



Outer East Area Committee

Halton Forum and PACT meeting (covering Halton, Colton and Whitkirk) Minutes from 16 January 2014 held at Christ Church, Halton

Present:

Cllr Mick Lyons (Chair), PC Tracy Murphy (WYP), PCSO Jonathan Day (WYP), Anthony Fretwell (resident), John Jordan (resident), Gemma Sargeant (Temple Newsam Learning Partnership Trust), Patricia Wragg (resident), Susan Petrow (resident), Tricia Wynter (Resident), Joan Boucher (Resident), Maria Thornton (Resident), Edward Fryer (Resident), Fiona Illingworth (Resident), Shelagh & John Freer (St Mary's Church), Heather Sanderson (resident), Peter Huison (Woodland & Whitkirk Neighbourhood Watch), D MacQueen (Resident) M Buaton (Resident), J McGlynn (Resident), Jenny & Mike Marshall (Halton in Bloom), Gwen Green (Resident), Margaret Oates (Resident) Audrey Linley (Resident), Barbara Ambler (Resident), Thelma Dixon (resident), Jim Stanton (LCC – Youth Service), Margaret Ward (resident), Ron Bloor (Resident) Jennifer & Kevin Gallagher (Residents), John Fardell (Resident), David Gomersall (LCC Locality Enforcement), Pete Mudge (LCC – South East Area Support Team, minutes)

Apologies:

Cllr Katherine Mitchell, Cllr Judith Cummins, Vicki Nunns (LCC Parks & Countryside), Terry Dennis (Templegate Neighbourhood Watch), Margaret Blenkhorn (resident), Colin & Denise Wilsher (residents)

1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	
1.1	Cllr Lyons welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.	
2.0	PACT meeting for Halton / Colton / Whitkirk – PC Murphy & PCSO Day	
2.1	The Neighbourhood Policing Team can be contacted on 0113 285 5335 and also via email banpt.cwt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk but in an emergency always dial 999.	
2.2	Figures from the last three months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 burglaries compared with 27 in the same period last year. • 7 thefts from motor vehicles compared with 8 in the same period last year. • 6 thefts of motor vehicles which is the same as last year. • 6 cases of criminal damage which is the same as the same period last year. • Criminal damage has been lower than in the previous quarter and this is partly due to a forensic match on a suspect. 	
2.3	Q) The area behind St Mary's Church needs monitoring for drug use as there is a lot of activity there on weekdays from 7-9pm. A) It will be monitored by the Police.	PCs
2.4	Q) How often is speeding monitored on Green Lane? A) It varies. We will try to increase the number of times monitoring is done. Interestingly most speeders caught are local residents.	PCs
2.5	Q) Annoyingly someone stole the central floral displays in Halton. Halton in Bloom will not put new ones in until summer. There is also a problem with mindless people taking plants from displays and placing them on top of litter bins. A) We should ask Leeds Watch to monitor it.	PM
2.6	Q) When children are going to school and in particular when they are leaving school, a police officer should be on hand to monitor safety and asb. Houses near Temple Newsam High School have recently had stones thrown at the windows,	

2.7	<p>bottles and rubbish dropped in the gardens, abuse of residents etc. On traffic safety in the area, one child has already been knocked down as vehicles come over the brow of the hill without regard for what's on the other side.</p> <p>A) Gemma will feed the concerns back to Temple Moor staff and the Police will look to more closely monitor the traffic and the asb in the area.</p> <p>Hotspots: Green Lane, St Mary's Church, Temple Moore High, In Bloom displays and Colton Retail Park.</p>	GS PCs
3.0 Forum Minutes from 10 October 2013		
3.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
4.0 Matters arising from those minutes		
4.1	(6.4) Fly-tipped trees in the ginnel at the rear of Whitkirk Primary School still need attention.	DG
5.0 10 minute open floor		
5.1	<p>Templegate Walk – Cllr Lyons said Highways considered introducing a yellow lining scheme but residents did not favour this. Cllr Lyons has spoken with Highways and they have confirmed they will call a meeting in the school to reconsider what can be done.</p> <p>It was reported that only about 33 cars deliver children to the school yet they lead to all the tailbacks.</p>	Cllr L / H'way
6.0 Fuel Poverty – Charles Farley (SSE)		
6.1	<p>SSE has a 12 month contract with Leeds City Council to promote and deliver eco advice in the South East wedge. (Wilmot Dixon and KeepMoat cover the other two wedges)</p> <p>6.2 Phase 1 of the Wrap Up Leeds Eco Scheme was launched in July 2013 and Phase 2 in September. The schemes provide slightly different offers however each is intended to help reduce fuel costs to residents. In the South East Wedge it is calculated 11,000 people qualify for the scheme and currently 1,000 have taken it up.</p> <p>ECO stands for Energy Company Obligations to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Home Heating Cost reduction 2) Carbon Saving Community Obligation (CSCO) 3) Carbon Emissions Reduction Obligation <p>6.3 The Green Deal finances a range of 35 energy efficiency measures including boiler replacement, cavity wall insulation, loft installation and exterior home protections for private and social housing.</p> <p>The City Council has provided funding to help people on benefits join in the scheme under the assumption that the monthly savings must be greater than the outgoings.</p> <p>Leaflets were handed out at the meeting and anyone wishing to find out more was advised to refer to the leaflets or ring 0113 395 0757.</p> <p>6.4 Q) If you have a private pension can you still qualify? A) Yes.</p> <p>6.5 Q) I have been told that using the external casing where cavity insulation is not possible has little effect and is of dubious benefit. Is that true? A) Over the last couple of years monitoring has been done on the effectiveness of this alternative. In Leeds work is underway at some homes in Beeston.</p>	

