

Pudsey & Swinnow Forum

Date: 18th January 2011

Chair: Councillor Jarosz

Present: Cllr Lewis, Cllr Jarosz, Nigel Conder (Town Centre Manager), Gavin Forster (Area Management), Sgt Williamson, PCSO's Ward, Godding and Wilkins (West Yorkshire Police), Glen Maude (LCC Streetscene) Audrey Prince, Mavis Gregory, John Rider, Carole Mayers, Barbara Young, Becky Gunn (HLNL), Rev. Paul Ayers,.

1.0 Welcome & Apologies

Action

1.1 Cllr Jarosz welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from J Prince.

2.0 Minutes & Matters Arising

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

2.2 2.4 – Area Committee approved £5,000 to fund this project along with match funding from Town & District Centre and Local transport planning. The hope is that the works will be starting on site by the end of the financial year.

2.3 4.1 – at the last meeting it was discussed that the proposal was to make Lidget Hill car park 2hrs short stay. After further consultation with traders etc the proposal that has gone to Highways board is to change Robin Lane car park to 2hrs instead of Lidget hill. this will be enforceable from the end of January.

2.4 4.5 – a proposal is being taken to Highways board to create 3 x 5hr spaces to accommodate the needs of the allotment holders.

2.5 4.6 – the notes should read Chaucer Avenue rather than road. The highways team are implementing a speed reading on the Avenue and the results of this to come to a future meeting.

2.6 5.1 – the changing facilities are proposed to now be included within the leisure centre as part of a larger disabled toilet facility.

2.7 5.2 – Works have begun onsite at Swinnow Moor

- 2.8 6.1 – the Christmas light switch on went well and was well attended
- 2.9 6.2 – Area Committee advised that at this time the cost implications of doing this work would be too high and the current railings would be adequate for the foreseeable future
- 2.10 6.4 – the issue of the banners has been looked at by the EATs team and it is not seen as a current issue. Food safety have advised that Bargain City are currently operating within the law.
- 2.11 Questions were raised about the following –
- The lighting in the community centre at Swinnow was still not working – GF to investigate
 - The coop car park lighting was raised again as a problem
 - The zebra crossing opposite Crawshaw School is on the brow of a hill and could cause some problems in the long term
 - The new timings of the lights outside Sainsbury's are only a little different but having significant impacts on the traffic flow.

3.0 Police update

- 3.1 There are PCSO representatives from both Pudsey and Swinnow.
- 3.2 Good news stories:
Warrant issued this morning today for a property that had 145 cannabis plants. 3 further warrants in the west Leeds area tonight.
- 3.3 Arrests for priority crime – 1 this week involving a family finding a perpetrator in their kitchen and being chased across Pudsey by PCSO Ward.
- 3.4 Inspector Cawkwell's Monthly Message January 2011.

First of all I would like to wish all the residents of the West Outer area a happy and hopefully prosperous new year. This doesn't apply to the criminal fraternity as your prosperity would not doubt be to the detriment of a law abiding member of the public !

This year sees your local policing team focussing once more on getting the basics right. My team will patrol the right areas at the right times, these are the locations where we experience anti social behaviour, burglary, car crime and criminal damage. My team will stop criminals and where the grounds exist will search them. I make no apologies here my aim is to disrupt, dismantle and thoroughly interfere in the way the criminal fraternity conduct their lives.

My staff will also be involved in protecting the vulnerable and ensuring that we recognise when people need the extra help and support from our partnership colleagues.

The current statistics about crime in the West Outer area are as follows, these are total numbers from the 1st April 2010, the crime "year" runs from 1/4/10 till 31/3/11.

Theft of motor vehicles - 87 - this is 33 fewer than at this time last year
Theft from motor vehicles - 505 - this is 11 more than at this time last year

Burglary dwelling - 566 - this is 44 fewer than this time last year

Burglary other (such as sheds, garages, shops etc) - 450 - this is 5 more than this time last year

Criminal damage - 678 - this is 145 fewer than this time last year.

When a multitude of crime types are added together there are 132 fewer victims of crime than at this time last year.

I will continue to provide you with monthly updates about crime.

Inspector Richard Cawkwell.

3.5 Cllr Jarosz again re-enforced the message that every time you report a crime it will be logged and will add to an evidence base to reduce crime in the long term. One report will rarely lead to a conviction but every report will be logged and help the police build a case so you must report anything you think could be useful.

