

Minutes

**Minutes of Area Panel 5 held on
23rd February 2009 6.30-8.10pm at Sunridge Court**

Present: Bob Huskinson, Roy Lawson , Eric, Peter, Imogeen Denton ,Chris Langstaff, Andrew Filer, Paul Stanley

Apologies: Bill Walters , Councillor Penny Griggs, Denise Brown

<u>1.0</u> Welcome, Introductions & Apologies	Action
Roy Lawson thanked all for attending	
<u>2.0</u> Minutes	
BH enquired about estate inspections and it was agreed that these need to tie in with Ward Walks Panel agreed that proposed dates for 2009-2010 should be agreed with Area Panel and Members	PS
<u>3.0</u> Spring Clean	
PS advised that the annual spring clean would be taking place and asked Panel for their main issues.	
ID advised that the Neighbourhood Action officers had compiled lists of areas needing attention thanks to information from local people.	
Main issues in the area included :	
Dog fouling – it was agreed that residents need to report issues and that NCC and NCH staff need to be vigilant.	
Fly tipping – a skip scheme was suggested using the system operated in Aspley	PS
At a Community Crime Fighting day I was at yesterday, it was mentioned that if contact is made with the Probation Team 'Grot Spots' can be cleaned up using offenders??	
<u>4.0</u> Forward Plan	
AF suggested that it would be useful for the Panel to	AF

have a forward plan to enable meetings to be more focused. Panel Members noted down their priority subjects and these will form part of the plan. It was also suggested that rotating the venue and around community facilities would be useful.

5.0 Tenant and Leaseholder Conference

AF reported that the event had been a success with the highest turn out to date. Workshops included rent increase, leaseholders and National Conversation.

BH asked for his thanks to the guest speakers to be recorded.

6.0 Visit to CCTV centre

PS asked whether Panel members wished to pay a visit to the centre – RL advised that he would like to attend as other members had been previously

PS

7.0 Area Capital Fund

PS advised that Elected Members had proposed that a £18,000 surplus in the housing fund be spent to enhance current schemes at Kingsthorpe Close and Pearmain Drive – Panel members agreed to the proposal.

CL advised that the proposal was that Panel Members would agree schemes for 2009-2010 and these would then go to Area Committee for approval. Tim Shirley will be attending the next Panel meeting to discuss priorities for the Panel. It was agreed that representatives from the St Anns Housing Office need to attend Area Panel meetings

PS

8.0 Housing Issues

Eric and Peter advised that a light outside 71 Kingsthorpe Close was not working correctly

PS

PS advised that consultation was underway concerning the proposed closure of the Southglade office from 30.03.09.

RL enquired about the Homewatch Alarm Scheme – CL advised that due to rent restructuring rules

installations of new systems had to cease. NCH will continue to maintain systems and the new fittings under the Decent Homes scheme are designed to reduce the chances of break ins. NCH are also using Smartwater at all properties having new windows and doors under Decent Homes.

RL asked about the Great Neighbours leaflet and wanted to distribute these – AF to check on supplies

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RL asked about NCH taking a tough stance on ASB – Panel agreed this would be the focus of a future Panel meeting

AF

Eric and Peter asked about the future of Kingsthorpe Close – CL advised that demolition was a real possibility however NCC are exploring options and these will take several months of careful consideration in consultation.

ID advised that there was a meeting at Kingsthorpe Close on 26 February.

BH asked for a supply of NCH newsletters for the Sherwood Police station

AF

9.0 Property Services

Deferred

10.0 Performance

In view of time PS handed out performance reports

11.0 Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held on Monday 20th April from 6.30 – 8.00pm at Winchester Court Community Room.

