

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 31 MARCH 2008 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Jones, R. (Chairman)
Faulkner, B.J. (Vice-Chairman)

Bullock, L.W. Pearce, Mrs. L.J.
Dixon, D.I. Todd, Mrs. D.M.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. N. Davies, Mrs. M. A. Davis, and J. T. Kraujalis).

23 Minutes

Discussion took place on the Minutes of the previous meeting. The Select Committee were informed that Lisa Wort from the Youth Service had agreed to attend a meeting of the Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council to endeavour to progress amenities in that area. The Partnership Development Manager explained that Lisa Wort would be the Acting Officer responsible for Cannock Chase following John Smith's retirement. The Chairman agreed that he would write to Lisa Wort thanking her for the presentation and congratulating her on her new position.

It was reported that Trading Standards had been unable to attend, due to other commitments, to discuss firework nuisance issues. They had, however, intimated that they would like to be invited to attend a future meeting.

With respect to road safety matters the Partnership Development Manager explained that this was the responsibility of the County Council. An extract from a document was circulated to the Select Committee which summarised road traffic casualties in Staffordshire for 2005-2007. In Cannock Chase 25 people were killed or seriously injured in 2005; 28 in 2006 and 27 in 2007.

AGREED:

- (A) That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2008 be approved as a correct record.
- (B) That the Chairman write to Lisa Wort thanking her for the presentation and congratulating her on her new position.

- (C) That the Select Committee when discussing the Work Programme for 2008-09 be requested to consider inviting Trading Standards to attend a future meeting to discuss firework nuisance issues.

24. Review of the 2007-08 Work Programme

The Committee received a presentation from the Partnership Development Manager.

An overview was given of the remit of the Select Committee, which aimed to reduce levels of crime, fear of crime and reassure the public.

The Committee had received presentations with respect to -

- Community Alarms
- Anti Social Behaviour, Nuisance neighbours
- 'VOICE' (Chase District Youth Forum)
- Respect Agenda
- 'Burntwood Innit' (Youth Service)

The following items had been proposed, but not considered:-

- Road Safety
- Fireworks – Trading Standards
- LAA Performance
- Probation Service

The Select Committee considered that when discussing the Work Programme for 2008-09 that, as a matter of priority, the Probation Service should be included and that items previously discussed should remain ongoing.

It was considered that, as previously agreed, the Community Alarms should be more fully advertised with, if possible, information being supplied with this year's travel tokens.

The Partnership Development Manager informed the Select Committee that a post of Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator had been approved as part of the Budget process. It was explained that of those committing anti social behaviour, 27% were female and 73% male; 46% were 18 or under; 25% aged 19-24 and 29% over 25.

The Select Committee considered it important to engage more young people within the community through such project as 'own your streets, junior warden schemes etc and that further projects should be developed. It was also considered that the Council should engage more formally with the local Youth Forum (VOICE).

The Select Committee considered that businesses which helped to minimise the impact of litter and other anti social behaviour in their vicinity, should receive some form of recognition.

AGREED

- (A) That the Select Committee when discussing the 2008-09 Work Programme be requested to include the Probation Service and items previously discussed should remain ongoing.

- (B) That Community Alarms should be more fully advertised with information being supplied with travel tokens if possible.
- (C) That the Council engages further with young people through current and other projects and that more a formal arrangement should be developed to engage with the local Youth Forum (VOICE).
- (D) That businesses which helped to minimise the impact of litter and other anti social behaviour in their vicinity should receive some form of recognition.

CHAIRMAN