

**TYERSAL COMMUNITY FORUM MINUTES**  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**Present:** Cllr Jarosz (Chair), Gavin Forster (WNW Area Management, LCC), Insp. Richard Cawkwell & PC Emma Davey, Derek Lawrence (LCC Youth service), T Wilson, S Ward, L Allen, H Loftus, C Metcalf, JR Artist, E Foster, E Wilson, D Crow, D Hellawell, C Hoddell, G Stephenson, W Stephenson, P Bowers, D Parkin, B Parkin, J Varley, .

**ACTION**

**1.0 WELCOME**

1.1 Cllr Jarosz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2.0 APOLOGIES**

2.1 Apologies were received from M Malton & G Campbell

**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 6.6 - The ginnel running from Tyersal Walk currently has a large amount of rubbish including over 30 cans. Also some rubbish on the crescent and the 'ten foot'. It seems that the area is not having any street cleaning provision. GF to pass all of this on to LCC Streetscene

**GF**

4.2 The ginnel running from tyersal court to tyersal road was highlighted again as an issue, GF to investigate further in light of Cllr Lewis email and reply from Ian Baker EATS

**GF**

4.3 The skip outside of 3 Tyersal road seems to be causing an obstruction

**GF**

4.4 6.7 – the rag and bone men are still casing problems in the area. Children are also taking scrap and cashing it in. this is influencing other children to do the same. Insp Cawkwell to discuss this as part of the PACT meeting.

4.5 After the recent winds there seems to be bins all over the estate. One resident complained about a gentleman walking round the estate tipping out bins and rooting through them. Police to monitor

4.6 8.0 – the park is looking better now all of the works have been completed. But the style that was in place from the car park of the club on to the park has been damaged and now means that quad bikes are accessing the park. The police asked if these actions had been reported? As ever the more issues that are reported the more chance here is that action can be taken.

## **5.0 LCC Youth Services – Derek Lawrence Youth Work Manager**

5.1 The current provision in the Tyersal area is as follows:

Monday - 11-12yr olds

Wednesday – 13-16yr olds

This will increase in the summer with the use of the mobile bus being available on site.

5.2 Currently developing a range of programmes including the likes of Leeds award and Duke of Edinburgh award. These projects include increasing the skills base of the young people and increasing confidence levels.

5.3 Also utilising the LAZER centre for the likes of climbing, motor biking, team building, using the canal barge, environmental schemes and urban arts. The Friday night project is running successfully and young people can be bussed down to this activity.

5.4 The young people have recently been successful in securing materials from B&Q and now talking to IKEA to get some furniture for the room in Tyersal.

5.5 Derek confirmed that the target group for the youth service is 13+ but can spend 20% of their time on 11-13yr olds

## **6.0 PACT meeting – Insp. Cawkwell & PC Emma Davey**

6.1 Insp. Cawkwell does try to attend all of the PACT meetings across the area but due to the time commitments its difficult. Been in post for two years now and works closely with many partner agencies to deliver a range of schemes that benefit the communities of Outer West Leeds

6.2 The current times are extremely difficult with the impending cuts to public services. Everyone is very stretched and millions of pounds worth of savings are required. The public obviously want to see police officers out in the neighbourhoods. There are currently no plans to reduce the number of uniformed police at this time. The support staff, who provide an invaluable resource, are the ones being identified as the posts which will be reduced. This is only the first year of 4 years of cuts.

6.3 The team always works hard and does its best for the community. Obviously this doesn't mean they get everything right but the intentions are always based on intelligence.

6.4 In Outer west the crime figures for the last month relative to 12 months ago show that the number of victims of crime are down. There are still issues around the levels of house burglaries and this is being addressed.

