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## LEYTON & WHIPPS CROSS (LAWC) COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Leyton and Whipps Cross (LAWC) Community Council held at George Mitchell School, Farmer Rd, Leyton, E10 on Monday July 11th 2005 at 7.30pm.

### PRESENT:

#### **Chair:**

Councillor B. Sullivan

#### **Councillors:**

Cllr B Smith  
Cllr C Robbins  
Cllr J Sullivan

Cllr M F Qureshi  
Cllr T Bhogal  
Cllr L Braham (Hatch Lane Councillor)

#### **Community Chair:**

Steve Williams

#### **Officers in Attendance:**

Claire Witney  
Emma Chaplin  
Shirley Haynes  
Bill Nisbet  
Ann Bonsor  
Natalie Keefe  
Brian Whiteley  
Clive Morton  
Maureen McDonald-Khan  
James Williams  
Anthony Lane

Community Councils Manager  
Community Councils Officer  
Community Councils Officer  
Community Safety Team  
Head of Regeneration  
WF Primary Care Trust (PCT)  
Environmental Services  
Head of Cultural Services  
Portfolio Management Services  
Ascham Homes  
Committee Manager

#### **Also Present:**

Inspector Steve Ellison  
PC Somogyz  
Sarah Cosgrove

Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)  
Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)  
Leyton Guardian

#### **Residents Present:**

There were approximately 32 residents present at the meeting.

## PART 1 - COMMUNITY FORUM

### **Item**

#### **1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Community Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Kabal Dhillon and Loretta Hodges. Cathy Deplessis (Ascham Homes) and Jane Davies (Whipps Cross Hospital) also forwarded apologies. Cllr J Sullivan sent apologies that she would be late in arriving.

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3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3b. **POST JULY 7<sup>th</sup> 2005 POLICE ACTIVITY**

Steve Williams took the opportunity to invite attendees to observe one minute's silence as a mark of respect for those who had been directly affected by the events of July 7<sup>th</sup> 2005. In the light of the atrocities, he wished to add an emergency item to the agenda and introduced Inspector Steve Ellison of the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), to advise residents of the police response to the events and the current increased levels police activity.

Inspector Ellison advised that local policing was still at optimal levels with additional resources patrolling transport nodes and important locations. Increased provision of services in central London had been drawn from non-frontline activities. He noted that one person had been reported as missing from the Borough. The Emergency Anti-Terrorism Hotline was given as:

**0800 789 321 (Free Phone)**

Calls to this line will be treated in the strictest confidence.

The discussion is summarised below:

**Cllr B Sullivan** had noted over the days subsequent to the attack that police had been paying particular attention to parked cars in the area and wondered whether this was a measure to combat the threat of car bomb attacks.

**Inspector S Ellison (ISE)** noted that cars were a potential "delivery device" and police would investigate any vehicles parked that may attract attention. He advised motorists to be aware of this fact when they parked their cars. He commented that the volume of calls around unattended packages increased dramatically since the attack, which significantly impacted on their workload as they were called upon to attend all calls, including crank calls. He noted that under the Anti Terrorist Act (2002), police now had the right to stop/search individuals they considered to be behaving suspiciously.

**Cllr C Robbins** commended the MPS and Waltham Forest for their speedy response and good work both on the day and subsequent to the attack. He noted that Waltham Forest had quickly co-ordinated two centres to care for children of residents who could not get back from the centre of town on the day. These centres are ready for operation in the future if needed and are part of the emergency plans for the area.

**Cllr B Smith** noted that Waltham Forest, since the bombings and to date, had no reported incident of "hate crime" resulting from the attacks and he noted that this highlighted the strong sense of cohesiveness in the Borough. He noted that the MPS had now obtained a bomb detection vehicle and commended the Street Wardens, who had been working very long hours to ensure that transport nodes and important locations were patrolled in support of the police activities. He went on to compliment Waltham Forest and the members of the Community Cohesion Task Group who had gathered within two hours of the attacks to draft a Statement (copies were available at the meeting), 25,000 of which were distributed to critical areas around the Borough, condemning the attacks and stating that such activities cannot and will not be tolerated.

A **resident** asked how the Safer Neighbourhoods Team would be affected by the need to supply resources to central London.

