

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE

Thursday, 1st July, 2010 at 7.00 pm
at The Brier School, Bromley Lane, Kingswinford

PRESENT: -

Councillors D Blood, Foster, Mrs Greenaway, Mrs D Harley, P Harley, Ms Harris, Islam, J T Jones, Mrs Jordan, Southall, Tyler, Mrs Wilson and P Woodall.

Officers: -

The Director of the Urban Environment (as Area Liaison Officer), Head of Sport and Physical Activity, Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards, Manager, Executive Support Team and Section Engineer (Traffic and Road Safety) (all Directorate of the Urban Environment); Assistant Director of Housing Management and Area Community Renewal Officer (both Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services); Detached Youth Worker (Directorate of Children's Services) and Ms H Kidd, Solicitor, and Mr J Jablonski (both Directorate of Law, Property and Human Resources).

together with Inspector Malpass, West Midlands Police and Mr Newton, Station Commander, West Midlands Fire Service and 41 members of the public

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

That Councillor Southall be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

(Councillor Southall in the Chair)

2 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mrs Harley be appointed Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

3 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Blood and Miller.

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| 4 | <p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>Councillor Southall declared a personal interest in Agenda Item number 16 – Highways Minor Works Capital Programme for 2010/11 - in that the report refers to Fairhaven School in relation to a safer route to school scheme and he has two grandchildren at the school and his daughter is a Governor.</p> |
| 5 | <p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25th March 2010, be approved as a correct record and signed.</p> |
| 6 | <p><u>TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PROTOCOL FOR AREA COMMITTEES</u></p> <p>A report of the Area Liaison Officer was submitted setting out the terms of reference and protocol for Area Committees.</p> <p>Arising from the presentation given on the content of the report it was reiterated that the Public Forum item on the Agenda would have a duration of 30 minutes but that this could be extended at the discretion of the Chairman and, following clarification, the raising of ward issues, as set out in the Agenda, was reiterated.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the information contained in the report, and Appendices to the report submitted on the Terms of Reference and Protocol for Area Committees, be noted.</p> |
| 7 | <p><u>CO-OPTED MEMBERS</u></p> <p>A report of the Area Liaison Officer was submitted on the appointment of persons to serve as co-opted members of the Committee for the 2010/11 municipal year.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That, at this time, no co-opted members be appointed to serve on the Committee.</p> |

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

A report of the Area Liaison Officer was submitted on the appointment of representatives to serve on various outside bodies for the 2010/11 municipal year.

RESOLVED

That the following Members be appointed to serve on the following bodies for the 2010/11 municipal year:-

Social Inclusion

- (a) Brierley Hill Committee for the Welfare of the Physically Handicapped – Councillors Mrs Wilson and Islam with Councillor Ms Harris as a Deputy.

Community Associations

- (a) Brockmoor – Councillors Mrs Greenaway and Mrs Jordan.
- (b) Dingle – Councillors Jones and Southall.
- (c) Fens Pool – Councillor Foster.
- (d) Hawbush – Councillors Ms Harris and Islam.
- (e) Kingswinford – Councillors P Harley and Miller.
- (f) Nine Locks – Councillors Ms Harris and Mrs Wilson.
- (g) Pensnett – Councillors Foster and Mrs Greenaway.
- (h) Wall Heath – Councillors Mrs D Harley and P Woodall.
- (i) Wordsley – Councillors Mrs Blood and Southall.

APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUPS

A report of the Area Liaison Officer was submitted on the reappointment of Working Groups for the 2010/11 municipal year.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Capital Allocations Working Group be reappointed with its existing terms of reference and comprising the Chairman and Vice Chairman and Councillors Foster, P Harley, Mrs Wilson and P Woodall.
- (2) That the Community Renewal and Young People's Working Group be not reappointed and that the Area Liaison Officer arrange for reports to be submitted to each future meeting of the Committee on Community Renewal and Young People's issues.

