

## **AREA BOARD – WEST LUTON**

**8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013 at 7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor A. Khan (Chair); Councillors Akbar, Bailey, K. Malik, T. Malik, Shaw and Simmons

**Co-Opted Members:** Sergeant Ruth Connelly (Bedfordshire Police)

### **24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (REF: 1)**

**Resolved:** Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Roden and Stewart MBE.

### **25. MINUTES (REF: 2)**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 be taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **26. FEEDBACK FROM WARD FORUMS (REF: 4)**

The Ward Councillors provided key issues relevant to their wards as follows:

#### **LEWSEY – COUNCILLOR BAILEY**

- Hospital parking – hospital redevelopment programme challenges and issues
- Lewsey Area improvement plan – works expected
- Busway – bus issues, gravel on crossing

#### **CHALLNEY – COUNCILLOR K MALIK**

- Hospital parking – update received on the proposed car park and temporary measures
- Stoneygate Road - no signage – ‘vehicles too large’.
- Charlwood Road needed resurfacing – cracks appearing
- Camera on Lewsey Road – why has it been removed?

#### **LEAGRAVE – COUNCILLOR AKBAR**

- Potholes and flooding
- Drinking / urinating outside shops
- Should be a ban in St Dominics Square and Marsh Farm (as St. Georges Square)

**Resolved:** That the ward forum feedback and updates be noted and for any feedback or recommendations to be considered for further discussion at a later date.

## **27. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (REF: 5)**

Members of the public raised the following issues:

- Image of Luton going down – Town Centre:
  - weeds in the flower beds outside the Town Hall
  - rubbish in the drain gulley outside Don Millers
  - Drain gulley blocked Market Hill
  - M1 junction weeds
  - Beggars at the train station
  - Bins dirty on the outside
- Thanks to the Council for sorting the bus stop signage outside the Hospital
- Sundon Arch pathway –
- Busway – buses need to stop at the Galaxy centre
- New Arriva helpdesk in the Arndale
- Train station – central Luton – needs doing up

Councillor Simmons advised that all those on the Area Board database would be informed of future plans in relation to purchasing of coach tickets. She further advised that Network Rail were responsible for the train station and the Council were lobbying to try and get the works done.

**Resolved:** That the concerns and issues raised by members of the public be noted;

## **28. YOU SAID, WE'RE DOING: NEIGHBOURHOOD GOVERNANCE PROGRESS REPORT (REF: 7)**

Adam Divney, Community Development Project Manager updated the Board in relation to the positive work going on in the town through partnership working:

- Service changes in Community Development now run by the Culture Trust
- Prevention and Early Intervention and Youth Services – changes
- Discussions with the Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to the Wheatfield Surgery had been undertaken
- Clinical Commissioning Group representative were present and would be regular attendees.
- Public advised that if they were not happy with their Doctor surgery they could move to another surgery

**Resolved:** That the progress on Neighbourhood governance work be noted.

**29. YOUR SAY, YOUR WAY – OVERVIEW OF WARD EVIDENCE AND COMMUNITY FEEDBACK (REF: 8)**

Adam Divney, Community Development Project Manager presented the report (Ref: 8) which gave key evidence from partners and community feedback, with a one page overview of each Ward.

**Resolved:** That the report (Ref: 8) be noted.

**30. AREA REPORT (REF: 9)**

Gary Roberts, Area Committee Support Officer presented his report (Ref: 9), updating the Board on budgetary issues and applications for funding support from area projects, since its last meeting.

He then informed the Board of the following application for Area Project funding:

- (LE506) Hockwell Ring Community Centre – Residents Christmas Party (elderly and 50+ community) requested £1,250 - **APPROVED £1,250**
- Surplus of £707 from previous award of funding to Pirton Hill, requested to use money left to fund a science project and garden project - **APPROVED**

**Resolved:** That the Applications to the Area Board funding be agreed as set out above.

**31. OVERVIEW OF CENSUS 2011 DATA (REF: 10)**

The Board received the Overview of the Census 2011 data.

**Resolved:** That the Overview of Census 2011 Data (Ref: 10) be noted.

**32. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT WEST AREA BOARD MEETING (REF: 12)**

**Resolved:** That the following items be included in the work programme for the next meeting of the West Luton Area Board as follows:

**Information regarding what can be done about:**

- Dog faeces on pavements – Broxley Mead area and top of Wentworth Avenue.

- Signage regarding: dog fouling and spitting
- Highways Agency – weeds

**Officers requested to attend and report on:**

- Engineers – update on Major Projects work i.e. Inner Ring Road / Town Centre Plans – congestion problems

**(Note: The meeting ended at 9.10p.m.)**