**ISE** noted that the Borough Commander George Clark would review all emergency services on Thursday. He noted that the Safer Neighbourhoods

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policing initiative was the way forward for local policing and it would be rolled out throughout the Borough.

**Cllr M Qureshi** thanked the police for their continued presence around religious institutions in the Borough during these difficult times. He said that since 7/7, there had been anxiety amongst the Muslim community fearing reprisals, despite the fact that the source of the attacks had not been determined. He echoed sentiments from leaders of the Muslim community that the vast majority of Muslims are good and law-abiding citizens. He called on the perpetrators to be caught and punished for their crimes. He objected to the often-used media term "Islamic terrorists" stating that Islam forbids such acts and that these terrorists had only the motive of chaos and destruction. He again thanked the police for their efforts and reassured residents of the full support of the Muslim community in taking all measures to apprehend these criminals and bring them to justice.

**Cllr B Smith** clarified that the Safer Neighbourhoods provision in the Borough have not been removed, but instead have been "pooled" to focus on critical locations at this time.

**S Williams** agreed that the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams patrol transport nodes in the peak hours of 7-10am and 3-7pm and were available on normal operations outside these times.

A **resident**, in reference to community calls for more police "on the beat", asked where the extra policing was before the incident.

**ISE** noted that resources had been taken temporarily from non-frontline activities (e.g. licensing) to bolster forces in the short term. These other activities were on hold for the time being. He added that overall that there had been an increase in foot police across London, however, he also pointed to the fact that after events such as 7/7 people's perceptions were often heightened. The police are always there, however, at times such as these they take a heightened profile in the minds of the public. He noted again that the emergency procedures would be reviewed on Thursday.

**Cllr L Braham** asked whether more appropriate and lighter high visibility equipment for police may be explored as with the hot weather the current uniform appeared very heavy and uncomfortable.

**ISE** replied that the high visibility equipment was necessary for health and safety and for easy recognition of MPS staff, as the normal uniform did tend to blend in with the urban landscape. He reassured the Councillor that all options had been explored in uniform selection and the jackets in question were in fact quite lightweight.

The emergency item was closed at this point.

**4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair with the following amendment:

- Cllr T Bhogal noted that he was omitted from the attendees list.

**5. COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPEND 2005/2006**

Claire Witney briefly summarised the three suggested options for this year's proposed spend from the sheet distributed on the night. The meeting then reviewed the options and made a final decision by vote.

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A **resident** questioned the meaning of “signal crimes” in Option 1 (Anti Social Behaviour) and suggested that the hanging baskets option would be too late for the season.

**Cllr B Smith** suggested that the term might be to do with the “broken window syndrome” where an area that looks unkempt, then it is a signal of deprivation in that area. Cleaning the area up can improve behaviour in the area. He cited successes in New York as an example of this.

**C Witney** advised that they would clarify the term at the next meeting. She advised also that they had been reassured that the hanging baskets would be able to be undertaken at this time of year.

**Cllr L Braham** objected to Option 2 (Street Trees) stating that the Council should be responsible for this and the CC funds could be better used elsewhere.

**C Witney** advised that with limited resources the Tree Section couldn't always replace all of the trees necessary and the CC funding merely helped in the process.

**Cllr Bhogal** was concerned that the Leyton High Road area near the Leyton Municipal Offices should also be considered in the distribution of funds for the hanging baskets, as it seemed that they were all going around Lea Bridge and the Bakers' Arms.

**S Williams** noted that baskets had been allocated to this area in the last year's budget and these had been placed in the last couple of weeks, however, the placement was somewhat more spread out than anticipated and therefore seemed quite sparse. He called for a vote on the options tabled.

The Results:

Option		Votes	Rank
1	Anti-Social Behaviour / Area Clean-Up	18	1
2	Street Trees	10	2
3	Hanging Baskets and Planters	4	3

It was agreed that the first two options be taken forward for discussion and voted on by Councillors in the Formal part of the meeting.

The item was closed at this point.

6. **THE FUTURE OF LEYTON TOWN HALL AND THE LEYTON LIBRARY**

Councillor Bob Sullivan introduced this item followed by an update presented by Maureen McDonald-Khan, Head of Portfolio Management, and Clive Morton, Head of Cultural Services, on progress with regards to the Council's proposals for the provision of services in the area and the future of this site.