3.6 Cllr Jarosz also confirmed that Leeds City Council have continued to support the Police by continuing to fund the PCSO's across the city. Thanks were given to all of the PCSO's in the area as they play a significant role out in the community. All of the officers in attendance were very appreciative of this support and agreed that it would be a considerable benefit to the communities of Leeds to keep the posts.

3.7 Questions:

- St Lawrence house roof – the lead is being stolen
 - The police confirmed that this was the case but currently there are no suspects. It seems to be an increasing problem in Outer West Leeds of late but due to the timing of the thefts its difficult to get evidence.
 - There are ongoing developments with the setting up of a Metal Watch scheme that involves police, partner agencies and private companies to try and address the issue.
 - There was recently a day of action to check the local scrap yards was successful.
- Some questions were raised regarding the ownership of St Lawrence house and it belonging to 'the people of Pudsey'. Further investigation will be required.

4.0 Town Centre Manager – Nigel Conder

4.1 The Christmas event went well and was well attended. Titan the robot was great.

4.2 The proposal to improve the barriers on the main cross roads has unfortunately been put on hold due to the cost.

4.3 There is going to be a big push to improve footfall in the coming months. The recent Christmas market was a success and the planned chocolate market will hopefully be as much of a success. Developments are

underway to get additional specialist events taking place in the coming months.

- 4.4 The likes of the teddy bears picnic and other regular events are planned and will hopefully be as well attended as previous years.
- 4.5 This weekend there was some significant damage to the windows of a number of shops in the area. Police are aware of the issues and will continue to monitor the situation. Wetherspoons (the old black bull) will be opening on the 23rd January, so again this will have to be monitored.
- 4.6 There are currently 73 businesses involved in the scheme and hoping to increase this further. The full list of businesses is attached to the minutes. Nigel confirmed that the shop local scheme will be running for an additional 12 months .
- 4.7 The Pudsey times is currently very busy but attempts are being made to increase the coverage of local events. NC to push for some good news stories in the coming months.
- 4.8 Rev. Paul Ayers complimented the attendance of the Christmas event. But highlighted that now the event is taking place at the back of the leisure centre people seem to be less inclined to watch the parade coming down as they have done in the past. Obviously this was not helped this year round due to the weather being extremely foggy. This issue to be discussed in more detail with NC

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5.0 Swinnow Health Development worker – Becky Gunn

- 5.1 Becky gave an overview of her new role in the Swinnow area. This is to work with local groups and individuals to engage more effectively with the ongoing activities and create a more cohesive community around the health agenda.
- 5.2 There is a perception that there are not many activities going on in the area. After discussions with partners there is a significant amount of activities happening in the surrounding areas but there is some work needed to promote them.
- 5.3 There is currently a mapping exercise being undertaken to confirm all of the current services to make sure any new provision is appropriate.
- 5.4 The police raised the question about the mobile youth bus not being seen in the area. (after the meeting GF confirmed that the reason behind this was that the provision for that area is being delivered out of the centre rather than as a mobile provision)
- 5.5 Questions were asked regarding the play area and would it be having CCTV to reduce the chances of ASB? GF confirmed that due tot eh ongoing financial implications there are no plans to install any CCTV at this site. Obviously the site will be watched and maintained by LCC Parks & Countryside once all of the works have been completed.
- 5.6 A request was made for LCC Youth Service to be at the next meeting to

confirm the current activities that are ongoing in the locality.

6.0 Streetscene – Glenn Maude

6.1 Glenn gave an overview of the reasons why there have been the ongoing discussions with unions etc regarding the waste collection services.

6.2 Before 24th October there were 52 routes across the city (black and green) the restructure initially reduced this number to 41 but subsequently 2 have been reinstated. The loss of the 9 routes has led to a significant financial saving. Each route saves in the region of £200,000 per route per year. Today is the start of the performance related pay scheme that will mean that an amount of bonus will be withheld if the service being delivered is not up to standard. The number of bins per route have now increased to around 1700 bins per day. Monitoring systems are now in place to track the lorries etc to make sure the most effective routes are being utilised.

6.3 Street operators have moved from a 5 day rota to a 4/3 shift pattern but still working 36 hours / week in total. This means that the service should be more effective at handling weekend problems.

