

Community Outlook Scrutiny Committee



Date	11 May 2006
Venue	Lowther Pavilion, Lytham
Committee members	Kiran Mulholland (Chairman) John Prestwich (Vice-Chairman) John Dolan, Richard Fulford-Brown, John Longstaff, Louis Rigby, Thomas Threlfall, Stephen Wall, Colin Walton
Other Councillors	Fabian Wilson
Officers	Christopher Kitchin, Penny Rose, Carolyn Whewell, Annie Womack
Others	Lynn Saggerson (Volunteering Centre), Karen Winckley (Ormerod Trust)

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any personal/prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct adopted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Community Outlook Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 6 February 2006 as a correct record for signature by the chairman.

3. Substitute members

No Substitute Members were reported.

4. Councillor membership for Blackpool volunteers

Lynn Saggerson of the Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde Volunteer Centre provided a detailed verbal report, which requested Member representation from Fylde Borough Council. The presentation provided Members with an insight into the Volunteering Centre and it was highlighted that the Volunteer Centre relied heavily on volunteers and that the Centre required funding to survive.

Councillors raised a number of issues and stated that they were happy to recommend that a Member represents Fylde Borough Council on the Volunteer Centre Management Committee, however the Council was not in a position to provide any funding and

recommended that the Centre makes contact with Christine Miller (Partnerships Officer) who may be able to source funding from elsewhere.

Members RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council that a Member represents Fylde Borough Council on the Volunteer Centre Management Committee.

5. The Ormerod Trust

Karen Winckley from the Ormerod Trust provided a detailed report of how Fylde Borough Council and the Ormerod Trust could develop stronger links.

Mrs Winkley provided Members with an insight into the history of the Ormerod Trust and highlighted the fact that the Trust had disabled volunteers who were out working in the community and attending college. The Ormerod Trust did not intend to seek funding from the Council but they did want to develop and work in partnership with the Council.

Following the presentation Members sought clarification on how the Ormerod Trust was funded. Mrs Winckley stated that the Ormerod Trust had to be creative when trying to seek funding and that they had to raise funding themselves by attending fun runs, car boot sales and community events.

Members RESOLVED to recommend to Council that a member represents the Fylde Borough Council on the Ormerod Trust.

6. Local Strategic Partnership Review

Penny Rose, Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Manager, provided a verbal presentation on the need for a review of the Local Strategic Partnership in response to concerns raised by some Members that they knew little about the structure of the LSP and how Members could get involved. It was proposed that the review would also address the role the Scrutiny process would play in the future monitoring of the LSP in light of a Government consultation paper on the future of Local Strategic Partnership's.

Miss Rose went on to provide an insight into Local Strategic Partnerships and stated that the Government Consultation Paper was due out in the summer.

Members raised a number of issues and sought guidance on the benefits of working with Local Strategic Partnerships.

It was noted that the Community Outlook Scrutiny Committee had the responsibility for monitoring the Local Strategic Partnership within its Terms of Reference. The Chairman added that the Committee could not effectively monitor the Local Strategic Partnership by an officer presentation; therefore a thorough review would give the committee the opportunity to examine the Local Strategic Partnership in more detail.

Following consideration it was RESOLVED to appoint a Local Strategic Partnership Task and Finish Group comprising of four Members and that all nominations be submitted to Carolyn Whewell (Overview and Scrutiny Officer) by the end of May.

7. Update on Lancashire County Council's Health Equalities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Fulford-Brown provided a detailed verbal presentation to the committee. The report was to update members of the Scrutiny Committee on the following topics covered by Lancashire County Council's Health Equalities Overview and Scrutiny Committee since his last update to the committee in October 2005.

- Reorganisation of the Primary Care Trusts and Strategic Health Authorities;
- Configuration of NHS Ambulance Trusts in England; Blackpool,
- Wyre and Fylde Hospitals NHS Trust - Temporary Ward Closures.

Members questioned whether the Committee could do anything about the future of Lytham Hospital and were informed that Fylde Primary Care Trust had launched a public consultation on the Evolution of Lytham Hospital and this consultation document would be brought before the committee in July.

The Committee RESOLVED to note the report.

8. Member representation on Outside Bodies

Carolyn Whewell (Overview and Scrutiny Officer) presented the report to the Committee which provided proposals to develop a platform / mechanism for Councillors representing the Council on outside bodies to provide feedback on the organisations activities to other Members of the Council by way of presentations at meeting of this committee.

It was also reported that the recommendations from annual reports would be presented to Full Council on 22 May 2006.

It was noted that some representation was no longer relevant and that others, such as Kirkham Open Prison, had no Council input.

The Chairman stated that any suggestions should be put forward to Carolyn Whewell, and also stated that if any Members had concerns over the representations then they could be reviewed as and when deemed necessary.

Following consideration the committee RESOLVED that Outside Bodies should be kept under review and would be subject to Scrutiny when deemed necessary or requested by Members.

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