**Cllr B Sullivan** noted that to date no consultation had been undertaken on the future of this site and that the views of the local community must be addressed before any decision is taken.

**Clive Morton (CM)** briefed the attending residents stating that the Council had taken the decision to dispose of the current site and move the library. They were currently in the process of exploring alternative sites in the immediate area. He emphasised that as yet no decision had been made on an alternative site and until the new facility was in place, the old centre would not be closed. He noted the need for the new library to be more accessible than the current one, offer better services and be better suited to the needs of the local community. Several prospective sites had been explored (e.g. a site near the ASDA supermarket), however all those viewed to date had both pros and cons

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for the service. He noted that before any decision is made the local community and the Community Council would be consulted on the options.

**Maureen McDonald-Khan (MMK)** noted that while the Leyton Municipal Offices (LMO) were to be vacated in September / October 2005, the library would not be relocated until a suitable alternative was found. Marketing for the site would commence later this month and interest for the site to date had already been quite strong, including suggestions of a magistrate's court and mixed-use residential/office space.

The discussion is summarised below:

A **resident** had been approached in the street some years ago on a consultation relating to the use of this site and asked what had become of that information.

**C Morton** agreed that there may have been consultation on the future use of the building, however, this consultation would reflect more on what people wish to see in a library service. The consultation will take place across the borough in the main, with local consultation in areas such as Leyton, Leytonstone and Chingford at the appropriate times.

**J Fortesque** welcomed better facilities and a more modern library, but was concerned at the potential loss of this beautiful site to parties unsympathetic to the wishes of the community.

**MMK** replied that these buildings were listed buildings and as such this did have a strong bearing on the outward appearance of the structures.

**M Bryant** asked for clarification on the regeneration in Walthamstow Town Centre, particularly with regard to the central library, which she understood was to be a new development on the current brownfields site.

**CM** replied that the Council had taken the decision not to place the library on this site, instead choosing to allocate the money to the refurbishment of the current site. He stated that, although there are problems with access at the moment, it was a beautiful building, with plenty of space and the redevelopment works would bring it back into full public use. Plans were currently being consulted upon and the result will be a beautiful building with modern facilities and full accessibility.

A **resident** was concerned about the current system of classification of books in libraries, stating that he was often unable to find the book he wanted (e.g. "sea-stories") owing to the confusing way they are grouped.

**CM** noted that staff should be able to assist in locating books if anyone was having difficulty. He offered to speak with the resident after the meeting and noted that the stock of books was central to any library service.

**G Williams** disagreed that putting a library near a supermarket (e.g. ASDA) was a good idea, asking who would go shopping and then to a library.

**CM** noted again that as yet no site had been decided, but commented that there was a train of thought that believed that libraries were well visited when located near shopping centres. There were likely to be issues with any new site and any suggestions would be most welcome.

A **resident** suggested Graylaw House.

**L Wortley** noted that the Leyton library was located at a good transport node, near the tube station and on local bus routes. He pointed out that while the Council decided to refurbish the Walthamstow library, it seemed unwilling to explore a similar option for the Leyton library site. He noted that in 2012, Leyton would be at the centre of world attention with the Olympics. He

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understood the need to maximise profits on the disposal, however, suggested leasing/renting the library site back at a peppercorn rate like the Orient football ground. He suggested extending the library site back to link with the ramped access at the rear of the building in Ruckholt Road.

**CM** agreed that the Olympic decision was pivotal and may be the catalyst for a re-think on a lot of strategies.

**MMK** noted that while the current site was very tight for such a redevelopment she would take back any suggestions as part of the consultation.

**M Grell** wanted to ensure that the library stayed within the current ward, as it was needed here and encouraged the young to read and continue to read. She had mixed feelings on the relocation, but was not opposed in principle to the ASDA site.

**CM** agreed that it was important to maintain the current locality, though this restriction in itself had presented the service with the difficulty it now faced in finding an appropriate alternative site. The new site, he noted, would be a more comfortable and relaxed environment, with better service provision and more able to engage in other activities, such as with schools, to help the young within the borough to excel.

