

Outer North East Parish and Town Council forum

Thursday 17 October, Wetherby Town Hall
Chair: Cllr Alan Lamb

Attendance

Cllr Alan Lamb (Chair)	Wetherby Ward
Cllr Matthew Robinson	Harewood Ward
Ruth Reed	Aberford & District PC
Claire Hassell	Barwick & Scholes PC
David Thomson	Boston Spa
Nick Fawcett	Clifford PC
Glyn Robins	Collingham with Linton PC
Richard Bolton	Collingham with Linton PC
Judith Pentith	East Keswick PC
Margaret Wilkinson	Harewood PC
Kevin Sedman	Harewood PC
Paddy Procter	Scarcroft PC
Ruth Middleton	Scarcroft PC
Debbie Potter	Shadwell PC
Harry Chapman	Wetherby Town Council
Ron Aitken	Wetherby Town Council
Carole Clark	LCC
Richard Spensley	LCC
Ben Grabham	LCC
Rosie Wilks	LCC

Apologies: Derek Armitage (), Gaynor Anning (East Keswick PC), Lynda Flockton (Bardsey PC), John Woolmer (LCC) Kate James (Thorner)

1.00 Cllr Alan Lamb welcomed everyone to the meeting & introductions were made.

2.00 **Apologies** given as above.

3.00 **Minutes of last meeting** agreed as a true record

4.00 **Matters Arising**

4.01 8.11 bins in East Keswick and Collingham still not being emptied.

6.10 digital inclusion update, CC circulated a copy of the press release about West Yorkshire Superfast Broadband. Cllr Robinson urged everyone to register their interest for superfast broadband on the website
<http://www.superfastwestyorkshire.co.uk/>

Leeds Libraries have a new information mobile vehicle available with 8 laptops with

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free internet access plus a small area for confidential 1 to 1 meetings. - The vehicle will be available from Monday - Friday during 'office hours'. Libraries are currently asking partners and community groups if they would be interested in using this provision using their own staff or with support from the library service if possible. If anyone is interested, contact Carole Clark.

5.00 Area Committee Youth Fund/Breeze

- 5.01 CC provided an overview of the area committee youth activity fund, which is additional to the area committee wellbeing fund, and has been delegated to the area committees to provide activities for young people aged 8 – 17. For 2013/14 the Outer North East area committee has £20,499, which has been divided between the three wards based on the population figures for 8 – 17 year olds – Alwoodley £7439, Harewood £6899, Wetherby £6161. For 2014/15 the allocation is doubled, £40,997, which will be divided in the same way. Application forms and guidelines will be available from Monday 21 October 2013. CC will circulate. CC
- 5.02 Community and voluntary organisations, commercial organisations operating on a non-profit basis, council departments and parish councils can bid into this fund. To receive funding organisations must be registered with Breeze Culture Network <https://culturenetwork.breezeleeds.org/home> and must advertise their activity on the Breeze Leeds website <http://www.breezeleeds.org/>
- 5.03 Rosie Wilks provided an overview of Breeze Culture Network and Breeze. Note attached. If anyone is having problems registering on the Breeze Culture Network, Sarah Howells in the Breeze Leeds team can help. sarah.howells@leeds.gov.uk
- 5.04 In response to questions Rosie explained that the activities booklet circulated did not include activities in the EPOSS¹ school cluster area, and was not circulated to EPOSS schools as this cluster produced their own information. Cllr Lamb suggested inviting Rosie to attend a future meeting of the EPOSS school cluster to explore how information is produced and distributed in future years. Cllr Lamb/RW
- 5.05 Cllr Lamb asked for all Town and Parish Councils to nominate a Children and Young Persons Champion to liaise with Cllr Lamb and promote issues for young people. Cllr Lamb is the Outer North East area lead member for Children and Young People, and offered to attend any parish council meeting to discuss this further. Cllr Lamb
- 5.06 Town and parish councils can also help to identify young people who might wish to be involved in making decisions about how the funding is allocated. CC to provide a paragraph for newsletters and website. CC

6.00 Bin Collections

- 6.01 Richard Spensley and Ben Grabham attended to provide an overview of the new bin collection arrangements. The bin collection will alternate each week between green and black bins, so each bin is collected fortnightly. The new collections are being introduced in phases. Phase 1 covered 56,000 households in the south and south-

¹ EPOSS – Elmet Partnership of Schools and Services

east of Leeds. Phase 2 will extend the service to around 117,000 more households - broadly in the west, north-west and north-east of the city from mid-November 2013, this will include Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby wards.