6.4 Waste management are currently on a 3 week rota system but should also be moving to a 4/3 shift pattern.

6.5 The two teams that have covered Pudsey in the past are still in the area but the way that they work has changed. The area as a whole is now covered as part of 'zonal blitzing' that means teams work together to do all of the work that is needed in a specific area rather than on a weekly basis.

6.6 There have been some issues over the green bins service due to the size of the lorries being smaller and where they have to drop off. The black bin drop off points are significantly closer than the green bin one so this leads to delays in some of the pick ups. These issues are being looked at in detail at this point.

6.7 Glenn highlighted the problem with shredded paper. At this time Leeds can't recycle shredded paper in the same way as it causes problems with the recycling machines. So all residents are reminded that shredded paper should be taken to the blue drop off points or put in to your compost bins.

7.0 AOB

7.1 Reduction of the facilities at Pudsey Leisure centre

- Residents raised concerns over the loss of the café/bar and crèche in recent months. Councillors confirmed that this was a shame but due to the low numbers using the services this was an inevitability in the current financial climate.

7.2 Rev. Paul Ayers updated the group on the success of the Remembrance day service with good numbers attending. There is the Good Friday

event planned as it has been in the past. Please contact Paul for further details.

- 7.3 Pudsey Civic society updated the group on the work they have been planning with Southroyd primary school and them visiting Pudsey town hall. Followed by a discussion around school's teaching of what local councillors do and how they link to the working of the community.

8.0 Time and Date of Next Meeting

8.1 TBC

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Shops Participating in Reward Card Scheme

Trading Name	Street
Lighter Life	Booths Yard
Diva Italiana	Booths Yard
Watch Repairs Leeds	Booths Yard
Hidden Heaven Spa	Booths Yard
Greetings	Church Lane
Church Lane Pharmacy	Church Lane
Cooplunds	Church Lane
Card Box	Church Lane
Lady Cares	Church Lane
Kayes Solicitors	Church Lane
Sharps Petworld	Clifton Hill
Factory Outlet	Crawshaw Hill
Ivy	Galloway Lane
Nino Ristorante	Galloway Lane
B. Whitely Farm Shop & Nursery	Houghside Road
PH7	Lidget Hill
Red	Lidget Hill
Gigis	Lidget Hill
A.P. Sparrow Ltd	Lidget Hill
Lidget Hill Stationers	Lidget Hill
Specsavers	Lidget Hill
Deans	Lidget Hill
Robert Lyn Hairdressing	Lidget Hill
Robert Lyn Fashions	Lidget Hill
The Hearing Room	Lidget Hill
Lady Zone Pudsey	Lidget Hill
Pudsey DIY Store	Lidget Hill
Thomson Travel	Lidget Hill
Pudsey Flower	Lowtown
The Food Emporium	Lowtown
Stanza Blinds	Lowtown
Ian Bell Opticians	Lowtown
Express Shoe Repairs	Lowtown
Pudsey Carpet Centre	Lowtown
The Ironing Room	Lowtown
Frank Eshelby Butchers	Lowtown
Lady Grande	Lowtown

Olde Tea Rooms	Lowtown
Hanson Travel	Lowtown
Shaws Jewellers	Lowtown
Brenda's Sandwich Bar	Lowtown
Lite Bites	Lowtown
Koola Shaker	Lowtown
Something Fruity	Lowtown
Splash	Lowtown
Sweet Memories	Lowtown
Pudsey Lowtown Stores	Lowtown
Mr Sandwich	Lowtown
Lyndsey Richards Hairdressers	Lowtown
Cee Dees	Lowtown
The Local	Market Place
Pudsey Computers	Market Place
Vac Shack	Market Place
Jayne's Flowers	Pudsey Market
Shepheards Fruit & Veg	Pudsey Market
Sweets-4-All	Pudsey Market
Simon Books	Pudsey Market
Pudsey Computer Services	Richardshaw Lane
Vanity Fayre	Richardshaw Lane
Mutz and Moggies	Richardshaw Lane
Manor Fish Bar	Robin Lane
Nail & Beauty Shop	Robin Lane
Hair at Nail & Beauty Shop	Robin Lane
Blueberry Bakery	Robin Lane
Chic Boutique	Robin Lane
Tomlinsons Farm Shop	Roker Lane
Bentley's Butchers	Town Street
Over The Rainbow Fancy Dress	Valley Road
Cut Above	Waterloo Road