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PROGRESS OF ELECTED MEMBER VISITS TO ADULT AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE ESTABLISHMENTS 2009/10

A joint report of Officers was submitted on the progress of visits to Adult and Children's Social Care establishments undertaken by Members during 2009/10 and on actions taken in response to Member comments. Further nominations from the Committee were sought for Members to carry out visits to Social Care establishments during 2010/11.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report, and Appendices to the report, submitted on the progress of elected Member visits to Adult, Children's Social Care establishments during 2009/10, and as reported at the meeting, be noted.
- (2) That Councillors Mrs Harley, Ms Harris and J Jones be appointed as nominees of this Committee to undertake visits to Social Care establishment during 2010/11 and that any further Member who wished to undertake such visits be requested to contact Democratic Services so that their names could be forwarded to the relevant Officers.

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PETITIONS

Councillor J Jones, on behalf of residents, submitted a petition in the following terms:-

"Due to Council cutbacks the grass bank at the foot of Rectory Fields Estate in High Street, Wordsley will not be cut this year. We the undersigned wish to petition against this decision and request the ruling to be superseded and reinstated".

It was noted that, in addition to the petition being referred to the Director of the Urban Environment for consideration and response, this matter would be discussed further during the Public Forum item on the Agenda.

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COMMUNITY RENEWAL/YOUTH ISSUES

It was noted that there were no particular issues to be raised at this meeting and that, as agreed earlier in the meeting, written reports would in future be submitted to meetings of the Committee on any matters to be raised.

Arising from the comments made, Councillor Islam referred to the response set out in the Appendix to Agenda item 18 – Matters raised at the last meeting of this Committee - and, following the comments made, Councillor P Harley undertook to arrange for further investigation regarding the decision not to employ a full-time Youth Worker at the Nine Locks Community Centre and arrange for a response to be sent direct to Councillor Islam.

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HAWBUSH COMMUNITY GARDEN

A report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services was submitted on the development of Hawbush Community garden site as part of the Brierley Hill Community Renewal Plan.

The Area Community Renewal Officer in his presentation of the content of the report cited in particular the successful partnership approach that had been undertaken leading to approximately £102,300 from external sources being accessed for the development of the community garden.

He further reported that the bid for £5,000 submitted in partnership with Kathleen House had now been approved so the works indicated in paragraph 18 of the report submitted would be commenced shortly. A further funding application for £50,000 to meet the cost of future site improvements was also being pursued.

Arising from the presentation given Members commented on the project with particular reference to the involvement of the local community and schools with the project and relation to the purposes for which funding obtained had been used. In this connection a breakdown between the costs of actually providing the infrastructure as against costs of officer time and professional fees was requested. In response the Area Community Renewal Officer indicated that as the funding was sourced from external circumstances he would attempt to obtain as detailed a breakdown as possible.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report submitted on the development of the Hawbush Community Garden Site as part of the Brierley Hill Area Committee Renewal Plan be noted and that support for the development of the Hawbush Community Garden continue to be given.
- (2) That the Area Community Renewal Officer be requested to report to a future meeting of this Committee with a breakdown of the purposes to which the funding obtained had been used.

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PUBLIC FORUM

Consideration was given to the following written/oral questions raised:-

- (a) The Area Liaison Officer referred to a written question from a member of the public who had recently become visually impaired and had concerns regarding the journeys he wished to make.

At this juncture the Assistant Director, Housing Management declared a personal interest as the member of the public referred to was her partner.

Arising from the consideration given to the concerns expressed the Section Engineer (Traffic and Road Safety) reported that details had been exchanged between Officers of the Council and the member of the public and that the Council would be happy to review the timing cycles/phases of the traffic signals in order to ascertain if either of the junctions in question could accommodate a pedestrian phase and meet with the member of the public in order to discuss and walk the routes he wished to use on a regular basis so that any particular difficulties could be better understood and whether any opportunities to improve the current situation could be introduced.

- (b) A question was raised in relation to parking issues affecting the Poets Corner Estate with particular reference to Byron Street and adjoining streets including the parking by motorists on double yellow lines. The Section Engineer (Traffic and Road Safety) reported that he had met the questioner and was aware of the issues that she was raising. He further reported on the background to this issue and gave an undertaking that he would arrange for Parking Enforcement Officers to visit the area to take the appropriate action.

In connection with this item a letter was also submitted by a resident of Byron Street regarding parking issues which would be referred to the Directorate of the Urban Environment for consideration and response direct to the writer.

