

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD
WAS HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 6PM**

Subject to approval

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Hook) (ex-officio), Councillor Hook (ex-officio), Councillors Mrs Batty, Bateman (P), Burgess (P), Earle (P), Mrs Huggins (P), Hylands (P) Mrs Jones (P), Miss Kelly (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Ronayne (P), Scard (P), Mrs Wright (P), Wright (P)

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Order 2.3.5, Councillors Beavis had been nominated to replace Councillor Mrs Batty for this meeting.

22. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Mayor and Councillor Mrs Batty.

23. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2016

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Board held on 7 September 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillor Mrs Kelly declared a personal interest in respect of item 7 advising the Board that her partner was an allotment plot holder.

25. DEPUTATIONS

A deputation had been received on the following item:

- Item 7 of the report – Allotment Stakeholders Group

26. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

The Chairman suggested that the order of the reports be amended. It was agreed that the order would be; Item 7, Item 6 and Item 10.

PART II

27. ALLOTMENT STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

Consideration was given to a report of the Housing Services Manager to inform the Community Board of a change in process for liaising with the service users.

Mr More was invited to address the Board. He thanked Members for the opportunity to speak on this item and advised the Board that he sat on the committee of the Allotment Stakeholders Consultative Group.

Mr More raised concerns with the report to abolish the group as he believed it to be full of inaccuracies. Mr More provided the Board with the history and creation of the Allotment Stakeholders Consultative Group and advised that at a meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee in 2007 a report had been produced recommending a Stakeholders Consultative Group be established.

Mr More further advised the Board that the report had been endorsed by a Council meeting held on the 9th February 2005 and therefore he felt that the proposal to abolish the Consultative Group would override the will of the Council.

Mr More advised the Board that the Allotment Stakeholders Consultative Group sat within the terms of the Community Board.

Mr More advised the Board that due to cancellation of meetings there was currently no group chairman following local elections. Mr More further added that promised meetings in May, July and September had all been cancelled due to staff shortages and had never been re-arranged.

Mr More advised the Board that discussions had previously taken place to form a Wardens Group to deal with the day to day issues of allotments which would complement the Allotment Stakeholders Consultative Group. Mr More advised that a Wardens Group had never been set up. Mr More also questioned what resources would be available to facilitate the proposed Wardens Liaison meeting.

Mr More advised the Board that the Allotment Association had no intention to leave the Allotment Stakeholders Consultative Group if they lost a vote about Devolved Management.

Mr More advised the Board that Allotment Association attendees had not been advised of the proposal to abolish the group and that there had been no common decency to inform members of the Allotment Stakeholder Consultative Group that their contribution was no longer required.

In conclusion Mr More added that Allotment Association attendees had volunteered and put in a lot of time and effort into the group since 2005 and authorities were working more closely with Allotment Associations which added value and enhanced the group.

A Member queried the recommendation to note the report and felt that the powers of Councillors were being diminished. It was therefore proposed and seconded that the item be deferred.

A vote took place and was subsequently agreed that the item be deferred for further consideration with liaison with the Allotment Association Stakeholders.

RESOLVED: That the Community Board defer the item for further consideration with liaison with the Allotment Association Stakeholders.

28. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (CONTROL OF DOGS)

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Solicitor to seek approval of the Community Board to consult upon the creation of a Public Space Protection Order for the control of dogs.

The Chairman advised the Board that there was a typo in Appendix A of the report paragraph 3.3 where it should read "not being aware of the defecation or not having a device for or suitable means to removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove it".

The Chairman also advised the Board that in Schedule two of the report where it refers to "Swimming Baths" Should read "Pirates Cove Play Area"

A Member queried asked why the maximum number of dogs a person could bring onto any land open to the public at any one time was currently set six. The Senior Solicitor confirmed that the figure was based on DEFRA guidance but the board could depart from this where satisfied such restriction is justified.

Following discussions it was proposed and agreed that the number of dogs permitted on any land open to the public at any one time be reduced from six to four.

RESOLVED: That the Community Board:

- Approve the initiation of a consultation exercise based on the draft Public Space Protection Order (Control of Dogs) attached at Appendix A ("Draft PSPO") amended as follows ;
- -the specified maximum number of dogs for the purpose of paragraph 6.1 of Appendix A shall be four,
- -dogs shall be excluded for the purpose of paragraph 8 of Appendix A from: any sports pitch at all times; enclosed children's play areas which shall include designated local areas for play and local equipped areas of play
- The Community Board shall at its next programmed meeting have regard to any representations made in response to the consultation and decide whether to approve the Draft PSPO with or without modification,

29. ANY OTHER ITEMS

There was no other business.

30. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in relation to the following item the public be excluded from the meeting, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during this item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemptions outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

31. CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN AND BUILD OF MAJOR PLAY AREA AND LANDSCAPING AT THE ALVER VALLEY COUNTRY PARK

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Street Scene and the Deputy Head of Planning Services (Policy) to advise the Community Board of the procurement process outcomes for the appointment of a contractor for the design and build of a major play area and landscaping at the Alver Valley Country Park Western Gateway (the "Contract").

RESOLVED: The tender for the design and build of a major play area and landscaping at the Alver Valley Country Park Western Gateway submitted by Wicksteed Leisure Limited is accepted, subject to the grant of planning permission for the works and the completion of a binding contract.

The meeting concluded at 18:47

CHAIRMAN