

**MINUTES OF THE TOTTENHAM HALE AND SEVEN SISTERS AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2013**

Present: Councillor Lorna Reith (Chair), Councillor Dhiren Basu, Councillor Isidoros Diakides, Councillor Reg Rice and Councillor Bernice Vanier

In Xanthe Barker, Jan Doust.

Attendance:

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
OBCB87.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from the following:</p> <p>Councillor Goldberg Councillor Kober Councillor Watson</p>	
OBCB88.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>Prior to confirmation of the minutes the Chair noted that updates with regard to suggestions made at the meeting held on 25 April 2013, with respect to the sharing of IT facilities in sheltered housing schemes with non-residents and the use of new Community TV channels to 'sign post' a range of Council services, had not yet been received and it was requested that these were pursued with the relevant officers and that an update was received at the next meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.</p>	
OBCB89.	<p>UPDATE ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>The Committee noted that following update provided on actions arising from the previous meeting held on 3 June 2013.</p> <p>With regard to concerns expressed by residents in relation to the east of Tottenham Green, it was noted that the Council's Neighbourhood Action Team (the team responsible for maintaining parks) had liaised with Veolia to review the cleansing schedule for this area and that this would continue to be reviewed on an ongoing basis. The Committee was in agreement that the cleanliness of the park and Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) should also be kept under review as the improvement works began.</p> <p>Issues associated with a temporary crossing in place on the High Road between Tesco and Seven Sisters tube station had now been resolved as this had now</p>	<p>Clerk to obtain update</p>

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been removed following the re-opening of the High Road. It was noted that although this particular temporary crossing had been removed there would be ongoing road-works in the area for some time to come and that this, combined with the use of temporary bus stops, meant that navigating the area was difficult.

The Chair noted that use of temporary bus stops and their positioning had been discussed at the last Tottenham Gyrotory Stakeholder's Group meeting and that TfL had been asked to update the group on a number of issues and that this could be shared with Committee.

Clerk to circulate

It was noted that there had been an ongoing issue with information not being updated effectively on TfL's website and that this had been raised by residents at the previous meeting. The Committee noted that TfL had updated their web pages in relation to works to the gyrotory system and that this was regularly reviewed. The update pages could be accessed via the following link:

www.tfl.gov.uk/tottenhamhalescheme

During discussion with regard to the regeneration work being undertaken residents had noted that the creation of employment opportunities was one of the most important issues for them and the Tottenham Regeneration Team (TRT) had been asked to provide an update on the work being undertaken in this area. The TRT advised that the Council had sponsored the Tottenham Ploughman's Market, an event to showcase quality produce made in Tottenham, which was being held at Bruce Castle Museum. It was the team's intention to work with the organisers of this event to support them to run regular markets in Tottenham and to help them grow their database of businesses.

The TRT was also delivering a Winter Market on the 30 November on Tottenham Green East to support the Christmas light switch on and this would host fifteen local businesses and business start up as well as giving a platform to other community organisations including Unity radio and Gladesmore School. In addition the Tottenham Team was also working with the Friends of Tottenham Green and the Tottenham Traders Partnership to ensure there is a regular calendar of events during 2014.

The Committee agreed that it would be useful to have another item on improvements to the gyrotory system in the summer, once much of the work was complete, along with an update on the regeneration programme for Tottenham, including new housing and new employment opportunities.

Chair/Clerk to schedule

As set out under minute OBCB88 above, the Chair requested that the actions arising from the meeting held on 25 April 2013, with respect to the sharing of IT facilities in sheltered housing schemes with non residents and the use of new Community TV channels to 'sign post' a range of Council services were chased up with the relevant officers.

Clerk to obtain update

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RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

OBCB90. ISSUES RAISED DURING THE AREA FORUM

The Committee noted that the presentation received from pupils from Gladesmore School on 'Living and Learning in Tottenham' had been provided an engaging and informative perspective on their experiences.

There was agreement that one of the strongest issues arising from the presentation had been the perception that the Police did not treat young people with respect. It had been apparent that although there were schemes in place whereby Police officers visited schools and engaged with young people, young people still felt that they were likely to be treated with suspicion in their dealings with the Police. This feeling had been evident when the young people had been asked whether they would consider a career in the Police Force and they had all firmly stated that they would not; when asked why it was clear that their mistrust of the Police prevented them from considering this as a career option.

It was noted that the concerns expressed by young people with regard to personal safety and ASB mirrored those expressed by community as a whole, i.e. around gang and knife crime and robbery. Another issue that had come through clearly had been regeneration and the need to create an environment that people respected and wanted to live in and Members were in agreement it would be useful to engage young people on this issue as part of the Council's regeneration work.

The Committee agreed that ways of improving the relationship between the Police and young people should be looked at and that one way of improving understanding may be to hold careers sessions looking at the day to day role of the Police. This may help improve understanding of some of the situations routinely faced by Police officers. It was suggested that Councillor Watson should be asked to write to local schools and the Police advising them of the discussion had at the meeting and suggesting that careers sessions such as this were held.

It was also suggested that other schools should be encouraged to share their views on living and learning in Tottenham; however, it was acknowledged that given the resources available, Area Committee's may not be the best forum for this.

RESOLVED:

That the issues raised during the Area Forum be noted and that, where appropriate, an update should be provided at the next meeting.

Cllr Watson

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OBCB91.	ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS There was agreement that this should be discussed further once the date of the next meeting had been confirmed. It was noted that this would need to be scheduled before the purda period began on 14 April 2014.	
OBCB92.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS There was agreement that following the rescheduling of the current meeting from 7 October to 26 November the meeting due to be held on 7 January should be rescheduled to mid March.	Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

COUNCILLOR LORNA REITH

Chair