

**Garforth & Swillington Forum
& PACT meeting**

Meeting held 24 April 2014
at Swillington Miners Welfare.

Present:

Cllr Andrea McKenna (Chair,) Cllr Mark Dobson, Sgt Andy Hill (WYP), K Hall (Resident), A Cahill (Resident), Krs Nenadic (Parks & Countryside), R Rowley (Resident), Jacqui Smith (Swillington Parish Council), J Woodhead (Swillington Parish Council), S McKenna (Swillington Resident), Ian Wallace (Gt & Little Preston PC), Glen O'Malley (Youth Service), Sharon Elliott, Susan Ashworth (Garforth in Bloom), Phil Dunwell (Garforth in Bloom), Karen Dunwell (Garforth in Bloom), Kevin Pease (Garforth Traders), Christine Thom (Garforth Traders), Keith Dunwell (Aberford PC), Pete Mudge (SE Area Support & minutes).

Apologies:

Cllr Tom Murray, Jane Anne Parsons (SPT Uniforms).

1.0	Introductions and apologies	Action
1.1	Councillor McKenna welcomed everyone and apologies were noted.	
2.0	Community Safety PACT – Sgt Hill	
2.1	Sgt Hill has been covering Temple Newsam and Cross Gates for several years and is now working from Garforth Police Station where all the Community Policing for the OE Area has been transferred. Insp Stuart Mason is the new inspector for the area and will work alongside Insp Chris Jones until the latter retires.	
2.2	Crime stats for the Ward were noted as being slightly below the same time last year and they remain the lowest in West Yorkshire.	
2.3	Q) Cllr Dobson said that in years gone by the Ward was on the brink of a crime-wave but the local community policing prerogative meant that in recent years Garforth has had the lowest crime figures in Leeds. Cllr Dobson says he is confident the police haven't lost sight of community needs.	
2.4	Cllr McKenna confirmed there is relief that Garforth Police station is staying open and indeed expanding in significance and the number of officers based there.	
3.0	Minutes of the Garforth Swillington Forum and any 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	Garforth Cluster – Sharon Davies	
4.1	Sharon outlined the 2014 Easter activities programme attended by 207 young people.	

5.0	10 minute open floor	
5.1	<p>Q) Charging people to get into Lotherton Hall grounds is unfair as this is not done at Temple Newsam, Roundhay, Golden Acre or others.</p> <p>A) This is because since 2010 Leeds parks have had to generate their own income to cover costs. Excluding Lotherton Hall, this is covered through pop concerts and other income generation. Last year's pop concert at Lotherton was a rave which received complaints from nearby residents and it is clear such an activity cannot be repeated. The decision to charge was not taken lightly and proposals were twice rejected by the Councils' Executive Board.</p> <p>Cllr McKenna offered to take the matter to a subsequent Area Committee and report back to the forum.</p> <p>Q) Does the income justify the charges? A) Yes, it is "holding its own."</p>	Cllr A Mck
6.0	War Memorial for Garforth – Krs Nenadic	
6.1	<p>Cllr Dosbon said there is consideration of putting a War Memorial in an exterior location in Garforth – there currently only being one in the Church.</p> <p>In addition to asking if one should be provided, the questions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where should it be sited? • is it viable? • how will it be funded - It is estimated to cost £20,000 • how should it look. • Possible locations: in front of The Gaping Goose, Brierlands and Fiddler Lane. <p>It was agreed whilst it would be pleasing to have it completed in time for the 2014 Centenary celebrations, this should not mean rushing the work.</p> <p>The chair asked for a show of hands to assess support for the project and this showed a majority in favour.</p> <p>It was agreed a working party should be established to progress the project.</p>	KN
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hot spots are Smeaton Grove, Wills Lane and Church Lane. • 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. • The dog fouling hotspots are Lady Lane, Church Lane, Ashley Lane and Woodlands Crescent. • 6 roaming dogs have been found and the owners fined. 	
7.2	<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	Garforth Traders' Group – Christine Thom	
8.1	Christine was introduced as the new chair and said the group is investigating the preferred	

	<p>way forward for shopping on Garforth Main Street and what events would assist with this. She said this year's inaugural Easter Egg Hunt had over 50 entries and could be developed in future years.</p> <p>Investigation is also underway by the group to see how electronics could be used to better promote businesses on Main Street.</p>	<p>CT</p> <p>CT</p>
9.0	Garforth Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Dobson	
9.1	<p>In principal it has been agreed that Garforth should develop a Neighbourhood Plan and the SHLAA illustrated how important this was. However, as Garforth does not have a parish council to lead the NP, it is a more difficult process to arrange and volunteers from the local community are playing a key role in developing the NP. During the two or more years whilst the plan is being developed and taken to a vote, it is hoped no significant planning applications will be considered.</p>	
10.0	Services for Young People – Glen O'Malley	
10.1	<p>Youth Service holds 6 weekly sessions in the ward with two in Garforth, 2 in Swillington and 2 at the Academy. All are linked to appropriate children. Last year 262 children linked into the services but it is hoped more will take part in the coming year.</p>	
10.2	<p>Partnerships are developing with Kippax as some Garforth children attend activities there. It is seen as a good thing that children from the two wards are sharing experiences and developing friendships.</p>	GO'M
11.0	10 Minute Open Floor	
11.1	<p>Town End – Phil Dunwell asked for an update on plans to convert Town End into a car park managed by charity groups and traders. Cllr Dobson said the scheme had not been finalised and it is fair to say that the agreement on the table is not what we want and further discussions are needed to secure something more robust.</p>	Cllr D
11.2	<p>Miami Site – Cllr Dobson said following consultation regarding developing a significant development on the Miami site, Royal Bank of Scotland is preparing a development brief. Cllr Dobson said accessing the site will be the issue and will also have an impact on Town End.</p>	Cllr D
11.3	<p>Future of Garforth Forum – Cllr McKenna explained that the Area Committees system in Leeds is undergoing change and will be renamed the Community Committee. She assured everyone that Garforth Swillington forum will continue to play an important role in the new system.</p>	Cllrs
11.3	<p>Wakefield Road – Susan Ashworth asked if the roadworks on the A642 would last for up to 8 weeks. It was feared this will gridlock Wakefield Road. Cllr Dobson said he will get that confirmed by an appropriate officer and he will ensure that the work done will not interfere with the tour de Yorkshire and will be completed as quickly as possible.</p>	Cllr D
12.0	AOB / Date of Next Meeting	
12.1	<p>The next meeting will be in Garforth on a date to be confirmed following the annual announcement of meeting dates by Area Committee.</p>	All

