



Outer East Area Committee

Swarcliffe Forum & PACT meeting

held on 24 April 2014

at St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre

Present:

Cllr Debra Coupar (Chair), Cllr Pauleen Grahame, Cllr Peter Gruen, Ken Hill (Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme), Rita Grainger (SGNS), Dot Scahill (SGNS), Jeremy Lunn (LCC – Housing), Sally Kendrick (Yorkshire Housing), Kimberley Atkins (Yorkshire Transformations), Nathan Vaughn (LCC – South & South East Locality Team), Eric Vary (resident), Deeta Tren-Humphries (LCC – Youth Service) Connor Kilbride (Youth Matters Group), Chelsy Harris (YMG), PC 5951 Chris Johnson (West Yorkshire Police), PCSO 65 Shaun Wrightson (WYP), David Purdy (LCC – Compliance Team), James Nundy (LCC – South East Area Support Team, minutes)

Apologies:

Martyn Trodd (YTL), Michelle Hunton (WYP)

Item	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action																														
1.1	Cllr Coupar welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions around the room were made.																															
2.0	PACT meeting – PC Johnson and PCSO Wrightson																															
2.1	The Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) for Cross Gates and Whinmoor has relocated to the Garforth police station. The non-emergency number is still 101 but the NPT phone number for has changed to 0113 232 2015.																															
2.2	A comparison of statistics from the last six week period were given: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Issue</th> <th>2014 vs</th> <th>2013</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Burglary</td> <td>6</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attempted burglary</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary other (eg sheds)</td> <td>5</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft from Motor Vehicle</td> <td>1</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft Of Motor Vehicle</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft (non-specific)</td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft (shop)</td> <td>11</td> <td>22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft from person</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total reports</td> <td>39</td> <td>49</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Issue	2014 vs	2013	Burglary	6	5	Attempted burglary	2	2	Burglary other (eg sheds)	5	8	Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	5	Theft Of Motor Vehicle	0	1	Theft (non-specific)	2	4	Theft (shop)	11	22	Theft from person	0	2	Total reports	39	49	
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2.3	The anti-social behaviour statistics were not included in the report but in general is low.																															
2.4	<p>Issues from residents:</p> <p>Farndale MUGA (multi-use games area)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports of fighting in the gangs of youths (boys and girls aged 12+). Thought to be Swarcliffe vs Cross Gates • Young people playing golf in the MUGA on sunny days. The balls have caused damage to windows of neighbouring houses <p>Action: Police to note the intelligence and monitor. PACT priority.</p>	Police																														

	Action: Cllr Coupar will also put the MUGA back on the matrix for the Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward Tasking meetings	Cllr C
2.5	Residents reported issues of drug dealing on the estate with blatant daytime transactions. Action: Details taken for action. PACT priority Action: Jeremy Lunn to pass details of past investigations to the police	Police JL
2.6	The police were invited to attend the youth clubs held at St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre on Thursdays and Fridays, 6:30 - 8:30pm. It was noted that officers used to attend but haven't been there in the last 1½ - 2 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers accepted the offer 	Police
3.0	Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 Jan 2014 and matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	Previous minutes were agreed as accurate.	
4.0	Activities for young people in Swarcliffe – Deeta Tren-Humphries (LCC - Youth Service)	
4.1	Deeta attended and introduced Connor and Chelsy, two members of the Youth Matters Group. She then gave a report which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The team challenges ASB when known about Deeta can be contacted on 07891 271 037 with information about hotspots Youth clubs are getting high numbers of attendees, with socialising and games along with developmental work such as help with college applications, providing space to do homework / help with mock exams Ran an Easter half term programme with the cluster (John Smeaton's) and included trips and visits, input to the Youth Matters Group Chelsy tabled a collage she had made detailing activities completed 330 young people were involved in the programme Great feedback received Action: Deeta to send collage to James for inclusion with the minutes. [done]	D-TH
4.2	Connor updated the forum about the project he had been involved in to decorate a room in St Greg's Youth & Adult Centre, with help from a youth worker. The room was prepared, painted, had shelves installed and pictures hung up to provide a sanctuary for playing on games consoles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A photo album was circulated showing how the work progressed The project also helped the young people develop skills for life in painting and DIY 	
4.3	Awarding Leeds Youth Award certificates will begin again soon.	
4.4	The councillors thanked Deeta for her efforts with the local young people and for bringing a few members for the Youth Matters Group who were able to participate in the meeting. They are welcome back at future meetings.	
4.5	Sally Kendrick offered space in the Yorkshire Housing newsletter to promote any future youth activities in the area. Action: Deeta to liaise with her.	DT-H
4.6	Kimberley Atkins offered help with funding youth activities such as the t-shirt design competition and conservation project. Kimberley also kindly offered her own time to get	