**A Bellwood** stated that the Borough was missing an opportunity not to have a new central library, citing examples in Tower Hamlets and Peckham.

**MMK** replied that the Tower Hamlets facility was an Idea Store, with joint use for library, café and other educational activities, shared with such organisations as CLaSS. The importance difference was the partnership with private enterprise, in this case Sainsbury's. The premise here was that it was marketed as an educational facility, which is an option that is being explored.

**Cllr C Robbins** noted that Waltham Forest had opted to improve current stock of local community libraries where possible, not to centralise and make fewer, bigger libraries. There are 11 such facilities in the Borough. While there are programmes in place to refurbish such locations as Walthamstow, Leytonstone and Lea Bridge, there were no such plans for Leyton. The building itself, though very attractive, is a labyrinth of rooms at the rear and would be difficult to redevelop, which is why the Council is looking at a completely new location. However, as was noted earlier, the number of suitable sites was limited by the need to have the same locality. He noted that at the end of the programme, Waltham Forest would have 4 key libraries, but to achieve this in Leyton, it would require the use of some of the receipts from the sale of the LMO and Leyton library site.

**J Fortesque** noted that the LMO was previously the Town Hall and so had a large space inside. Therefore, he asked whether that could be redeveloped as the library.

**MMK** noted that the old Town Hall had similar access and design problems as the library and the difficulty rested with Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliance needed to give physical access to all.

**A Liddle** was also concerned about the future of the buildings and requested a preservation order to ensure that they were maintained in good order.

**MMK** replied that the site is listed and the Council had an obligation to keep it in reasonable and watertight condition. This onus would also be placed on the new owner.

**Cllr B Sullivan** noted that there was indeed consultation some years ago on this site. He was very concerned that the process of tendering seemed to be moving very quickly, starting in a month's time. He cautioned that the

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<p>community would need to be very sure of what it was they wanted to have in place of the existing site. He did not support the “flogging off” of the site for one and two bedroom flats with no provision for parking and suggested that there would be strong opposition from the local community if this should eventuate. He requested a timetable for the process and wanted to know who was in the tendering process for the site when it was available.</p> <p><b>S Williams</b> noted that within the LMO is an Assembly Hall, which was a resource in short supply in the local area at present. He commented that the Council was able to find £6 million to fund the refurbishment of the Chingford Municipal Hall (CMO) so, while he realised there were DDA issues surrounding this hall, he was sure that money could and should be found to refurbish the Town Hall and library to ensure that they complied with the legislation and were used properly.</p> <p><b>G Williams</b> agreed that residents should fight to save this hall, as in Chingford.</p> <p><b>S Williams</b> concluded the item saying that this issue should return to CC in the future when more information with regard to potential library sites and a full list of proposals for the use of the Town Hall and Library site was available.</p> <p>The item was closed at this point.</p>	<p><b>M McDonald-Khan</b></p>
<p><b>7. <u>OPEN FORUM / COMMUNITY DISCUSSION</u></b></p> <p>Residents raised issues of local concern. A summary of the discussion that followed is presented below:</p> <p><b>R Johnson</b> was very concerned, following the announcement of the successful Olympic bid, of the effects on the local area and wanted reassurance on plans to consult local residents and how they planned to mitigate the negative impact on the area.</p> <p><b>S Williams</b> agreed that the community needed to ensure that provisions are in place as part of the Olympic development programme for the entire Lower Lea Valley area.</p> <p><b>M Bryant</b> requested representation from the Olympic management team to attend and speak on the possible impact on the area and the potential for disruption in the area as a result of the programme.</p> <p><b>S Williams</b> noted that while it was very early days yet and just today an Olympic Management Committee had been established. He requested that the Committee be approached to provide information and a representative to attend a future meeting.</p> <p>A <b>resident</b> understood that Cllr C Robbins was listed as a member of the London Olympic Forum. He had tried to get information from them and had little success. He asked Cllr Robbins to respond.</p> <p><b>Cllr C Robbins</b> stated that he was not on this forum to his knowledge and would investigate the assertion and report back accordingly. He agreed that there were a great number of issues relevant to Waltham Forest surrounding the successful decision last week. He also noted that there would be great benefits, particularly for the young and for sports clubs in general.</p> <p><b>A Liddle</b> expressed disappointment at several points he raised for response not being dealt with, including the issue of the refuse bins in Coopers Lane, the pedestrian refuge for commuters near the railway station and the public toilet issue in Whipps Cross Road. He raised another concern with the lack of Clearway signs on one side of Whipps Cross Road, which created confusion for motorists and he suspected a number of unfair tickets issued. He requested that the situation be rectified as soon as possible.</p>	<p><b>CC Team / Olympic Mgmt Committee</b></p> <p><b>Cllr C Robbins</b></p> <p><b>K Weir /</b></p>

