Present: Gainsborough Ward Councillors: M Cook, A Hopgood and J Mowles
Holywells Ward Councillors: G Debman and P Stewart
Priory Heath Ward Councillors: B Knowles

There were 21 members of the public in attendance.

1. **Election of Chair**

   It was RESOLVED:-

   That Councillor Knowles be appointed Chair for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

   Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E Harsant, Councillor D Maguire, Councillor W Quinton and Councillor M Gaylard (SCC).

3. **To Agree to Unconfirmed Minutes of the Meeting Held on 5 March 2014**

   It was RESOLVED:-

   That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2014 be approved as a true record.

4. **To Confirm or Vary the Order of Business**

   It was RESOLVED:-

   That the Order of Business be confirmed as printed on the agenda.
5. Declaration of Interest

5.1 There were no declarations of interest.

6. To Confirm the Time and Place of Future Meetings

It was RESOLVED:-

That the time and place of future meetings be confirmed as follows:

- Thursday 4 September 2014 at 7:00pm – Ravenswood Community Children’s Centre, 103 Hening Avenue, IP3 9QJ
- Thursday 6 November 2014 at 7:00pm - Venue TBC (Gainsborough Ward)
- Wednesday 21 January 2015 at 7:00pm – Venue TBC (Holywells Ward)
- Thursday 19 March 2015 at 7:00pm – Venue TBC (Priory Heath Ward)

7. Update on Actions From Previous Meetings

7.1 The Chairman reported that he and other Councillors had recently attended a presentation about the Nacton Road corridor improvements. The work on this scheme was planned to go ahead in early 2015.

7.2 It was noted that a response to the questions raised at the previous meeting, under Minute number 60.3, had not been received. Answers to these questions would be reported at a future meeting of the Area Committee.

8. Responses to Public Questions and Open Discussion on Local Issues

8.1 Councillor Debman raised concerns about the number of road traffic accidents on Landseer Road, particularly around the junction with Cliff Lane and the entrance to the Riverside Clinic. A number of residents raised concerns about drivers failing to observe the left-turn only restriction when leaving the clinic. It was suggested that this issue should be pursued by the Area Committee.

8.2 In response to a question from a member of the public about potholes, Councillor Mowles reported that Councillors had continued to raise this issue with Suffolk County Council and had been advised that work to repair potholes had been scheduled for the next financial year.

8.3 A member of the public asked whether any plans were in place to manage the potential additional traffic from the proposed residential development at Ravenswood. It was confirmed that this would be a matter for the planning department and the developer to agree.

9. Presentation from Inspire Suffolk

9.1 The Committee received a presentation from Terry Baxter, CEO of Inspire Suffolk including the following key information:
The charity was founded in 2003 as the ITFC Charitable Trust and became Inspire Suffolk in 2013. The charity was now based at the former Holywells High School site;
The organisation provided children, young people and adults the opportunity to participate in sport, health improvement and education activities;
The Team Programme supported 16-25 year olds not in employment, education or training to gain key skills such as CV writing, interview techniques and work experience. It also gave them opportunities to get involved in team building and community projects.

9.2 In response to a question from a member of the public, Mr Baxter confirmed that the charity itself funded the maintenance of the premises and grounds.

9.3 Councillor Debman asked if it would be possible for the Area Committee to hold a meeting at Inspire Suffolk.

It was AGREED that the meeting on 19 March 2015 would be held at Inspire Suffolk.

10. **SEAC/14/01 Policing Update**

10.1 PCSO Ryan Althorpe presented the policing update. The key Police priorities for July were:

- Addressing antisocial behaviour at Gainsborough Library;
- Preventing small fires around the area, but particularly at Landseer Road Park;
- Working with partner agencies to tackle troublesome families.

10.2 A talent contest, called *IP3 Celebrity*, for young people living, working or studying in the IP3 area had been set up. The final would be held at Ipswich Academy.

10.3 PCSO Althorpe confirmed that the Police were working with a Senior Civil Parking Enforcement Officer to tackle dangerous and obstructive parking around schools from the autumn term. There would also be proactive patrols over the summer events timetable. All households in the Cliff Lane and Nacton Road area would be receiving a letter with a hotline number to report any parking issues.

10.4 The Police were also working on an initiative to reduce cycling on footpaths, including patrolling the Nacton Road / Hatfield Road junction.

10.5 At a previous meeting a member of the public had asked why the crime figures presented to the Area Committee were different to those received by the Neighbourhood Watch group. PCSO Althorpe explained that the statistics provided to the Area Committee were in the format required by Home Office guidelines so that every area and force could be consistent. The statistics provided to the Neighbourhood Watch group were collated by the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator in the format that was deemed to best
meet the requirements of that particular group. This could include a more
detailed breakdown of certain crime categories.