	involved with the group. Action: Deeta to liaise with her.	DT-H
4.7	Action: JN to make sure Deeta has the contact details for Sally Kendrick and Kimberley Atkins [done]	JN
5.0	Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme – Ken Hill	
5.1	Ken gave an update of recent activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three lunch club session taking place every week • The fundraising sub-committee is up and running with support for IT equipment from the Outer East Area Committee • Marketing strategy is complete • Display boards are on show in the hall detailing SGNS • There are 467 people on the database • GP initiative: advertising SGNS in doctors brochures • Numbers for the escorted holiday to Llandudno are increasing. Currently at 24 	
5.2	Cllr Coupar thanked Ken for his efforts in the community.	
6.0	Housing updates	
6.1	Former Squinting Cat pub site - Cllr Gruen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pub demolished and the site has been cleared • There will be an exhibition at St Gregory's Youth & adult Centre soon showing the plans for new housing (18x 1 and 2 bed apartments) for older people 	
6.2	Whinmoor pub – Cllr Gruen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that the building has come to the end of its useful life • Earmarked for demolition • Plans to develop some affordable housing 	
6.3	Former St Gregory's Catholic School site – Cllr Gruen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The footprint of the former school has been earmarked for mixed tenure housing • Playing fields will move into the ownership of St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre 	
6.4	The councillors are keen for people with local connections to move into the new properties.	
6.5	Housing Leeds update – Jeremy Lunn Over the last 12 months in Swarcliffe and Whinmoor 144 empty properties have been re-let. This can be broken down as 55 one beds, 64 two beds and 25 three beds. The figures show that not many people move and Swarcliffe continues to be a popular place to live.	
6.6	The re-housing priorities were recorded as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band A = 54% • Band B = 14% • Band C = 32% 	
6.7	Rent arrears collection rate remains high at 97.4%	

6.8	The number of anti-social behaviour on the estate are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nine low level cases • 16 high level cases 	
6.9	Questions from the floor: How has the Bedroom Tax impacted on housing stock, and has rent arrears gone up as a consequence? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The demand for one bad properties has increased 10 fold but Housing Office staff are on hand to offer help and advice on moves, assess finances and look at DHP discretionary housing payments where needed 	
6.10	We hear about Council tenants getting 'waste in garden' letters and letters to tidy their gardens but what can be done about private and private rented accommodation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCC would write to the owner/occupier in the first instance and establish if there's a landlord • Planning acts can be brought in • LCC can't do anything about overgrown vegetation from one garden to another garden, but can take action if it is overgrowing a pavement / highway 	
6.11	[7:15pm: Cllrs Gruen and Grahame had to leave for another appointment]	
7.0	Swarcliffe PFI update	
7.1	Yorkshire Housing – Sally Kendrick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lift for the even floors at Sherburn Court is currently broken and waiting for a specialist part to be manufactured • The 'odd floor number' lift is still in operation • There are approx five breakdowns per year, all of which have been resolved within 24 hours in the past, but unfortunately this problem is a major one • Will be looking at replacement with the Lifecycle Manager 	
7.2	Action: Ken to speak with Sally regarding use of a garage for storage.	KH
7.3	RG thanked Mark (YTL) for his efforts with her queries.	
7.4	It was noted that the new scooter park at Sherburn Court is for residents' mobility scooters, not young people!	
8.0	Environmental update – Nathan Vaughn	
8.1	Nathan is your local environmental action officer and is available on 07891 279 500 / nathan.vaughn@leeds.gov.uk	
8.2	NV gave an update of recent action in the area which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'No dog fouling' signs are erected in vicinity of Penwell's, Sledmere's and Cock Beck • Lots of prosecutions ongoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fixed Penalty Notices (FPSs) for roaming dogs ○ Waste in Garden on Stanks Grove and Farndale Terrace ○ Flytip on Ashtree Grove and Stanks Way • Squinting Cat site cleared of debris • Graffiti in subway by the Ring Road cleared 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Yorkshire Probation's Community Payback Team have been involved with clean-ups in the area 	
8.3	<p>Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) next to Grimesdyke Primary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The unit is still out of action <p>Action: Cllr Coupar to take up with Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was reported that the road on the bend is at that location is in a poor condition <p>Action: James to ask Highways to inspect the bend and take appropriate action. [done]</p>	Cllr C JN
8.4	<p>Question: When does weed spraying start again?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weed spraying is taking place twice a year usually late spring and during the summer 	
8.5	<p>Residents suggested Stanks Parade needed a dog sign and litter picking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YTL to look into adding the site for litter picking into the variation contract 	
8.6	<p>Mr Vary thanked the councillors for their help addressing the issue he had outside his property.</p>	
9.0	Parking issues	
9.1	No issues.	
10.0	10 minute open floor	
10.1	No issues.	
11.0	Any other business and date of next meeting	
11.1	<p>Swarcliffe Gala – Cllr Coupar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on having another community gala on Saturday 5 July at St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre It will be Tour de France themed as that is the weekend of the Grand Depart from Leeds 	
11.2	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next Forum and PACT meeting will be set by the Outer East Area Committee but is anticipated to be in approximately three months.</p>	