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that the situation be rectified as soon as possible.  
**S Williams** requested answers for the next meeting.  
 A **resident** requested that the CC do what they could to encourage Tesco to rectify the entrance/exit situation as soon as possible. He and others had lobbied for restrictive flaps to be placed across the driveways to limit direction of travel, with little success to date.  
**S Williams** requested that a letter be drafted on behalf of the CC to go to Tesco to see if it elicits any action.  
 A **resident** of Walnut Road asked whether it would be possible to get public transport links in the area at the back of Walnut Road on the former Oliver Road Estate, as some people had difficulty getting to the High Road and would even have trouble getting to Oliver Road to access services.  
**S Williams** requested answers on bus routes along Oliver Road as he recognised there were problems currently with connections in the area. He knew that the Leyton Pathfinder Team were currently in discussion with London Transport on such issues and requested that they report back at the next meeting with the current position.  
**B Bellwood** was unhappy that responses had not been able to be obtained in two months on issues such as the shrubs in Grove Green Road.  
**C Witney** apologised for the delay and replied that the response had arrived from Terry Finney the day after printing the agenda. She noted that Waltham Forest Direct (020 8496 3000) was available at all times and were better equipped to quickly respond to this type of enquiry. She noted that it appeared that persons unknown and not the Council had undertaken this pruning work in the Leytonstone area. At this stage, it was doubtful that ground cover would suppress weeds and the gardeners would be asked to try and control them. Once the full extent of the damage has been ascertained, the Council would look to replant bare areas and rectify the situation.  
**L Wortley** congratulated the Chair on his closing remark concerning the Leyton Town Hall site and highlighted Q.6 of the CC opinion sheet, suggesting that residents should recommend the use of the old Leyton Town Hall with an organised tour prior to the meeting. He wished to advise the meeting of the forthcoming Leytonstone Festival on every day until Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2005. He had programmes and flyers at the meeting for distribution and noted that the Leytonstone Festival Association is a voluntary non-profit organisation supporting local community, multicultural and minority groups. He suggested that it might be a worthy candidate for support from the CC in the next year's budget allocation.  
**S Cosgrove** (Leyton Guardian) following up on the bottles of urine near the Whipps Cross Road public lavatory, noted that she had investigated the situation and had reported on it in the newspaper. She had discovered that because of low usage it cost approximately £20 per use to maintain and therefore precipitated the decision to close the facility. London Buses had advised that they did put a toilet in for the use of bus drivers. She did not witness any instances of the bottles being left in the area to photograph for the article, though the CC was welcome to contact the paper if they wished to have a copy of the article.  
**R Lewis** was concerned about the number of Buy-To-Let properties appearing around her area (St Mary's Rd) and the rubbish that was sometimes left outside these premises, which attracted foxes and vermin. She asked if the Council could do something about it, like fine the owners

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**S Williams** requested a response from Street Services.

A **resident** requested a response on the time limit that Estate Agents had to display their boards, as some were leaving them up for a very long time, even after the house is sold or let, which made the area look bad.

**Cllr B Smith** noted that a new project ("Board Watch") had recently been put in place to look at this situation directly. He stated that the agents could display these boards for only 14 days after the completion of the contract, after which they were in breach of the law. He agreed that these boards made an area look messy, but there was also another important aspect to consider, that of the targeting signal it sent to burglars of the transient nature of the local residents and the likelihood that people were not aware of their neighbours' activities. There was a possibility of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) being introduced for agents who refuse to remove signs and he welcomed residents to contact their local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator or the Community Safety Unit if they had issues surrounding this.

