

Knighton Community Meeting

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:30 pm, Monday, 30 November 2009

Held at: Stoneygate Baptist Church, 315 London Road

Who was there:

Councillor Andy Bayford

Councillor Ross Grant

Councillor Gary Hunt



54. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Hunt was elected as Chair for the meeting.

55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

57. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A resident stated that under the budget discussion at the last meeting, the following amendment should be made, *“There had been £13, 9000 allocated by the Committee and this had helped pay for various pieces of play equipment such as a Skateboard area”* should be changed to *“There had been £13,900 allocated by the Committee and this had help pay for final pieces of play equipment”*.

A resident stated that a query had been raised about the consideration of a tarmac path to the Wash Brook Bridge however it had not been mentioned in the minutes. It was noted that a query had been raised on the issue and that Steve Letten, Members Support Officer was looking into the issue.

Action	Officer/Councillor Identified	Deadline
Obtain an answer to the query of consideration of a tarmac path to the Wash Brook Bridge.	Steve Letten, Members Support Officer	As soon as possible.

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting of the Knighton Community Meeting, held on 17 August 2009, be confirmed as a correct record.

58. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Satish Shah, Head of Transport Systems was present to talk about how the highways and transport issues raised at previous meetings were currently being dealt with.

With regard to the issues raised, the following discussion took place:

Introducing 20mph limit on Guildford Road

It was reported that subject to approval from Cabinet, a programme of works for the introduction of 20mph zones on unclassified roads would be prepared. This would initially include roads where traffic calming had already taken place and where the

85th percentile speed was 24mph or less. The Community Meeting was informed that Guilford Road had an 85th percentile speed of 35mph which would make it ineligible for a 20mph zone.

Speeding on in the Meadvale Road Area

It was reported that Meadvale Road was ranked 41st on the traffic calming priority list and therefore, given its low priority, a traffic calming scheme was not proposed for the road. It was noted however that the traffic calming priority list would be revised in 2010.

Speeding on Overdale Road

It was reported that a petition had been received regarding road safety in the Netherhall Road area following an accident. In response to this, the Cabinet Lead Member had asked officers to assess the Netherhall Road area and evaluate the priority of both Netherhall and Overdale Road with regard to taking a scheme forward.

A resident stated that congestion was also an issue on Overdale Road. Concern was also raised that parents parking on the road were ignoring the zig zag markings around Overdale School. A resident stated that complaints had been received that people were speeding on Shanklin Road and Shanklin Drive. Concern was also raised that people were parking and driving selfishly. A Member stated that the Zig Zag road markings around the school were advisory and were not legally enforceable. Concern had been raised by Teachers when they had tried to talk to people who had parked on the markings that parents had got abusive when the issue had been raised.

A resident queried whether speed humps could be introduced. A Member stated that due to Overdale Road being classed as an emergency road to allow emergency vehicles to pass, it would be difficult to introduce speed humps. Members stated that there had been an initial scheme designed for the area around Meadvale Road however they had asked for it to be redesigned.

Residents queried whether there would be consultation if a scheme was introduced. A Member stated that consultation was required.

Satish stated prior to any scheme, it would be made sure that there was proper consultation on any proposals. With regards to the parking enforcement, Satish commented that he would be speaking with the parking enforcement team and the Police.

Action	Officer/Councillor Identified	Deadline
Speak to the Parking Enforcement team and the Police regarding the enforcement of parking on Overdale Road.	Satish Shah, Head of Transport Systems	As soon as possible.

Crossing on Welford Road

A resident raised concern that students did not have enough time to cross Welford Road. Satish agreed to look into this. The Chair requested that this be looked into in the current week.

Action	Officer/Councillor Identified	Deadline
Look into the issue of the amount of time it takes to cross Welford Road.	Satish Shah, Head of Transport Systems	As soon as possible.

Transport Study on London Road

It was reported that a meeting had been held with Councillor Grant following which the London Road "Before and After" study had been redrafted. It was also reported that a follow up meeting was to be arranged.

Rocking Concrete Slabs on Oakdene Road and Lambourne Road

It was reported that a petition on this issue had been submitted however concern was raised at the response that no funding was available. A Member stated that the response to correct the problem would have to be to remove the slabs and put new ones in and there was not enough funding available to do this. Residents were encouraged to write to the leader of the Council to voice their concerns.

Footway on Asquith Boulevard

It was reported that officers had looked at the footway works on Asquith Boulevard and confirmed that the footway levels were the same or similar when compared with before works were carried out. It was also stated that no level changes had been made to the rear of the footpath and the standard practice was to drain water across the path to the carriageway.

Speeding on Knighton Grange Road, Ratcliffe Road

It was reported that Knighton Grange Road and Ratcliffe Road were 41st on the priority list therefore they were designated as low priority. Officers would be asking the Police to carry out enforcement in these areas.

The Community Meeting was informed that there was an experiment on Vehicle Activated Signs in city roads. The report on the effect of the signs was almost complete and it would be presented to the Director and the Cabinet Lead Member in December 2009 for their decision on the way forward. Once the plan was approved then Knighton Grange Road and Ratcliffe Road would be included in the priority list in liaison with the ward Councillors.

It was also reported that studies on the road safety measures and reviews of old traffic calming schemes on main roads were being carried out which would help Officers to identify the most effective features and value for money.

Potholes on Moorland Avenue

It was reported that this area had been recently repaired specifically at the junction with London Road.

Speed Survey Results on Overdale Road

The results of the speed survey carried out on 24 June 2006 were reported. The 85th percentile speed was recorded as 29mph in the north east direction and 30mph in the south direction.