- (c) The same questioner also commented on the issue of pot holes and the Section Engineer (Traffic and Road Safety) requested that following receipt of a list of the location of such pot holes he would arrange for the matter to be investigated. In connection with the question raised the questioner also referred to a number of cones/railings that had been left by workmen approximately six weeks ago and in response to this the Area Liaison Officer undertook to arrange for the collection of these materials.

A Member also commented on the issue of pot holes and following the comments made the Area Liaison Officer undertook to submit a report to a future meeting of the Committee on the issue of pot holes and how the Council were dealing with the matter.

- (d) A question was raised on the issue of flooding with particular reference to such problems in the Pensnett area in particular Hollies Street. The Area Liaison Officer undertook to investigate the position with regard to flooding issues in Hollies Street and respond direct to the questioners.
- (e) The same questioners raised the issue of people putting out their own cones in High Street, Pensnett. In response to the point raised the Section Engineer (Traffic and Road Safety) indicated that he would liaise with the Police on this issue.
- (f) A questioner raised the issue of the lack of parking in the centre of Brierley Hill with particular reference of the new Health Centre and the concerns that the lack of parking had for businesses in the area. It was noted that a parking appraisal was to be undertaken however, there were concerns about related inconsiderate parking and for pedestrians given the change in traffic flows in the area.
- (g) A number of questioners commented on the condition of the grass bank at the foot of the Rectory Fields Estate in High Street, Wordsley, the subject of a petition referred to earlier in the meeting. Questioners expressed their concerns at the eye sore that the bank had become in that it was considered to be dangerous and contained rubbish including a Wordsley in the Park sign in the undergrowth. In connection with this sign the Area Liaison Officer undertook to arrange for its removal.

In addition to the long grass collecting rubbish reference was also made to dog faeces and to steps being over grown. Ward Councillors had also been involved in trying to get the decision not to cut the grass bank reversed or for reinstatement of a reduced number of cuts being made to the bank. They were therefore fully aware of the concerns and problems in relation to the bank.

Another speaker also referred to concerns on fire and health issues with reference to rodents and the fact that this bank adjoined the main A491 Road and was detracting from businesses in the area who were also not happy with the situation. Furthermore reference was made to the cutting of a bank in Lesley Drive.

A speaker also referred to discussions that had been held on possible solutions to this matter all of which had not been pursued. Concerns were also raised at the lack of consultation on the decision not to cut the grass.

Comments were also made by other Councillors as to similar problems in their Wards in respect of the non-cutting of grass banks.

In response to the concerns and comments expressed by members of the public and Councillors the Area Liaison Officer in commenting on this matter undertook to inform the Cabinet Member for Transportation of the comments and concerns expressed at this meeting and ask that he reconsider the decision made in relation to the cutting of grass banks and that following that reconsideration the Area Liaison Officer would report back to the Ward Members concerned so that their constituents could be informed of the outcome of that reconsideration and to all other Members of the Committee.

Councillor Foster as Labour Group spokesperson for Transportation also undertook to write to the Cabinet Member for Transportation regarding the comments and concerns expressed.

At the conclusion of this item members of the public thanked the Committee for the opportunity to speak on this matter.

- (h) A questioner asked about the current position regarding the Memorial for the Round Oak Steelworks and in response the Area Liaison Officer reported that whilst the design and feasibility had been carried out monies were not available for the erection of the Memorial. Because of this consideration was being given to alternative sources of funding including sponsorship from businesses.
- (i) In response to a question raised about the future of the site of Pensnett School it was reported that this matter would be referred to later in the meeting.

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BOROUGH WIDE AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN FOR DUDLEY

A report of the Director of the Urban Environment was submitted on details of the Air Quality Action Plan proposed for the Borough which would address issues relating to areas identified as having poor air quality; an Air Quality Management Area Declaration leading to the Air Quality Action Plan; Air Quality Action Plan progress and actions designed to improve air quality within the Borough.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report submitted on the progress made with developing the Air Quality Action Plan be noted and that support be given for: -

- (a) The proposed consultation for the Air Quality Action Plan as detailed in paragraph 9 of the report submitted; and
- (b) The actions detailed in the Air Quality Action Plan designed to improve air quality within the Borough for the future.