- 6.02 Phase 1 has been running for six months and has produced a 25% increase in kerbside recycling and a 25% decrease in black bin waste. Schedules are currently being prepared for phase 2 and it should go live mid-November. Residents will be informed two weeks before and will receive an information booklet and a calendar of collection dates.
- 6.03 Crews are being put together for the new collections that have local knowledge of the area, so that they can help refine the routes. There are also a team of waste recycling advisors who promote and encourage recycling. A series of roadshows have taken place to inform the public. These advisors will go out with the bin crews on the new rounds to advise and encourage the public to recycle properly to avoid green bin waste being contaminated.

In response to questions:

- 6.04 If a bin collection is missed the new policy is that it will be collected in two working days. Crews will work in buddy groups to support each other if one crew encounters a problem.
- 6.05 There are no changes to the brown bin service, and collection days will remain the same. The last date in the year for brown bin collections is 30 November, it is not considered economically viable to offer this service in December and January. The brown bin crews provide back from black/green bin crews during inclement weather. Garden waste can still be taken to the tip. In response parishes said they would like to see the service continue into December.
- 6.07 Residents should only have one brown bin each, crews are at capacity so cannot collect additional brown bins. Residents not on the brown bin service can book a bulky waste collection.
- 6.08 Elderly persons can register for an assisted collection so they don't have to put the bins on the street. These assisted collections will be programmed into the collection schedules.
- 6.09 Routes served by a narrow track vehicle, this includes Linton, are not part of the new collection arrangements; the council will be reviewing difficult to access routes in the future.
- 6.10 Do not put shredded paper in the green bin as it clogs the machines at the recycling plant.

7.00 Environmental Issues

- 7.01 Collingham and Linton Parish Council are in discussions with LCC as they have concerns about the performance of the grounds maintenance contract.
- 7.02 Town and Parish Councils agreed that any contact with Continental Landscapes from

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the community should be in consultation with the appropriate Town or Parish council.

- 7.03 Agreed to invite a representative from Continental Landscapes, and LCC to the January meeting.
- 7.04 Litter bins – still not being emptied (see under matters arising).
- 7.05 In Clifford white bags are not being collected.
- 7.06 Scarcroft were pleased that the new bin they requested was installed quickly.

8.00 Update from Parish and Town Councils (sent by email)

8.01 Barwick and Scholes

GMI have made presentations in Scholes regarding submitting an Outline Planning Application to build 860 houses on PAS land in Scholes. There is great concern over this as the number represents 20% of the total housing requirement for the Outer NE area and will double the size of Scholes. A strategy is being developed to encourage residents to formulate valid objections to the application when it is submitted.

Scholes were awarded a 'gold' by Yorkshire in Bloom and Barwick in Elmet a 'gold' by Britain in Bloom. . This is the seventh successive year that Barwick have been awarded gold by either Yorkshire or Britain in Bloom. John Tinker from Barwick who won a Britain in Bloom community champion award.

- 8.02 This year also, Shadwell won gold and Bramham won a silver gilt in Yorkshire in Bloom large village category.

9.00 Any Other Business

- 9.01 Cllr Robinson informed the meeting of the review of area committees, and the proposals to change the name to community councils. There has been no consultation with parish councils over the review, and there are concerns that as parish councils are community councils, changing the name of area committees could cause confusion. CC was asked to feed these concerns back to LCC.

CC

10.00 Date and time of meetings 2014

23 January
3 April
3 July
16 October