

**TYERSAL COMMUNITY FORUM MINUTES**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

**Present:** Cllr Jarosz (Chair), Rebecca Boon (WNW Area Management, LCC) Paul Matthews, (Youth Service, LCC), Natasha Mort (Voluntary Action Leeds), Chris Hodgson (Parks and Countryside, LCC) Derek Wilson, Derek Crow, John Artist, K.J.Burns, D.Parkin, B.Parkin, C.Hoddell, Jamie Hanley, Neil Ruddy, D.Hellawell, E.Forster, J.Nicholson, P.C.S.O Dave Woodhouse, P.C.S.O Saimbhi (West Yorkshire Police) G.Stephenson, W Stephenson.

**ACTION**

**1.0 WELCOME**

1.1 Cllr Jarosz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2.0 APOLOGIES .**

2.1 Apologies were received from Janet Varley.

2.2 Paul (Youth Worker) apologised to the forum as the Youth Club was going to host the meeting and provide refreshments. This had not happened as his colleague Andrea Fawthrop was on leave and Paul had only just returned from sick leave.

2.3 Cllr Jarosz invited Paul to up-date the forum on recent developments. Since the last meeting a youth group has started with primary school children for 8-9 yr olds. This takes place before the main youth group meeting. A local resident stated that information about the club had not come home from school via a flyer which would have been useful for parents. Paul stated that the club had been advertised by a youth worker going into the school. Letters home will be supplied later.

2.4

- A new 1/4ly youth plan is being developed.
- A drug awareness campaign will be delivered.
- Quotes for outside lights are being sought and will be replaced in the near future.

2.5 Paul stated that some of the young people were very challenging but that progress was being made. Cllrs and the public were welcome to drop in at any time on youth club nights Mon and Wed.

**3.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

3.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

**4.0 MATTERS ARISING**

4.1	<p>Item 4.1 - Problems re Flagstones. Has their been any progress with this matter following attendance at a previous forum when Steve Monks (Highways) suggested that something should be done in order to rectify the problem and to allow the community to move on from this issue which has been ongoing for over 2 years. To enquire of Steve Monks again.</p> <p>Response from Steve Monks :</p> <p><b><i>'The delay in undertaking the work has been due to the increased demands for winter maintenance work following the bad weather. All maintenance work has been moved to dealing with that. Also the weather is not fit for flagging work. However, all things being equal, the work should start by first week of March'</i></b></p>	<b>Steve Monks.</b>
4.2	<p>Residents stated that the problems at 5, Tyersal Road are continuing. The response from the Environmental Action Team was relayed back to the forum (see below) The Forum stated that the matter was still serious and required attention.</p> <p>Response from Environmental Action team:</p> <p><b><i>'I have spoken to the daughter of the owner of the above and advised that there is an alleged rodent infestation in the grounds. She has agreed to try and clear the garden.'</i></b> Ruth Turner EHO.</p>	<b>EAT</b>
4.3	<p>To refer again.</p> <p>Overhanging branches at the top of Tyersal Walk and Road are a problem. These are from a private garden and are obstructing the highway. Problem also of garden being used to store building materials which are an eyesore.</p> <p>Referred to EAT, response is :</p> <p><b><i>I have visited 7 Tyersal Avenue and there is no problem with building waste in the garden. I have spoken to the builders on site and the little waste that was in situ will be removed at the end of the day.</i></b></p> <p><b>Andrew Mackman</b>  <b>Technical Officer</b>  <b>West Outer West</b>  19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010.</p>	Highways
4.4	<p>Over grown grass verges on Tyersal Walk are a problem. These need to be removed and tarmaced as the footpath is dangerous. To refer to Highways.</p>	Highways
5.0	<b>Update on Tyersal Park Refurbishment Scheme - Chris Hodgson</b>	
5.1	<p>Chris Hodgson from Parks and Countryside apologised to the forum for missing the last meeting. He explained that he is now covering 2 areas.</p>	
5.2	<p>Consultation has been completed on the new scheme and the results have been analysed. The design has been finalised and gone out to tender. Finance is available and the scheme will be completed before summer. The final scheme is set back from the road side. A local resident enquired whether a youth shelter would be installed but Chris replied that this had not been requested in the consultation.</p>	
5.2	<p>The tennis courts will be swept, new courts will be marked out and nets installed. There is no money to provide a five-a-side football pitch so a fresh attempt at bringing the tennis courts back into use is being tried.</p>	
5.3	<p>P&amp;C have not received any adverse reports regarding stray horses. The legal department is in correspondence with the owner of the horses regarding the responsibility of maintaining the boundary fence.</p>	

