



Outer East Area Committee

Garforth & Swillington Forum
& PACT meeting

Meeting held 21 January 2014
at Libby's@37, Main St, Garforth

Present:

Cllr Andrea McKenna (Chair,) Sgt Steve Goodfellow (WYP), Shirley Morris (Garforth & District Crime Prevention Panel), Jacqui Smith (Chair – Swillington Parish Council), Ian Wallace (Great & Little Preston Parish Council), Keith Dunwell (Aberford Parish Council), Ed Cartwright (Swillington Parish Council), Sharon Elliott (Garforth Cluster Extended Services), Teresa White (One Stop Store Manager), Sarah Potter (One Stop Store), Eric Pepper (Garforth & District Probus), Martin Eggington (Garforth & District Lions), Ken Woodhead (Garforth & District Lions), Jacky Simpson (Garforth Flood Support), Philip Dunwell (Garforth In Bloom), Susan Ashworth (Garforth in Bloom), Ian Forster (Resident), Stuart McKenna (Swillington Resident), Shirley Raisey (resident), Glen O'Malley (Youth Service Team Leader), Simon Norman (LCC – SSE Locality), Pete Mudge (LCC - Area Support Team, minutes)

Apologies:

Cllr Mark Dobson, Cllr Tom Murray, Jane Anne Parsons (SPT Uniforms), Alison Lane (Precious Bridal)

1.0	Introductions and apologies	Action
1.1	Councillor McKenna welcomed everyone and apologies were noted. Cllr Dobson had become stuck in a traffic jam while on his way to the Forum.	
2.0	Community Safety PACT – Sgt Goodfellow	
2.1	Crime instances are 22 more than in the same period last year however, despite this setback, the Garforth area remains the lowest for crime. This impressive statistic is put down to strong partnership working.	
2.2	The Force is undergoing unprecedented change and, while details are not yet known, it is hoped the force will at least retain existing numbers of frontline staff. Sgt Goodfellow said the public would forgive police computers or cars being a year older but, if there's an emergency, they will still expect an officer to attend.	
2.3	Insp Jones is now incharge of the entire Outer East area until a newly appointed inspector takes control. Insp Jones and Sgt Goodwill are both looking to retire next year however the Garforth Station will remain and it is widely rumoured will increase in importance.	
2.4	Q) On the A642 whenever I have seen the Police doing speed checks they are always in full uniform and in full view of drivers. If they were not so apparent they may catch more people.	

	A) Will investigate this.	WYP
3.0	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	
3.1	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	
3.2	There were no matters arising which do not feature as an item in the meeting.	
4.0	Fuel Poverty – Charles Farley (SSE)	
	<p>Charles explained 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>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>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>Charles said SSE would like to do a test project in the Garforth area if a terrace of houses indicate a wish to be involved.</p> <p>Q) Can applications come from private homes and individual houses? A) Yes.</p> <p>Q) Do you do cold calling A) No we don't do any.</p>	SSE
5.0	OE Area Committee Winter Warmth – Cllr McKenna	
5.1	<p>This project came of Outer East Area Committees concerns about fuel poverty amongst the elderly. The council is developing its strategy to tackle fuel poverty and this is a local response to the issue.</p> <p>The Project will provide 1,400 winter warmth packs to vulnerable elderly people living in Outer East. The total cost of the project is £21,200 from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outer East Area Committee - £10,000 • Aire Valley Homes Area Panel Budget - £5,000 • Aire Valley Homes Service Improvement Fund - £5,000 • East North East Homes Area Panel - £1,200 	