6.5 In recent weeks there have been a number of strategic level meetings that are looking to improve the situation with regards to horses both on the park n on the fields adjacent to Dick Lane. This joint working initiative should also address some of the issues around the scrappers. With the estate being in such close proximity to the Holme Wood estate it is proving a difficult to keep some of the issues from spreading to Tyersal. And couple of days of action are planned for the 3-4<sup>th</sup> March involving both Leeds and Bradford police officers

- 6.6 Question – why do people have horses that they let loose?  
 Answer – the majority of the horses are owned by travellers and they have always traditionally been seen as status symbols.
- 6.7 The police are currently investigating all of the local scrap yards to try and stop the avenues of sale for the scrap. This issue will not be solved overnight but by chipping away at it
- 6.8 Stats –  
 Burglary is a division wide issue  
 Since 11<sup>th</sup> Jan - 10 reported crimes but 6 of those were attempts only  
 Staff have been working overtime to deliver services past the usual 12am up to as late as 8am to address this issue.
- Criminal damage – only 1 smashed window
- Theft from motor vehicle - 0
- 6.9 This does not mean that crime has completely disappeared but more likely that the reporting levels have dropped. The police reiterated again that they are not psychic and need to be informed of when issues arise to allow them to react accordingly.
- 6.10 In light of the very low numbers (0) at the last PACT meeting Insp Cawkwell asked if the group would be happy to change the number of meetings and run them in accordance with the forums meetings (4 times per year). After some discussion the group felt that this was the most effective use of police time and that all of the future meetings would be inline with community forums.
- 6.11 Quad bikes – the issue is not as prevalent as it has been in the past due to the weather etc but issues were raised over the access from the car park to the park as mentioned earlier. if you do see any bikes on inappropriate sites you can contact the following:
- | GF | TO | FIND | LLC | DETAILS |
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- one of the residents confirmed that the off road bikes team had been on the estate this week. The main issue with quad and motorbikes is around the type of land that they are causing problems on, ie private or council.
- 6.12 A resident asked where Tyersal ranks currently with respect to other areas in west Leeds?  
 Insp. Cawkwell confirmed that tyersal is not currently a hot spot area and even with the burglary rates at this time the area is nowhere near as bad as the likes of Armley that is a significant hotspot at the moment. Tyersal would probably sit in the middle of a list of all of the estates in the city.

- 6.13 There seems to have been a number of early releases of criminals that have had a significant effect on crime levels in outer west. One of the main crime types that this has effected is the break in using mole grips. If you are worried about your doors being at risk from this sort of crime both Leeds City Council and WY Police recommend using CASAC to carry out a free home safety check:

[www.casac.org.uk](http://www.casac.org.uk)

0113 3805650

CASAC

233/237 Roundhay Road

Resource Centre,

Leeds

LS8 4HS

- 6.14 Sneak in burglaries also need to be kept an eye on. If you run the risk by leaving a window or door open people will take advantage. If you see anyone on the streets trying doors or looking suspicious please report it. Plain clothes officers are working in the area so you may not see them but they are around.

- 6.15 Horses in the park are being looked at with various partner agencies

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**8.0 A.O.B**

- 8.1 The issue raised that the February meeting regarding the resurfacing of the paths still seems to be an issue. GF to request an update.

Update 25/11/10

In terms of planned maintenance, the Tyersals are assessed each year along with the rest of the ward, and maintenance priority is decided on the basis of comparative overall condition. Consequently, Tyersal Crescent, Close, Park and Avenue were refurbished in the 2006 to 2008 programmes. Tyersal Walk is in this year's (2010/11) programme, and the work should now have been completed.

Tyersal Drive has been identified as needing maintenance works, but has not yet achieved high enough priority to have been included in the planned maintenance programme, but it will continue to be considered for inclusion in future.

Hope this helps, but if you need any further assistance please give me a call.

Regards

Assistant Engineer  
Highways Services

- 8.2 Discussions were had about the dramatic change to the centre of Pudsey in light of the bus station works.

- 8.3 Thanks were passed to the school for a very successful quiz night

- 8.4 Concerns were raised about the footpath improvements happening on various bits of the estate but not Tyersal Drive. GF to talk to highways.  
Update – see 8.1

## **9.0 Date of Next Meeting**

- 9.1 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011 7.30 at Tyersal Residents Social Club together with the Police. Minutes of this meeting to go out before Christmas**

## **10.0 Police PACT meeting – PCSO Dave Woodhouse**

### 10.1 Statistics

In the last month there have been –

- 1 Burglary and 1 attempted burglary both on the same day so suspected that it was the same perpetrator
- 1 theft from motor vehicle
- Seems to be a constant stream of horse and carts taking items away

- 10.2 There was an issue with a party that overflowed in to the street but no repeat reports since.