Residents also raised the following concerns:

- Parking on the pavement on Aberdale Road. Satish agreed to look into this issue.

Action	Officer/Councillor Identified	Deadline
Look into the issue of parking on the pavement on Aberdale Road.	Satish Shah, Head of Transport Systems	As soon as possible.

59. BUDGET

Steve Letten, Member Support Officer presented the budget for the Community Meeting.

Steve reported that there had been eight applications submitted for funding. He went through the applications and gave details of the bids. The following bids were submitted:

1) Stoneygate Baptist Church, Equipment for Youth Work, £608.99.

A representative from the Church was present to explain the application. He commented that equipment was needed for the use of indoors. There was currently a youth worker that was being employed by the Church who would be running the services. Members were in support of the application and felt it would provide a good service for the area.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £608.99 be allocated from the Ward Community Fund subject to final approval from the Cabinet Lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods and the Leader of the Council.

2) Stoneygate Baptist Church, Repairs to Roof Prior to Kitchen Refurbishment, £3, 466

Members agreed to support the application in principle however the level of support was not agreed as they felt more information such as quotes were required.

RESOLVED:

that more information on the application be obtained.

3) Knighton Parochial Church Council, Holbrook Hall, Repairs, £1, 500 - £9, 100

A representative from the Church explained that the money was needed for urgent repairs to the roof. He stated that a feasibility study had been undertaken for the medium term and there were plans to refurbish the building. The access ramp to the building was currently not meeting the current standards and therefore needed investment. Members were in favour of entering into a partnership with the Parochial Church Council (PCC) over the next two years to see how community funding could be made available to support the scheme. Members said they would like a partnership approach with the PCC and would like to see plans of the development and an opportunity to meet the PCC. They also said they would need an undertaking that the hall would remain open in the medium to long term. In this way if the hall were closed for any reason e.g. for property development on the site, then the Council could ask for any money provided to be reimbursed.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £1500 be provided initially subject to the conditions above from the Ward Action Plan Fund and subject to final approval from the Cabinet Lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods and the Leader of the Council.

4) Ray Clarke, Expenses to Set Up Sponsored Walk, £50

Steve stated that the application was for the cost to administer the sponsored walk. Members felt that they could not agree to funding the application as it would set a precedent of supporting running and administering costs of charities however they recognised the work and agreed that it be looked into whether funding could be provided for items such as equipment which would help sustain activities in the longer term.

RESOLVED:

that the application not be supported in it's initial form however it be looked into whether funding could be provided to help sustain activities in the longer term.

5) West Knighton Senior Citizens Group, Outings for Forthcoming year, £580.

A representative from the Group explained that they had experienced difficulties in hiring coaches for their activities. Members were in support of the application however they stated that as part of the funding rules, it would be difficult to provide

funding on a continuous basis. Steve commented that he would try to investigate alternative transport arrangements and future funding for the group after next year.

RESOLVED

that the application be supported and £580 be allocated from the Ward Community Fund subject to final approval from the Cabinet Lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods and the Leader of the Council.

6) Knighton Park Sensory Garden Project, Horticultural Training Project, £250

Members were in favour of supporting this application.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £250 be allocated from the Ward Community Fund subject to final approval from the Cabinet Lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods and the Leader of the Council.

7) Local Young People, Goalposts on Chiltern Green, £2000

Members queried how the figure of £2000 had been calculated. Representatives who had submitted the application commented that they had spoken to Council officers who had helped calculate how much was required. Residents queried whether local schools could be used however it was noted that this would be difficult as schools were closed during the summer holidays. Members supported the application and asked that it be looked into whether the work, could be combined with the work done by youth workers and the football foundation. It was also agreed to look into planting new shrubs.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £2000 be allocated from the Ward Community Fund subject to final approval from the Cabinet Lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods and the Leader of the Council.

8) Knighton Church Rooms, Cost of Transport for Outings and Subsiding Outing, £600

Members were in support of the application however stated that as part of the funding rules, it would be difficult to provide funding on a continuous basis. Steve commented that he would try to investigate alternative transport arrangements for the group after next year.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £600 be allocated from the Ward Action Plan Fund subject to final approval from the Cabinet Lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods and the Leader of the Council.

A representative from Holbrook Hall provided a progress report on the Cinema project which he had previously received funding for from the Community Meeting. The equipment and relevant licences for displaying films had now been obtained and the first film would be showing on 5 December. He added that in the new year a club would be set up.

60. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Community Meeting was informed that there would be Christmas carols taking place on Friday 4 December, 7:30pm at Stoneygate Baptist Church.

The Community Meeting was informed that there would be an event on Saturday 12 December, 7:30pm at St Mary Magdalen, Parish Road, Brinsmead Road where a brass band would be playing and raising money for charity.

A resident queried how his group could advertise for new Members. She stated that they currently advertised through methods such as placing adverts in Church Magazines, Radio Leicester and through word of mouth. It was also recommended that adverts could be placed in Link Magazine. Steve Letten, Members Support Officer stated he would be able to assist in getting the group advertised as well.

Action	Officer/Councillor Identified	Deadline
Help in advertising new Members for the local group.	Steve Letten, Members Support Officer	As soon as possible.

Residents raised concern that there was no youth provision in the area. Steve stated that over the next three months ideas needed to be developed as the theme for Community Meetings in the next year would be based around Youth Services. He commented that the issue had been identified in the Ward Action Plan.

61. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:14pm.