulated regarding the legislation associated with dog fouling and mini motos; there has been a significant reduction of incidents on the estate following this action.

He reported that there were 7 neighbourhood areas and eventually a process would be developed in each town. The next meeting was currently scheduled for the Benion Road and surrounding areas.

Members raised some concern that there was no Police presence at night time. Inspector Matt Derrick explained the shifts that Officers covered and commented that there were more Officers around during early evening.

Inspector Matt Derrick reported that there was a need for the Police to become more involved with schools and for Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) to talk with young children as there was an issue with gaining involvement with both young people and the elderly.

Some concern was raised with regard to the Countywide Police telephone system. A problem existed with the system concerning where the call was answered and whether or not the operator knew the area the problem was located in.

24. Disability Equality Scheme

Consideration was given to the Disability Equality Scheme document (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.26).

Members considered the draft Disability Equality Scheme 2006 and noted the contents.

The Head of Policy and Performance reported that the document required publishing by 4 December 2006.

She reported that a meeting had taken place with disability groups to start the consultation process. Focus Groups and disability groups would take place in January 2007 in an attempt to move forward and implement the scheme.

The Head of Policy and Performance provided some information concerning the 4 objectives under the Council's Priorities and Targets.

CHAIRMAN