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HIGHWAYS MINOR WORKS CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 2010/11

A report of the Director of the Urban Environment was submitted on the proposed programmes of work for Local Safety Schemes, Safer Routes to School and Pedestrian Crossings within the Brierley Hill Area for the 2010/11 financial year. Details of proposed schemes were set out in Appendices A and B with an addendum to Appendix B- Safer Routes to school- with the inclusion of two further schemes in relation to the Brook Primary School. It was noted that there was no specific pedestrian crossing schemes to be undertaken.

Arising from the presentation of the content of the report, and Appendices to report, submitted comments were made as follows;

- (a) Councillor Ms Harris requested that consideration be given to the introduction of a 20mph speed limit throughout the Hawbush Road estate as it was considered that the current 30mph limit, apart from the bend in the road, was too fast.
- (b) Councillor Ms Harris also requested that in view of the new traffic flows in relation to High Street, Brierley Hill, there were particular concerns for pedestrian safety in that section of High Street in relation to Moor Street, Mill Street and Little Cottage Street and she requested that the position be looked in to.

The Section Engineer (Traffic and Road Safety) undertook to investigate the two matters raised.

- (c) In commenting on the safer routes to school proposal in respect of Bromley and Pensnett Primary school, Bromley Councillor Foster also referred to concerns in respect of the footway link which gave rise to problems of anti-social behaviour. She indicated that she had contacted an officer regarding the possibility of the installation of an alley gate. The Section Engineer (Traffic and Road Safety) undertook to investigate the matter and report back to Councillor Foster direct.

RESOLVED

That the proposed Local Safety Schemes and Safer Routes to School Schemes as outlined in Appendices A and B, and the addendum to Appendix B, be noted.

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CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS

A report of the Area Liaison Officer was submitted on an application for funding from this year's Allocation Budget.

In commenting on the application the Area Liaison Officer reported that a request for an additional laptop had now been received which would take the cost of the overall request to £1050..

The Area Liaison Officer also indicated that he had consulted former members of the Capital Allocations Working Group and that they were in agreement to the funding of this request.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the request made by the Swan Brook Tenants and Residents Association for funding to meet the cost of laptops and a printer to enable the Association to carry out administrative duties at a cost of £1050..

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MATTERS RAISED AT THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 25TH MARCH, 2010

A report of the Area Liaison Officer was submitted updating the Committee on a number of issues raised at the meeting of the Committee held on 25th March, 2010. Details of the matters raised at that meeting was set out in the Appendix to the report submitted.

In presenting the report the Area Liaison Officer referred to:-

- (a) The undertaken given earlier in the meeting by Councillor P.Harley to pursue the concerns raised by Councillor Islam in relation to a full time Youth Worker at the Nine Locks Community Centre
- (b) The further work in relation to advance warning signs arising from the concerns expressed in relation to vehicles travelling from the traffic lights in High Street, Brockmoor towards the junction with Pensnett Road.
- (c) In relation to stray and illegally grazing horses, a meeting held between officers of the Council and other interested parties on this matter and to the further meetings that would be held including at a later stage Ward Members from Brierley Hill and Brockmoor and Pensnett. He commented that it had been previously suggested at the Committee that Lynne Boleyn would also be invited to attend given her previous involvement with the RSPCA in this matter.

It was further commented on that as this was a complicated matter there were a number of agencies and interested parties who needed to be consulted including the RSPCA given concerns about the actual welfare of the horse. It was also commented upon that this was not solely a traveller issue.

- (d) In relation to the collapsed boundary wall at King George V Park the Area Liaison Officer reported that tenders for the work had been sent out today for return in two weeks time. Following their return Ward Members would be informed of the position. It was also hoped that works would start in approximately six weeks time following receipt of tenders.

- (e) In respect of traffic issues raised by Councillor Mrs Jordan it was reported that the situation in High Street, Brockmoor had not improved and in view of this the Area Liaison Officer would arrange for further consideration to be given to the matters raised.
- (f) In relation to the notice board from Kingswinford library it was reported that a new notice board had been erected the previous Friday.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, be noted.