- 5.4 Chris Hodgson noticed that lights were on on the bowling pavilion when it was not in use. He will attend to this.
- 5.5 With regards to other improvements to Tyersal, Cllr Jarosz stated that there may be some Section 106 monies available in the near future.

## **6.0 Update on Community Safety. PCSOs Dave Woodhouse and Saimbhi**

- 6.1 There is a new problem of horses escaping via Tyersal Grove. These belong to a different owner than previously mentioned. The police are liaising with Bradford MDC and the owner.
- 6.2 There has been an increase in the number of burglaries in Tyersal itself – 5 in the last month. However there has been more in the Pudsey area.
- 6.3 Theft of Motor Vehicles - 1 bike and 1 car plus interference with 4 older cars. These are easier to steal and therefore increased police patrols are in operation. 'Operation Alport' is looking for suspicious activity.
- 6.4 Police patrols are organised according to activity. If local people do not report suspicious or actual problems then the police will not direct officers to the area. It is **very important** that you report anything, even if it is only a minor thing. Please call 999 for a crime in progress and 0845 60 60 60 6 if the moment has passed but you still need the police to know.
- 6.5 Bogus Callers are active in the area. These are often posing as Yorkshire Water Authority workers. 2 are operating together. Most activity is in Swinnow and Pudsey. Please be aware and always ask for ID badges.
- 6.6 Search Warrant was issued on a local establishment re the possession of stolen horse tack. A number of saddles and other items were retrieved and offered back to the public. Many were reclaimed.
- 6.7 Partner and Community Together (PACT) meeting dates to be circulated. Next meeting is on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at the Residents Club. The one following is the 7<sup>th</sup> April. The PACT meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> will co-incide with the next Community Forum. A local resident asked about the Police Forums. Cllr Jarosz stated that these had now been disbanded in favour of the PACT meetings.

## **7.0 Leeds Year of the Volunteer - Natasha Mort.**

- 7.1 Natasha introduced herself to the forum. She handed out a quiz re volunteering statistics in the UK.
- 7.2 Natasha gave the forum information on the Leeds Year of the Volunteer and the programme of events that will be delivered over the next 12 months.
- 7.3 Natasha has a data base of all the charitable and voluntary organisations operating in Leeds which local people can access if they are interested in getting involved.
- 7.4 Are you interested in volunteering, even if only for a couple of hours a week? Do you know that Leeds needs almost 4000 volunteer governors to help run schools in the city Please go to the web site: [www.leedsyearofvolunteering.org.uk](http://www.leedsyearofvolunteering.org.uk) where you can:
- Get advice, information and training details,
  - Find links to other useful sites,
  - Nominate your Volunteer of the Year
  - Access the Do-it-volunteering database.
- 7.5 Rebecca Boon informed the meeting of a Volunteer Market Place event to be held on **March 6<sup>th</sup> at Pudsey Civic Centre 10 am – 2pm**. Lots of organisations are attending to show the public what they do and also to encourage people to sign up to volunteer. All are welcome.

**7.6** A local resident enquired whether you could lose your benefits if you volunteered. The official information is that :  
You can volunteer without losing your benefits as long as you are available for an interview within 48 hrs. You may have to complete an additional form.

**8.0 A.O.B**

8.1 Gritting of the roads had not been done to a satisfactory standard. Buses had missed on 3 days because of poor roads. The resident stated that the contract should be given to Bradford MDC if Leeds CC could not do the work. Cllr Jarosz said that this was not possible but that the matter would be reported to the relevant department.

R. Boon

**9.0 Date of Next Meeting**

9.1 Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 at Tyersal Residents Social Club together with the Police.