

## NORTHOLT MANDEVILLE WARD FORUM

19th January 2009 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors Hazel Ware (Chairman), Eileen Harris and Dawn Larmouth.

IN ATTENDANCE: Tan Afzal (Neighbourhood Coordinator) and Linda Zimmerman (Committee Team Manager)

### 1. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

### 2. Appointment of Chairman Resolved

To note Councillor Hazel Ware's appointment as Chairman for this meeting.

### 3. Notes of the last Ward Forum – 17 September

These were available at the meeting and on Ealing Council's Website [www.ealing.gov.uk](http://www.ealing.gov.uk)

### 4. Northolt Mandeville Ward Forum Spending Recommendations Resolved

i.) That the list of possible projects set out in Appendix 2 be noted.

ii.) **To recommend to the relevant portfolio holder** that the projects set out in Appendix 1 be agreed for implementation (see summary in Table below), subject to the outcome of any statutory procedures and consultations that may be required.

iii.) To note that these projects are scheduled for implementation in municipal year 2008-09.

iv.) To note that if the project list in Appendix 1 is implemented there may be a small surplus remaining unspent from the Forum's 2008-09 capital allocation.

(v) That any monies not spent or committed for spend by the end of this financial year be reported within the budget Cabinet report in July 2009 and that Cabinet be asked to consider carrying forward any under-spend into the 09/10 financial year.

(vi) To note the request received from the Centre for Independent Living Ealing, requesting £5,000 of Ward Forum money for local shop access, the feasibility of this request along with research into how this issue is dealt with in other wards would be looked into and reported back to the next meeting.

### Summary Table

Portfolio holder for	Project	Cost (£)
Safer and Stronger Communities	<b>Mobile CCTV Unit</b> - Purchase a CCTV unit to combat and deter crime and anti social behaviour	£10500
Cultural Services	<b>Improvements to clock tower:</b> - Repair and maintain bench area - Add wood preserver to clock structure - Project is part of a larger capital	£413.88

Portfolio holder for	Project	Cost (£)
	project involving the staking of Mandeville Green as maintenance work to the area  <b>Erect a memorial wall</b> - Build a memorial wall within Northolt Village open space	£20,000
Leader of the Council	<b>All</b>	<b>Total £30,913.88</b>

### Reason for Decision and Options Considered

On 13 November 2007 Cabinet agreed to a new structure for neighbourhood governance in the borough, centred on ward councillors and that £40,000 of capital funding would be made available to each ward. This is to be spent taking into account the recommendations of those ward councillors, who would utilise and develop informal and formal networks to consult local people.

This approach places ward councillors at the centre of an informal system of local involvement in, and influence on, decision-making, but keeps bureaucracy to a minimum. It builds on the councillors' local knowledge and enthusiasm, and ensures funding will be directed towards local projects. Ward forums do not have the power to make the decision on what the money is spent. However, the ward forum enables democratically elected representatives to make recommendations to the relevant portfolio holders on how to spend the earmarked money for the benefit of their ward.

Ward councillors work with their neighbourhood coordinators to conduct an initial screening on proposals received via the ward councillors, or via a direct request to a ward forum, for legality, feasibility and conformance with the council's policies and procedures. Ward councillors consider all proposals thus received and put forward their recommendations.

To ensure that the £40,000 fund earmarked for each ward is spent efficiently and effectively, detailed technical advice and support will only be required once the recommended projects have been agreed to go forward for decision for implementation. This reduces preparation work spent on schemes that do not proceed due to lack of local support.

Once the recommendations are agreed, they will generally be taken forward for decision as an Individual Cabinet Member Decision. The legal implications of each scheme will be addressed in detail at that stage. Certain proposals will require statutory consultation prior to a final decision being made.

## **5. Presentation on Crime Statistics for Northolt**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

## 6. Public Forum

### Resolved

That the concerns raised by members of the public be noted:

- (i) Request for traffic calming measures on Moat Farm Road.
- (ii) Request to improve and increase number of dropped kerbs for use by disabled.
- (iii) Concerns about Old Eascote Lane in terms of buses, parking and condition of road – to note that this road is included in the forthcoming CPZ consultation.
- (iv) Changes to bus routes 398 and 395 – concerns that the new routes would not fully service the post office or station. – Residents were asked to respond to the consultation.
- (v) To note works on Northolt Petts Hill Bridge were complete. Concerns raised that bridge remained closed for a further week after works were complete.
- (vi) Request that Linda Kouparis (local resident who was instrumental in pursuing the improvements to Petts Hill Bridge) be commemorated.
- (vii) To note that the outcome of the consultation by the PCT for Peel House would be available next week. Patients were supportive of the development of a Health Centre but expressed concerns about transport and parking.
- (viii) To note that Northolt Mandeville Road would be the first road in the borough to have illuminated signs for the use of bus lanes.
- (ix) To note that Northolt Mandeville Ward had the best street cleaning record in the borough, for the last three month period.
- (x) Hanging baskets would be installed on suitable lampposts between the Target Roundabout. Requests were made for hanging baskets also to be placed in other locations including near to bus stops.
- (xi) To note that in addition to other improvements, yellow boxes are also to be introduced.
- (xii) Request that the signage at the junction of Mandeville Road and Church Road be improved – Highways dept would be asked to consider.
- (xiii) Concerns about maintenance of frontages of houses in Ribbensdale Ave including litterbags being placed in front of houses all week and a car wreck in a front garden. – The next newsletter would include an appeal to residents to maintain their house frontages.
- (xiv) Concerns about maintenance of paving and of parking on verges on Mandeville Road – to note that Mandeville Road would be staked in the near future to prevent parking on verges.

## 7. Date of the Next Meeting

### Resolved

That the date of the next meeting would be 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Signed ..... Cllr Hazel Ware (Chairman)

Date.....

The meeting finished at 8:40pm