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WARD ISSUES

Written responses to the ward issues raised by members in advance of the meeting were circulated to Members and to the members of the public present at the meeting prior to the start of the Committee. The questions received and responses given were as follows:-

Matters raised by Councillor Foster

Issue 1

The Council has laid double yellow lines in Tennyson St. However, I understand that the Council will be developing a residents' only parking scheme and I have offered up the streets around the hospital as a pilot area. Can an update be given of exactly where the Council is with its strategy to address the hospital parking issue?

Response

Yellow lines have been laid in Tennyson Street as a temporary 18 month Traffic Regulation Order at the request of the Police who have been in attendance on a daily basis assisting bus services from being obstructed by vehicles parked by hospital employees.

Russells Hall Hospital is in the process of constructing a multi storey car park for its doctors, nurses and administrators that is due to be completed later this year. It is anticipated that when the car park is open, there will be less demand for on-street parking by hospital staff and therefore its benefits in terms of reducing parking in surrounding streets can then be ascertained more fully.

This year, ideas are being gathered for preliminary research into residents-only parking but as yet, it is not possible to assess the extent of any future parking proposals until the new multi storey car park comes into service.

Issue 2

Pensnett School is due to close in August. However, I understand that arrangements are being made to accommodate year 9's and 10's for the rest of the accommodation on the site. Can we have an update on what has been decided?

Issue 3

At meeting scheduled to be held at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre based on the school site is no longer going ahead because of the school closure. The future of the NLC was not a feature of consultation about the school closure. Therefore, what is the proposed future of the Learning Centre and Adult Learning in Pensnett and what about consultation?

Response

Background

The Council approved the decision to close Pensnett School with effect from 31 August 2010. The decision was taken in light of:

- (a) The falling rolls at the school and the attendant budget problems this created when trying to meet the learning needs of all the pupils.
- (b) The low educational standards which were unlikely to improve sufficiently to be above the government 'floor target' of 30% of pupils achieving 5 A* - C (including English/Maths)

Update on the closure plan

Years 7 – 8

All pupils have been allocated a school place for September 2010. The majority of pupil preferences have been met with many pupils opting to receive an education in schools within the local area.

Support for vulnerable groups including SEN pupils has been developed:

- (a) Staffs from Pensnett have begun to meet staff at other schools.
- (b) The LA has funded additional family support to work with school staff to help ensure a smooth transition.
- (c) Pupils with SEN have had their statements reviewed to ensure consistency of support to meet their needs.

Local schools have agreed a transition week where Pensnett pupils will attend their new schools. This week is 12 – 16 July and will enable pupils to meet staff and new friends at school. Parents will also be invited to meet the head and staff during this time.

Uniforms – arrangements have been made to ensure all parents can obtain new school uniforms.

Years 9 – 10

All year 9 pupils have participated in an options programme designed to meet their needs in Key Stage 4 (years 10 and 11). The vast majority of courses selected by pupils will appear on the school curriculum in September and all pupils have been informed of their choices.

All year 9 pupils were supported by school staff and the Connexions service to make informed and relevant choices. Connexions will continue to support these pupils throughout the next two years to ensure appropriate Post 16 choices are made.

All pupils in year 10 will be able to continue their learning programmes in year 11 many of which lead to external accreditation e.g. GCSE's.

Staffing

The local authority has been actively engaged in appointing staff to teach the pupils from September. Initially all appointments have been ring fenced to Pensnett teachers. As of last Friday 87% of lessons being taught will be delivered by specialist/experienced teachers, although contractual agreements are still being finalised. Some contract employments will be necessary for areas such as music.

A leadership and management structure has been included within this process.

Appointment of support staff including the administrative staff is currently being undertaken. The catering, cleaning and site supervisor roles have already been appointed using existing staff.

Professional development support for teachers is being planned through the use of Advanced Skills Teacher from local schools and via the local authority consultant support team. The work of the school will be monitored and supported by an experienced headteacher who has gained the National Leader in Education accreditation.

Individual support for pupils will be given via the Connexions service and the use of funding such as the One-to-one tuition grant funding. The local authority will provide support for the school to manage its responsibilities relating to SEN pupils.

Further support is to be provided by the local authority to continue to provide activities beyond the school day. Presently the Extended Services Manager, Head of Connexions and the deputy headteacher are planning a programme of summer holiday activities. Provision for September will develop these with further support being drawn from West Bromwich Albion Education Partnership.

