

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD
WAS HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 6PM
*Subject to Approval***

The Mayor (Councillor Farr) (ex-officio), Councillor Hook (P), Bateman (P), Burgess (P), Dickson, Edgar (P), Foster-Reed, Hazel, Mrs Hook (P), Hylands, Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Searle (P), Wright (P)

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Order 2.3.6, Councillor Hook had been nominated to replace Councillor Dickson for this meeting.

18. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted by The Mayor and Councillors Dickson and Foster-Reed.

19. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON 22nd JUNE 2015

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Board held on 22ND June 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests

21. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

22. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

23. ALVER VALLEY COUNTRY PARK

Consideration was given to a report by the Chief Executive that sought Members approval on various proposals and actions regarding a number of projects within the Alver Valley Country Park which were included in the Council's Alver Valley Country Park Strategy approved in April 2014.

Councillors congratulated the Officers on both the quality of the report and the amount of hard work that had been undertaken in progressing the various projects and Strategies for the Alver Valley Country Park.

A Member queried whether the Gun Club had been approached to consider selling land and it was advised that ongoing dialogue was taking place.

Members were informed that a soft market test had been carried out to generate interest in implementing a Garden Centre at the Alver Valley Country Park and it was reported that a meeting was scheduled with architects to finalise plans. Following this meeting and discussions with the 17th Century Village, it was proposed that an extraordinary Community Board meeting be arranged to progress this.

In respect to the proposed dog policy at Alver Valley Country Park, concerns were raised with regard to enforceable measures in place for users. It was confirmed that the site would be monitored including where necessary the issuing of fixed penalty notices and that responsibility was primarily down to self-enforcement of users of the Country Park. It was envisaged that the segregated dog areas, using the traffic light system would be

effective.

Following a Member's question regarding the grant for developing the car parks and access improvements it was reported that subject to recommendations, phased planning applications were ready to be submitted for approval. Works were envisaged to be completed in January/February 2016 with other elements of the Western Gateway being completed in the summer. Works on the Eastern Gateway Car Park were due to be completed by June 2016 with the external funding being used by March 2016. Members were further advised that local firms would be encouraged to submit tenders.

In respect of the Alver Valley Country Park having opportunities for adventurous play equipment for older teens, it was reported that investigations were being made and that consultation with the Youth Council would be made to engage young people.

RESOLVED: That the Community Board:

1. agrees the preferred Concept Plan for the Western Gateway (as set out in Appendix A) and notes that a planning application will be submitted with full details of the car park and access, and illustrative details of the other elements of the Gateway;
2. notes that a full planning application will be submitted for an extended car park and associated works at the Eastern Gateway;
3. agrees developer contributions secured for the Alver Valley and play areas will be used, with other secured funding, to provide the relevant facilities at the Western Gateway (play areas, toilets, landscaping) and Eastern Gateway (car parking and associated works);
4. agrees car park management measures outlined in Paragraph 2.8 of this Report;
5. agrees the Strategy and Management Plan for Dogs in the Alver Valley Country Park for public consultation purposes (see Appendix B);
6. agrees the Alver Valley Country Park Grazing Strategy (Appendix C) for public consultation purposes;
7. adopts the Signage and Interpretation Strategy for the Alver Valley Country Park (see Appendix D);
8. notes other project updates contained within the Report.

24. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The Meeting concluded at 18:26.

CHAIRMAN