10.6 A member of the public reported that a car had been driving on the pavement
near the Holywells allotments. PCSO Althorpe advised that the extra patrols
should help to reduce this kind of situation. The Police would also be issuing
informal advice ‘tickets’ on vehicles that had been parked inappropriately.

10.7 Councillor Debman reported that there had been an accident involving a bus
outside Cliff Lane School due to cars parking on the yellow zig-zag area. He felt
that parking enforcement responsibilities should be given back to the Police.

10.8 A member of the public commented that both platforms at the Derby Road train
station had been vandalised which was putting people off using the station.
PCS0 Althorpe reported that the station fell on the boundary of both the North
East and South East Safer Neighbourhood Team areas which meant that
patrols were not as frequent. However, he would take this issue back to his
Sergeant.

11. **SEAC/14/02 Area Committee Dashboard Report**

11.1 Tibbs Pinter, Assistant Operations Manager for Community Engagement,
presented the Area Committee Dashboard report. The aim of the report was to
provide key statistics to the Committee and the public about services in the
South East area.

11.2 Councillors commented that the ‘other’ information was not presented in a
particularly clear way. Mr Pinter confirmed that the report was in a development
stage and that the graphs would be clearer in colour.

11.3 Councillor also asked for further information about where cars were being sold
on the highway.

**ACTION: Mr Pinter to report back to the Area Committee.**

It was **RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted.

Reason: to ensure that the South East Area Committee and residents are kept up to
date.

12. **SEAC/14/03 South East Area Committee Action Plan**

12.1 Debbie Owen, Community Engagement Officer, presented the South East Area
Action Plan. Councillors had met in June to review the action plan and had
revised some of the objectives. Further amendments to the plan could be made
on an ongoing basis.
12.2 Ms Owen invited suggestions for open spaces and play areas that required improvements. Mr Baxter suggested that the Inspire Suffolk programme could provide volunteers to help with clearing these areas.

12.3 There was a discussion about the range of activities available for older people in the South East area.

It was RESOLVED:

That the Committee agreed the priorities set out in the Action Plan 2014/15.

Reason: Developing priorities to provide the basis of an action plan would enable the Area Committee to clearly communicate its vision and priorities for the area and would help demonstrate how its budget is being allocated to deliver the priorities set for the Area.

13. **SEAC/14/04 Expression of Interest - Home Start**

13.1 The Committee received a funding request from Homestart. The charity operated a befriending scheme for families that required support. The service was unique because trained volunteers went into the family’s home rather than the family having to go out to a children’s centre or similar.

13.2 The Committee thanked the representatives for their presentation and made the following comments:

- Self-referrals were very high. Were these families who had already tried other services?
  
  A: These were typically families that were not able or did not have the confidence to attend a children’s centre.

- Homestart had already received a £2000 grant from Ipswich Borough Council. Would there be further applications for funding in the future?
  
  A: The charity is 60% self-funded but could make further applications in the future.

- The Area Committee funding process should take into account the Community Cash Grants procedure.

- What was the demand for the service?
  
  A: Current there was a referral received every other day. This demand was currently being met.

- What was the average time that a family would be supported by Homestart?
  
  A: The average time was nine and a half months.
It was RESOLVED:

- That the South East Area Committee agrees to provide funding of £9,000 to Homestart.
- That the South East Area Committee requires a follow-up report from Homestart about the impact of the funding provided.

Reason: to support and reassure parents and families at crucial times.

14. **SEAC/14/05 Expression of Interest - Gainsborough Library**

14.1 The Committee considered a funding request from the Tops Time Group, Voices of Gainsborough Library for the provision of activities for older people.

It was RESOLVED:

That the South East Area Committee agrees to provide funding of £380 to the Tops Time Group.

Reason: to provide activities for older people in line with the priorities of the South East Area Committee.

15. **SEAC/14/06 Expression of Interest - Inside Out**

15.1 The Committee considered a funding request from Inside Out, Community Arts in Mental Health for the provision of arts activities for people living with or recovering mental ill health. These activities were free for participants with a benefits-based income.

It was RESOLVED:

That the South East Area Committee agrees to provide funding of £1,200 to the Inside Out, Community Arts in Mental Health project.

Reason: to provide an arts and well-being programme for adults living with and recovering mental health in line with the priorities of the South East Area Committee.

16. **SEAC/14/07 Financial Update**

It was RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

Reason: to provide clear and transparent details of the amount of funds available to deliver the priorities in the South East Area Committee’s action plan.
The meeting closed at 8.43 pm

Chair