- 10.3 There have been 4 phone calls about the horses but as mentioned previously this is a fencing issue. Also reports of 2 donkeys walking down the street in recent weeks.

- 10.4 Only 1 recent call about quad bikes but everyone should be aware of the bike line and all incidents should be reported through the non-emergency line 0845 60 60 60
- 10.5 Looking to develop a traffic initiative to look at the level of speeding cars on the estate. More updates to follow.
- 11.0 Date of the next PACT meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 Tyersal social club

## Appendix 1

### ARE YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S TREES OR HEDGES AFFECTING YOU?

Trees and hedges are usually viewed as environmental assets, useful to and appreciated by many people - but occasionally they can become a source of tension and disagreement between neighbours. The Council cannot currently adjudicate in disputes about trees between neighbours, but it does have a duty to respond to an application to carry out works to trees protected by legislation.

#### *Common Law On Trees*

The position in common law is that you may prune unprotected trees and hedges overhanging your land and the roots growing under your land up to the boundary, without the consent of the owner, but you must not trespass on to your neighbour's land to do this. In addition you must offer to return the timber and any fruit attached or which has fallen on to your land. (This doesn't mean dumping prunings in your neighbour's garden!) Remember you may be liable for criminal damage if any work you do - or ask others to do for you - causes the tree to die or become dangerous.

If you believe that your property may be suffering direct or indirect damage by tree roots, then you are best advised to consult an arboricultural consultant or a building surveyor. There will usually be evidence of damage such as deformation or cracking of walls, uneven surface levels or blocked drains. If this is the case, you should notify your building insurer, who may initiate further investigations and negotiate with your neighbour and their insurer. A guidance note on subsidence and trees is available from the Development Enquiry Centre.

You cannot compel a neighbouring landowner to manage their trees unless you bring forward and win a civil action, which may well be very costly. The Council has no powers to intervene. You can consult a solicitor to see if you have proper grounds to proceed with this – however, one person's nuisance will often be another person's amenity. As disputes between neighbours can develop into an emotionally charged experience, it is best to try to resolve such situations amicably, before it becomes out of hand. This can be done by explaining to the tree owner, either in conversation or by letter, how your living conditions are being adversely affected, how this is influencing your enjoyment of life, and hopefully thereby reaching agreement to carry out hedge / tree work that is mutually acceptable. Keep a record of your correspondence or discussions, as future evidence in case things go wrong. Mediation services are sometimes available – consult the Citizen's Advice Bureau for information, (tel 0870 120 2450)

#### *Protected Trees*

If your neighbour's tree is "protected", you will need the prior consent of the Council - if you proceed without this, you may be liable to prosecution. Protected trees include trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order, standing in a Conservation Area or affected by a planning condition or planning legal agreement. To find out if a tree is protected or to request a protected tree works application form, see details below., contact the Development Enquiry Centre using the details below or submit an online tree check, [www.leeds.gov.uk/treecheck](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/treecheck). An application for tree work does not have to be made by the owner - there is nothing to stop a neighbour offering to prune trees on his or her neighbour's land by prior agreement; this may or may not include an arrangement for sharing the cost. If the tree is council-owned, e.g. in a park or on a highway verge, contact the Forestry team, telephone (0113) 237 5221.

If it's on housing land, contact the local area housing office.

#### **Nuisance High Hedge Legislation (large conifer hedges e.g. "Leylandii" etc. )**

The Government has supported introduction of legislation on excessively high hedges, via the Anti- Social Behaviour Bill, which received parliamentary assent in November 2003. The regulations for this become operative on 1 June 2005. A separate guidance note "New legislation on High Nuisance Hedges" and a government leaflet "Over the garden hedge" is available from the Development Enquiry Centre, contact details below.

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