7.0	Environmental issues – David Gomersall	
7.1	Senior locality officer Dave Gomersall provided a report on the last three months: Workload included dealing with flytipping, litter, garden waste, street sweeping and dirty shop fronts. 138 requests were dealt with in addition to the 100 routine jobs undertaken by locality working.	
7.2	The Council can take action against flytippers purely from receiving a registration number and people found guilty can get up to 5 years in prison.	
7.3	Through funding from Outer East Area Committee, Locality Working now has a portable cctv camera for the Ward.	
7.4	Garden waste is not because it is overgrown but rather because it contains waste and rubbish.	
7.5	Two dogs have been treated as strays and the owners have had to pay a £50 collection fee. It is hoped they will not let their dogs stray in future.	
7.6	Rescheduling the road sweeping schedules means they are now done once every eight weeks rather than every 14. If waste is noticed on the street or incidents are reported to the Council, the roads will of course be treated as a priority within 5 days.	
7.7	The gully cleaning truck is now overseen by Locality Working and the team will welcome knowing about problems so they can be dealt with.	
7.8	Following some discussion a list of areas requiring further work was compiled: Gulley cleaning – water collects on streets at Chapel Street and Cross Gate Lane among others.	DG
7.9	David Gomersall left for an appointment.	
7.10	Litter – Field End Rd, past 38 Windmill Cottages, Barrowby Rd, opposite old Colton Institute, Selby Rd at the gardens near the shopping centre,	DG
7.11	At Birch Avenue there is litter and the street cleaning machine cannot get down.	DG
7.12	The request is to get more litter bins on Chapel Street and for the bins in front of Woodall Hill newsagent to be emptied more regularly.	DG
7.13	On a positive note, one bin has been added at Primrose Valley however the area around the entrance needs litter picking.	
7.14	Cllr Lyons said he will arrange a walkabout with the head of South East locality working to discuss the problems.	DG
8.0	Halton in Bloom – Jenny Marshall	
8.1	Jenny said that as the group is now entering its second year, members are gaining experience of what works well and what not. There are about nine active volunteers plus local businesses and councillors.	
8.2	Three shops which participated last year need some encouragement to do so again but all the rest appear very supportive.	
8.3	The floral displays at the tyre centre have proved a great success and the group is hoping to get more such displays round Halton.	
8.4	Whilst the group does not intend to enter Yorkshire in Bloom, YiB is sending a specialist to give helpful feedback to the group.	
8.5	Cllr Lyons and the audience agreed In Bloom has made great improvements to the appearance of the village.	
9.0	Youth Service - Jim Stanton	
9.1	Jim was introduced as the new officer covering the Outer East area. He said a priority area for enhancement is Halton Moor.	
9.2	Currently activities take place at East Leeds Leisure Centre (ELLC), with the youth bus at Colton Retail Park and try to work in Halton on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. There is very little take-up during the winter months however they must be meeting somewhere and youth service would welcome hearing about local	

9.3	haunts so services can be offered in those areas. Cllr Lyons said the summer programme cricket course will go ahead and Youth Service plans to run football coaching at ELLC and the intention is to open the centre for all age groups before the end of 2014.	
9.4	Q) Young children with mini scooters are causing disruption and undertaking dangerous manoeuvres. A) We're aware of this problem and are encouraging them to use ELLC or the mobile bus.	JS
9.5	Cllr Lyons said he believes reopening and widespread use of the centre is now really picking up speed.	
10.0	Any Other Business and date of next meeting	
10.1	Gemma Sargeant was invited to provide an update on the large range of projects being run by the Temple Newsam Learning Partnership. The projects include 13 after school clubs and an exciting range of activities throughout half term including a trip to the theatre, Leeds United, a dance and a film show at Temple Newsam House.	JS
10.2	Date of next meeting: 6pm, Thursday 10 th April 2014 at Christ Church.	