

**COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT PANEL held at 11.00 am at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 26 OCTOBER 2005**

Present: Councillor C A Bayley – Chairman.  
Councillors E C Abrahams, A Marchant, J E Menell and M J Savage.

Officers in attendance: L Bunting, S Hayden and A Stewart.

**CA1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C M Dean.

**CA2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor E C Abrahams declared an interest in any nominations from Clavering, Councillor C A Bayley declared an interest in any nominations from Saffron Walden; Councillor A Marchant declared an interest in any nominations from Stansted; Councillor Menell declared an interest in any nominations from Littlebury and also the Primary Care Trust; Councillor Savage declared an interest in any nominations from the Ashdon Ward. Councillors would also abstain from voting as and when applications arose if the nominees were personally known to them.

Councillor Savage expressed his concern at the number of applications that had been proposed by District Councillors. This issue would be discussed later in the meeting.

**CA3 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Community Achievement Panel held on 23 November 2004 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**CA4 BUSINESS ARISING**

The Chairman referred to last year's awards ceremony and said that she considered the evening had been a success. She thanked officers for their work in achieving this.

Councillor Savage referred to the guidelines to town and parish councils and the degree of service in the community that nominees served before they were put forward for awards. After discussion, all members felt that nominees should have worked a minimum of five years service in the community before being put forward for a Community Achievement Award.

RECOMMENDED that the guidelines be updated to advise town and parish councils and voluntary sector organisations that a minimum of five

years service in the community should have been completed before being nominated for a Community Achievement Award.

## CA5 **NOMINATIONS FOR COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

The categories for the Community Achievement Award scheme remained unchanged from previous years and were as listed below:

- (a) Service to children and young people up to 18 years of age.
- (b) Service to the elderly.
- (c) Service to people with disabilities.
- (d) Service to the local community and/or the environment.
- (e) Youth initiatives – nominations for young people – (aged 15-18).

Members were aware that two nominations could be accepted in each category from every parish council and up to four from Stansted and Thaxted Parish Councils and the Town Councils of Great Dunmow and Saffron Walden. In addition, Uttlesford Volunteer Bureau was able to submit twelve nominations from which six awards could be made.

The Panel then considered the nominations as submitted.

RECOMMENDED that the following nominations be submitted to the next meeting of the Community Committee:

### **Category A – Service to Children and Young People**

Bryan and Sue Dormer – Barnston – Joint Award  
 Christopher Hancock – Hatfield Heath  
 Martin Boughtwood – The Sampfords  
 Lesley Ingham – Manuden  
 Glynis Prothero – Manuden  
 Edna Halls – Hatfield Broad Oak  
 Michael Potter – Thaxted  
 Fran Olley – Swards End  
 Jason Thompson – District Council Officer  
 Michael Turner – Saffron Walden

### **Category B – Service to the Elderly**

Philip Day – Volunteer Bureau  
 Helen Walker – Volunteer Bureau  
 Dol and Peter McGuinness - Stebbing  
 Iris Wood - Stansted  
 Audrey Start – Saffron Walden  
 Marion and Russell Green – Saffron Walden – Joint Award

### **Category C – Service to People with Disabilities**

John Rutherford – Littlebury

Both Jack and Joy Turnbull of Newport had received Community Achievement awards in previous years.

### **Category D – Service to the Local Community and the Environment**

Mary Bissett – Wimbish

Maurice Pluck – Widdington

Gillian Williamson – Littlebury

David and Janet Clayden – Leaden Roding – Joint Award

Des and Wendy Brandham – Hatfield Broad Oak – Joint Award

Ray Newton - Arkesden - This was to be a posthumous award with the consent of his family

David Wolfe – Great Dunmow

Robin Lee – The Sampfords

Andrew Cameron - Birchanger

Cyril Watts - Ugley

Eric Earl – Thaxted

Angus McDonald – Thaxted

Peter Beavan – Langley

Ronald and Christine Coultrup – Great Hallingbury

Gordon Holland – Little Hallingbury

Peter Green – Little Hallingbury

Daphne Padfield – Volunteer Bureau

Betty Gilbey – Birchanger

Glenn Miller – Ashdon

Desmond Abrahams – Clavering

It was suggested that Saffron Walden Town Council consider resubmitting the nomination for Carole Jones from Saffron Walden at a future date when she had served the community for a longer period.

Peter and June Lindsell of Widdington had received a joint Community Achievement Award in 2001/02 therefore the nomination was refused.

It was decided to decline an award for Ron Cohen of Leaden Roding as he was paid for his work.

The nomination for Michelle Arnold of Wendens Ambo was refused as she was paid for her work.

It was suggested that Farnham Parish Council consider resubmitting the nomination for Mandy Willis at a future date when she had served the community for a longer period.

After liaison with Hatfield Heath Parish Council, it was decided to decline to award Bruno Scheggia as he had received a Rural Community Award in 2003.

### **Categories E – Youth Initiatives – Nominations for Young People aged 15-18 who had contributed significantly to their local community**

Jackie Schaufield – Saffron Walden County High School

Tansy Teuten – Saffron Walden County High School

Nicole Wilson – Helena Romanes School

Members considered that it was encouraging to be presenting awards to young people for their work in the community.

#### CA5 **ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AWARDS CEREMONY**

Members discussed details for the awards ceremony, which was currently planned for 7 February 2006. Officers reported that, as in previous years, Local Agenda 21 would present the Mary Porter Environmental Awareness Award for primary schools at the beginning of the ceremony.

At past ceremonies it had been noted that people sitting at the rear of the hall could not hear very well. Councillor Menell suggested reserving the first two rows of seats, nearest the dais, for those who were hard of hearing and this was agreed. Councillor Savage suggested the use of lapel microphones. In answer to a question from the Chairman concerning the food, it was decided to arrange for a different caterer to be used this time.

#### CA6 **NOMINATIONS**

As referred to earlier in the meeting by Councillor Savage, Members questioned whether District Councillors should be discouraged from proposing nominees for awards as this could be construed as nepotism. It was considered that, although Councillors proposed nominations with the best of intentions, it was felt that, for their own protection, it would be best for them to avoid signing nomination forms.

It was therefore

**RECOMMENDED** that this issue be drawn to the attention of all Members for their own protection and a cautionary article be published in the Members' Bulletin.

The meeting ended at 12.05 pm.