

# Whiteley Parish Council

## Strategic Development and Policy Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012 at 9pm

**Parish Council Committee members present:** Mike Evans (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Roland Diffey, Pat Thew.

Parish Councillors Vivian Achwal, Hazel Croft-Phillips, Peter Inman, Sheena King, Tazmin Smith, one member of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** None.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**  
Resident Keith Slack asked when Yew Tree Drive would be opened, what is happening about primary school provision and when the next Whiteley Forum is to be held. **The Chairman advised that the Council is planning to survey residents to see if the opening of Yew Tree Drive is still wanted following the Parish Plan survey in 2008. There are plans for a new primary school early in the development of North Whiteley, the leader of the Free School campaign is re-presenting the case to the Government following its recent rejection. The date of the next North Whiteley Forum has not been set.**
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**
  - 4.1 To elect members to the committee if required **Agreed to leave as the council and committee chairmen for the time being.**
  - 4.2 To review issues concerning proposals for North Whiteley and reports to be made to the North Whiteley Development Forum **The Chairman and Cllr Diffey are meeting with North Whiteley transport consultants on 28<sup>th</sup> May.**
  - 4.3 To review issues concerning Whiteley Village redevelopment and hub/extension to Meadowside Leisure Centre **The shopping centre development is on schedule for completion next Easter. It was agreed to write to WCC Cllr Patricia Stallard regarding the landscape contract and hub issues.**
  - 4.4 To plan campaign to secure the opening of Yew Tree Drive to all vehicles **The Chairman provided background information on the campaign to open Yew Tree Drive. It was agreed to include an article in the Whiteley Voice to restart the campaign. It was also agreed to proceed with an online petition to gather views of local people on whether the road should be opened. This will be supplemented with a returnable survey form in the June edition of the Whiteley Voice.**

4.5 To review Committee Terms of Reference **Agreed that no changes were required.**

**5. To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** None.

**6. Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available** The activities of the committee during the last year have been included in the annual report for the June Whiteley Voice.

**7. Recent correspondence / reports from meetings of relevance to this committee** The PC's solicitor has advised that the licence to occupy the open spaces currently managed by the Council has expired.

Meeting closed 10pm