

WITHAM AREA PANEL 31st January 2007

Present

Graham Eavery Chairman
Ian Marshall
Carol Suttle
Miriam Clarke
Valerie Ahern
Steve Jones

Keith Bigden
Arthur Dunn
Richard Scott
Carol Hine
Leigh Jones

Guests

Louise Ketteridge

Vanessa Francis

Apologies

Neil Coughlan

Young People and perceptions

Graham Welcomed Louise and Vanessa to the meeting and thanked them for taking the time to come along.

The panel then split into two so the problems that the young adults experience could be discussed. See attached notes for full list.

Summary

- The group on Hatfield Road to be called 'Next Generation 2K7'
- Portacabin for them to meet in
- Youth Shelter on Hatfield Road Estate, with the young adults involved in the process
- Tag Wall to be built on Hatfield Road, again the young adults to be involved in the construction and or decoration.
- Leaflet to be prepared and distributed to the young adults.
- Web site under the title 'Next Generation 2K7'

All felt that it was important that an outcome was achieved. The Youth Council could also be contacted to see if the two parties could combine forces for mutual benefit.

Action: Louise and Vanessa to prepare a leaflet/newsletter for distribution amongst peers. Action: Richard to arrange for suitable copies, for these to be delivered by Louise and Vanessa.

Action: Richard to include proposals in Environmental Improvements schemes.

Notes from Previous meeting

The panel agreed the notes from the previous meeting

Environmental Improvements

Richard presented the report outlining the proposed spends for 2007/08. Panel Members considered the report and agreed on the proposals set out.

Agreed: Richard to implement the schemes as set out in the report.

Performance indicators

The Panel considered the performance indicators provided

Agreed: Information provided is noted.

Any Other Business

Shelia Vincent noted that rubbish had been dumped behind her property. Richard to arrange for the Estate Ranger to visit the area and deal with the rubbish.

Action: Estate Ranger to visit area and resolve issue.

A wall by Spring Lodge was reported as leaning badly.

Action: Richard to report to building control.

Leigh Read out the statement below in connection with Tenants Network and Community Gateway group.

'At yesterday's, January's, Tenants Network meeting, it was voted to endorse the actions of the Community Gateway Group and continue to fully support the Group as the interim negotiating body on tenants behalf.

The board are having a meeting on the 14th February and will be discussing whether to allow the community Gateway Groups to return to the negotiations which they urge them to do.

We shall of course keep you informed of the board's decision.'

Date of next meeting 23rd May 2006 7.15 pm Witham Town Hall

Graham Eavery
Chairman