Adult Education/Community Services

The local authority intends to fulfil its commitment to provide these services, although some changes might become apparent as national government budget decisions are made known. There are no plans to close the Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Dudley's Adult Education Services are planning the programme to be made available to the Pensnett Community.

The longer term development of the Pensnett site will be an element of the local authority's Vision 2025 strategic plan. Decisions relating to a 'learning centre' and what this will be are to be agreed in future planning meetings with local headteachers.

Matter raised by Councillor Mrs Blood

Issue

I and my colleagues from Wordsley constituency wish to find out how long it will be before the fencing at King George V Park Wordsley is repaired/reconstructed as I understand that the money has been allocated for this project to go ahead.

Response

The detailed tender documentation prepared by Corporate Property's Senior Building Surveyor has been sent out today with a return deadline of two weeks.

Prior to this point, Corporate Property have had to enter into detailed and lengthy discussions with engineers given the complex nature of the underground drainage system that runs in parts either very near to or under the line of the wall and the close proximity of mature tree roots. All of these considerations have had to be incorporated within the specification.

Ward members will be fully informed of the timetable once the tenders have been returned and evaluated.

Matters raised by Councillor Mrs Jordan

Issue 1

Can we have an update on progress regarding the regeneration of Pensnett High Street?

Response

LIFT healthcare project

NHS Dudley have confirmed their commitment via the Strategic Partnering Board for a LIFT GP and healthcare facility in Pensnett Local Centre. The preferred location for this scheme is on land at High Oak, close to its junction with the High Street, on the site of a former petrol filling station. Whereas Dudley Infracare Lift have undertaken considerable work to develop the proposals, their implementation is dependant on approvals for the Lye LIFT project given that the two schemes are only viable if delivered together. Stage 1 approval has now been given by NHS Dudley for the Lye project

Traffic Management proposals

The Regeneration Delivery team are currently developing a highway improvement scheme for High Street, Pensnett. The scheme will involve the introduction of linked traffic signals with pedestrian facilities at Tansey Green Road and Commonside. The principle of the scheme was included in the regeneration strategy.

Whilst funding is available to develop the design of the scheme, the recent cuts in the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Block to Dudley will significantly impact on delivery of the minor improvement programme.

The team have already put forward a scheme for Pensnett for consideration and prioritisation within the West Midlands pot, but at this stage, levels of funding and hence a delivery programme for the scheme are uncertain, although they have indicated they would like to start construction towards the end of 2011/12 - beginning of 2012/13. Further information will be known later this year.

Issue 2

Can we have an update on measures to ensure vehicles, especially heavy goods vehicles can clearly see that there is no access to Pensnett Road from Brockmoor High Street?

Response

As noted in the Area Liaison Officer's report (page 64), two high visibility 'No Through Road' signs had been ordered to be positioned prominently on either side of the residential section of the High Street.

Unfortunately, painting 'No Through Road' onto the road surface is not a permitted road marking - as defined in 'The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions' which is a Statutory Instrument.

The following questions were also raised orally at the meeting:-

- (1) Further to the issues raised by Councillor Mrs Jordan in respect of the LIFT Healthcare Project and in respect of traffic management proposals she also requested that given the concerns raised in respect of High Oak and Tansy Green Road the matter be looked into. The Area Liaison Officer undertook to take the concerns raised into consideration
- (2) That following a request from Councillor Islam that the deep pot holes at the front of 3d Addison Road be investigated the Area Liaison Officer undertook to arrange for this to be done.

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SELECT COMMITTEE PUBLICITY

The dates of future meetings of the Council's Select Committees in the current municipal year were received and noted.

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DATES OF VENUES OF FUTURE AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following dates and venues for future meetings of this Area Committee were noted:-

Thursday 30th September, 2010 at the Brier School, Bromley Lane, Kingswinford

Thursday 2nd December, 2010 at the Brier School, Bromley Lane, Kingswinford

Thursday 3rd February, 2011 at the Brier School, Bromley Lane, Kingswinford; and

Thursday 24th March, 2011 at the Brier School, Bromley Lane, Kingswinford.

Meetings to commence at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.47 pm.

CHAIRMAN

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