

## **Thatto Heath Ward Committee**

At a meeting of this Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008  
at Thatto Heath Primary School

**(Present)**

**Councillor R McCauley (Chair)**  
**Councillor P Martinez-Williams**  
**Paul Smith, Helena Housing**  
**Sergeant Neil Forsyth, Merseyside Police**  
**Lynne Carberry, Community Empowerment Network**

**(Also Present)** **Sarah Thompson, Lead Officer, St Helens Council**  
**Ste Webb, Support Officer, St Helens Council**

### **Welcome and Introduction**

The Lead Officer welcomed those present to the Thatto Heath Ward Committee.

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

The Lead Officer gave apologies for Cllr. S Seddon. It was agreed that Councillor R McCauley would act as the Chair for the meeting and this was seconded by Councillor P Martinez-Williams.

#### **2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **3. Declaration of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received

#### **4. Matters Arising**

##### **(a) October Issues**

The Lead Officer indicated that there were no matters arising to be dealt with.

##### **(b) Environmental Project Fund**

An update on approved and potential schemes/ projects relating to the Environmental Project Fund was provided by the lead officer, with further action agreed on some of those schemes.

- **Resolved that:**

- 1) Option 3, the replacement of existing shrubbery and replacement with a more appropriate/ suitable hedge at Scholes Lane/ St.**

- Matthew street be approved;**
- 2) Scheme at Stevenage Close/ Basildon Close grassed area be approved subject to a £5,000 contribution by Helena Housing. A detailed costing was requested to be provided at the next meeting;**
  - 3) That a further presentation on a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) be made and possibly an open meeting to discuss this;**
  - 4) The clean up of Sunbury Street be approved;**
  - 5) The replacement of fencing at Nutgrove allotments be approved;**
  - 6) The Ravenhead Greenway secure access at Thatto Heath be approved.**

## 5. Questions from the Public on Ward Based Issues

The Chair invited members of the public to submit questions. Questions were received from the public on the following issues:

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Raised by</b>	<b>Response</b>
Is there anything that the public can do to help the police regarding the petty vandalism in the area	J Pickett	Sgt Forsyth indicated that the public could assist by reporting all incidents to the police. Police are working with schools to try and raise awareness and prevent vandalism. Lynne Carberry promoted the value of Home Watch schemes and the incentives available from membership.
Golf being played on Platt Field	P Carroll	Council Officers to see if anything can be done to prevent this under by laws and whether there is any way of enforcing this. Sgt Forsyth indicated that he would make the dedicated Ward Officer and Community Support Officers aware of the problem and ensure that they included this area in their patrols.
HGV's reversing from Sutton's Haulage into the road (Welwyn Close)	P Carroll	Issue to be passed to the relevant Council Officer to look at the feasibility of putting bollards on the grass verge
Glass and dog fouling on the path down the side of Thatto Heath Children's Centre	Caretaker Thatto Heath Primary School	Dog Warden to be alerted to the problem. Consideration be given to cleaning the area (see item 8)
Reinstatement of footpath/ right of way (by no. 210 Salhouse Gardens) and removal of a section of fencing. Temporary barrier erected out of wood but	M. Fenlon H. Fryer M. Crockett	The matter is currently being investigated by Council Officers this.  Councillor McCauley requested the whole issue be investigated and a report taken back to the next

are proposing that it should be blocked with a metal fence similar in construction to the existing fence. Residents want to see the footpath permanently re-routed		meeting
Could the tarmac area on the Cleg be replaced with landscaping?	M. Fenlon H. Fryer M. Crockett	An Environmental Agency action plan is being drawn up to see what can be done with the Cleg and the area referred to would be part of this plan
Ditch is backing up due to debris from the developer	R Carline	Council Officers are aware of the problem and will be cleared up once the situation has been fully assessed.
Is there an architectural liaison officer for St Helens?	B Cadwallader	Sgt Forsyth confirmed that there was such an officer. Details of the names and contact details of the relevant officers were provided by Lynne Carberry.
Land opposite 13-17 Poynter Street. Can this be made more environmentally friendly	P. Fielder	Land is not Council Land and currently Council Officers are in the process of obtaining details of the owners who will be contacted once this information is available to see what they would like to do with this land. Councillor McCauley requested written response be provided to the residents and Ward Councillors.

## 6. Local Issues

**\* Resolved that there were no such issues to be discussed at this meeting.**

## 7. Update on Environmental Protection Planned Schemes

The Lead Officer presented an update on existing and proposed schemes within the Ward.

**\* Resolved that the information be noted.**

## 8. Environmental Fund New Proposals

The following proposals were put forward as schemes to be considered for funding from the Environmental Fund.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Raised by</b>
Christmas tree (permanent) on the corner of Elephant Lane/ Scholes Lane	Councillor R McCauley
Clean up of land behind the police station (Leicester Street – land around Alexander Court)	Ward Committee member
Clean up of land by the path by the Children's Centre (Hobart Street)	Thatto Heath Primary School Caretaker
Provision of a gate on the new cycle path to prevent vehicular access behind Nutgrove Hall Drive	R. Carline
New dog bin on Nutgrove Hall Drive	B. Lawley

**\* Resolved that progress be made to scope and/ or cost those specific proposals raised.**

#### **9. Community Safety Update**

An update was provided by Sgt Forsyth to the committee on the headline crime statistics for Thatto Heath, including a brief summary of activity within the Ward. Speeding was highlighted as a particular problem but that this was being addressed via Speedwatch. Lynne Carberry indicated that volunteers are welcome to join the initiative. The committee was also alerted to problems of scrap metal theft and urged members of the public to be cautious and report any suspicious behaviour.

**\* Resolved that the report be noted.**

#### **10. Council Budget Consultation**

The Lead Officer presented the Council's Budget Consultation paper and indicated that copies of the questionnaire were available for completion and that a copy was on the internet.

Councillor Martinez-Williams proposed that the Committee respond to the consultation exercise requesting an additional £0.5m is made available from capital receipts to support alleyways make up/ pavement repair/ reconstruction programme across the borough. Councillor Martinez-Williams indicated that she believed there were a significant number of alleyways across the Borough that require bringing up to adopted standard and that the current funding was not adequate.

**\* Resolved that the information be noted.**

#### **11. Date of the Next Meeting**

The chair thanked everyone for turning up and provided the date of the next meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at Thatto Heath Primary School.

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