

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the
Wilmslow Community Governance Review Sub-Committee
held on Tuesday, 23rd March, 2010 at Oakenclough Children's Centre,
Colshaw Drive, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 2PZ

PRESENT

Councillor J Crockatt (Chairman)
Councillor P Whiteley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors G Barton, R Cartlidge and S Jones

Officers

Lindsey Parton – Elections and Registration Team Manager
Paul Mountford – Legal and Democratic Services

Apologies

Councillor D Stockton

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

10 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no questions from members of the public.

11 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2010 be approved as a correct record.

12 EXISTING WILMSLOW COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

Members considered a briefing paper prepared by the Chief Executive's and Partnership Unit which gave an overview of existing community governance arrangements in Wilmslow. The paper contained details of the Wilmslow Local Area Partnership (LAP) and local community groups, and included demographic information about the Wilmslow area.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the briefing paper be noted.

13 WILMSLOW COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW PROJECT PLAN

Members considered an updated project plan for the review. In accordance with Members' wishes at the previous meeting, the public meetings had been brought forward in the timetable as follows:

Monday	26/4/2010	Wilmslow Leisure Centre
Wednesday	28/4/2010	Honford Hall, Handforth
Thursday	29/4/2010	Styal Primary School

All meetings would start at 7.00 pm.

When making the booking for Honford Hall, Officers had been advised that the Hall was due to be closed for renovation shortly and that this could affect the booking. The Officers were therefore taking steps to arrange a backup venue. Members suggested that the availability of St. Benedict's Hall or St Mary's be explored.

RESOLVED

That

- (1) the dates for the public meetings be approved; and
- (2) the updated project plan be noted.

14 WILMSLOW COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - FIRST STAGE CONSULTATION AND DOCUMENTATION

A revised list of consultees had been circulated for consideration.

Members asked that the following bodies be added:

- Spath Lane Estate Residents' Association
- Wilmslow Forum
- Lacey Green Residents' Association
- St Bartholomew's Church, Wilmslow
- St Theresa's Church, Wilmslow
- St Chad's Church, Handforth
- St Benedict's Church, Handforth
- St Mary's Church, Handforth
- Local Round Tables
- Local Rotary Clubs
- Local Women's Institutes/Guilds
- Friends of Meriton Road Park

Members also considered the draft public notices and press releases for the public meetings and Stage 1 consultation. These were agreed subject to the removal of all references to 'local council' and 'parish council'. The

term 'town council' would be the sole term used in all public consultation and publicity documents.

Finally, Members considered a first draft of the leaflet. The population figure for the Review area had been revised to 30,700.

Members asked that the following amendments be made to the draft leaflet:

- As with the public notices, remove all references to 'local council' and 'parish council'.
- Change heading of section on paying for local council to 'How much does a town council cost?'
- Remove non-Cheshire councils from the precept list and insert any missing Cheshire councils
- Extract the relevant precept information from the recently-approved list of precepts for Cheshire East
- Right-align the figure columns

RESOLVED

That

- (1) the list of consultees be further updated and circulated to members of the Sub-Committee with a view to any further bodies for inclusion on the list being notified to the Elections and Registration Team Manager as soon as possible;
- (2) subject to the removal of all references to 'local council' and 'parish council', the draft public notices and press releases for the public meetings and Stage 1 consultation be approved; and
- (3) the draft leaflet be amended and circulated to members of the Sub-Committee, and the revised version be submitted to the next meeting for approval.

15 NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

That the next meeting be held on Thursday, 15th April 2010 at 2.30 pm at the Oakenclough Children's Centre, Wilmslow.

Objectives of the next meeting will include:

- Approval of the draft ballot paper
- Approval of the final version of the leaflet

The meeting commenced at 3.30 pm and concluded at 4.30 pm

Councillor J Crockatt (Chairman)