	The budget will spent £20,800 on packs and £400 on a series of launch events where packs will be distributed and elderly residents receive advice on avoiding fuel poverty. The launch for Garforth will be at Garforth NET on Dover Street on 27 th Jan 2014.	
6.0	Garforth Neighbourhood Plan update – Pete Mudge	
6.1	<p>The most recent Garforth Neighbourhood Plan development meeting was held on 16th January and was well attended by 36 residents and 2 ward councillors. Ian Mackay and Cllr Dobson provided introductions and Ian talked through what is happening nationally and locally as well as what the group could expect to get out of a neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>The meeting was also used as a platform to set up a steering group which will look to get designation of a ‘forum’ and ‘area’ to cover the neighbourhood plan as well as the day to day running.</p> <p>15 people volunteered to be part of this steering group and agreed to meet on 6 April to discuss in detail roles and responsibilities as well as how to move forward. Jacky Simpson has already been identified as being in charge of membership details and arranging meetings and will send out invites for the next meeting shortly.</p>	JS
7.0	Locality Working Update – Simon Norman	
7.1	<p>There have been 284 requests for additional work in the Garforth & Swillington Ward in the last 3 months. This is on-top of scheduled cleaning and other routine work.</p> <p>The hot spots are Smeaton Grove, Wills Lane and Church Lane.</p> <p>There are cctv cameras in certain areas and the Council has 46 hrs to remove fly tipping but if it is hazardous it will be removed more quickly.</p> <p>The dog fouling hotspots are Lady Lane, Church Lane, Ashley Lane and Woodlands Crescent.</p> <p>6 roaming dogs have been found and the owners fined.</p> <p>Q) It was said leaves are building up on Brearlands Lane and causing risk A) Simon will take details about this after the meeting.</p>	SN
8.0	Services for Young People – Glen O’Malley and Sharon Elliott	
8.1	Glen has been appointed Youth Manager for the South East which comprises 11 wards. The Garforth Swillington and Kippax Methley wards between them have had 745 different youth activities and the highest attendance is at the Kippax Friday Night Project which has attracted over 1,000 people. At the opposite end of the spectrum, the lowest attendance is one of the mobile services which attracted 350 young people.	
8.2	<p>It is apparent the projects work well through partnerships with the police, cluster, and asb to help the most challenging young people.</p> <p>Glen said the team is assisted by the Garforth Cluster to whom we provide some funding for additional targeted activities.</p>	
8.3	Sharon explained the cluster covers all feeder primary schools and Garforth Academy. Extended Services provides specialist “family support team” work on referrals to ensure children stay at school and do not become NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training) or Social Care.	
8.4	Extended Services also does holiday programmes including 4 weeks during the	

8.5	summer and the October half term. In addition Sharon's team do activities in school to welcome new starters and give them support to settle into secondary school.	
8.6	The summer events attracted 244 participants and the October programme drew in a further 100.	
8.7	Extended Services is now based in Education House at Fusion Court, Garforth. Families of young children attending or about to attend the local cluster of schools can attend the office on Wednesday afternoons.	
8.8	Activities funded have included the football club, dance classes and old fashioned youth activities.	
8.8	Sharon left some information leaflets for people attending the meeting to hand out to anyone they thought could benefit.	
9.0	10 Minute Open Floor	
9.1	HS2 - Ed Cartwright from Swillington Parish Council spoke about the HS2 route which, if it goes ahead, will greatly affect Swillington. Ed said Swillington, Olton and Woodlesford have prepared a combined response and the hope is now that members of the public will also respond through contacting the parish council or the online information details.	EC
9.2	Garforth Christmas Lights 2013 – Martin Eggington from Garforth Lions said the official debrief has not yet been held however the event was generally seen to be a success with one or two considerations for next year's event. The Lions suggestion was to ditch fireworks if the funding could be used in a different way to assist the event. Martin said the fireworks could not be seen by a large section of the audience and they were a long way away from the event.	
9.3	The event attracted a lot more people than in previous years however the stage could do with being moved to a better location where it does not constrict the road. If traders wish to get involved it will be great and even if they could not open their shops they could jolly the street with lights in the windows.	
9.4	Cllr McKenna thanked the Lions for once again overseeing a great event. This opinion was echoed by the Police who said the event had gone well with no problems.	
9.5	Q) The burger van blocked visibility for people exiting the car park. Could the van be moved next year? A) This again was because of where the stage was put. We will ensure this problem does not reoccur at 2014's event.	ME
9.6	Town End - Q) When will the land at the top of Main Street will be opened as a car park and why has it not happened yet? A) There has been a lot of people to await responses from. Highways have confirmed the agreement and the consent is now awaited from the site owner and planning.	
10.0	AOB / Date of Next Meeting	
10.1	The next meeting will be in Swillington on a date to be confirmed dependent on room availability.	All