**S Williams** added that the "Beat Sweeps" have been expanding their remit to address this issue also and would now remove them.

**Cllr B Sullivan** added that they currently removed about 70 per ward.

Before closing the Community Discussion, **Steve Williams** highlighted an initiative assisted by funding from the LAWCC, which was the "Leyton Loops" walking route maps initiative. He requested the meeting to note the display at the rear of the hall, attended by Mr David Boote, which had a supply of the leaflets featuring several walks and the many points of interest in the local area.

The item and Community Forum was closed at this point.

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## **PART 2 - FORMAL COMMITTEE**

Councillor Bob Sullivan in the Chair

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were noted as at the start of the meeting.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were declared.

**3. UPDATE ON THE LEYTON NATIONAL SCHOOLS SITE**

**Councillor B Sullivan** updated the meeting on the future of this site and the situation and progress to date. He noted that the site was currently owned by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and their original intention was to turn it into a "super" police station. However, they are yet to allocate the money for this project. The site is currently open to offers of a short-term lease (3-5 years), however, permission for planning has been denied to two proposals for a storage facility and a coach station. With the major developments in the area, such as the Olympic development, Stratford New City and the Beaumont estate redevelopment it seems that this site would be ideal for a construction-training site for young people of the area. The Council is employing consultants to investigate the possibilities and he hoped that they would come back with a

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positive response on this site. He felt that there was no time to lose with regard to making a decision and reaching an agreement with the MPS and he urged the Council to move quickly as the opportunity was too good to ignore.

A summary of the discussion that followed is presented below:

**A Bonsor** (Head of Regeneration) agreed the Olympics result was a great opportunity for this part of the Borough and that the Council was currently engaging consultants to investigate the feasibility of a construction skills training centre. This process will be completed in the next month. Sources of funding and possible sites were currently being explored, of which one potential candidate was the National Schools site.

**Cllr B Sullivan** requested an answer back for the next meeting in September.

**Cllr C Robbins** noted a small site nearby on the corner of Hainault and Leyton High Roads, which had been derelict for some time. The original application for a car yard has been unable to be continued and a further application has been denied. He suggested that this was simply delaying the situation and the issue needed to be forced. The site would fit in well with the skills centre proposal.

**L Wortley** thanked the CC for exploring this issue and noted that this part of the borough is the poorest and has the highest rates of unemployment. It was also the best placed to take advantage of the opportunities that now presented themselves. He commented that to put it anywhere else would be a mistake. He highlighted the difficulty of travelling to other parts of the borough creating problems for young local trainees getting to and from the centre if located elsewhere.

**S Williams** noted that this would be a great opportunity for other projects such as STEP (Supported Training & Employment Pathway - a building construction training project), which worked to encourage young people in deprived areas into the workforce. With a 10-20% dropout rate, which was good for such a difficult cohort, it could link up with the new skills centre to further their works. He noted that this site was ideal in that it represented a "neutral" site away from the Oliver Close and Beaumont Estates. There were currently discussions ongoing with Community Based Housing Association (CBHA) and Forest Homes to free up three void properties on these estates to enable young apprentices to develop their decorating skills and bring these properties back into use. It allowed these people to get away from their past problems and move on to a career. He welcomed any initiative in the area that offered positive results such as this.

A **resident** noted that cost need not be an issue with this project. He added that temporary structures, such as "container sites" in other parts of London, had successfully and cost-effectively provided accommodation and could be done in this case.

Another **resident** noted that the original intention was for the site to be a new police station and was concerned that the Francis Road location was inadequate to current needs, particularly in view of perceived increases in activity as a result of the Olympics.

**Cllr Sullivan** reiterated that there was no money forthcoming to date for the police station, though it was in the original 10 Year capital plan. Things could change now as a result of the Olympic decision, however, he concluded by stating that this was an opportunity for the local community to do something with this site and urged people to support the initiative.

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The item was closed at this point.

**5. FORMAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Councillors present at the meeting voted unanimously in favour of the proposals for the budget spending as highlighted in Item 5 of the Community Forum.

There was no other formal business.

**6. VENUE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was noted as taking place on *September 26th 2005 at Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road, E10 6EQ.*

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

**Chair's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_