

TYERSAL COMMUNITY FORUM MINUTES
Wednesday 25th May 2011

Present: Cllr Jarosz (Chair), Sam Woodhead (WNWAMT), MP Stuart Andrew, Violet Joyce, Margaret Knowlton, Eddie Foster, Irene Warren, Victor Warren, G Stephenson, D Crow, C Metcalf, P Bowers, Catherine Barnes, Neil Ruddy, Christine Metcalfe, Alex Metcalfe, Robert Stevenson, J Artist, Paul Matthews, Angela Capper, Kaine Stokoe, Jessica Watson, Charles Griffin, Ashlea Barnes, Craig Kennedy, Barbara Crawshaw, Irene Punt.

ACTION

1.0 Welcome

1.1 Cllr Jarosz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 Apologies

George Campbell, Derek Wilson, Caroline Holden.

3.0 Minutes of the last meeting

3.1 The minutes were agreed as a true record.

4.0 Matters Arising

4.1 It was agreed by the Chair to move the Youth Service higher up the agenda than scheduled as several youth representatives were present at the meeting, and to address matters arising later.

4.2 Cllr Jarosz informed the meeting that Stuart Byrne will be facilitating the meeting in future and will be working with her prior to each forum.

4.3 The issue of horses and quad bikes from behind the club gaining access through the fence was discussed.

4.4 Tyersal Walk ginnel has been cleared of rubbish. A resident reported rubbish at the back of no3 Tyersal Road – Sam Woodhead to refer this to EAT. Sam to also see if Tyersal Walk and Tyersal Court ginnels can be referred to the ginnels team and put on the regular cleanup schedule.

4.5 Stuart Byrne has contacted the post office who are unfortunately not prepared to change the postcode as they see it purely as a means of sorting post. However, this issue will be picked up by MP Stuart Andrew.

4.6 Sam reported that the street light on Tyersal Walk has been detailed for work required. Tyersal Court has been checked and no lights were reported as being out of action.

4.7 There are no plans at present to discontinue the services of any school crossing Patrol Wardens. A count of cars will take place on Tyersal Road in the near future to see if the site justifies a Patrol Warden.

4.8 The traffic lights on Arkwright Street are now facing the correct way.

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5.0 Youth Services

- 5.1 Tony Edwards introduced himself to the meeting. Tony had invited a group of young people to the forum to meet the community and discuss the successes and challenges of the youth base. A couple of young people addressed the meeting and spoke about their work at the base, specifically the fact that they are applying for funding to decorate the room. In addition, the young people did state that they had taken part in a club car park cleanup recently.
- The young people asked why over 14s were not allowed on the car park. Parks & Countryside answered the question by saying that it is a Leeds City Council by-law. Tony informed the meeting that the Youth Service is committed to the youth base at Tyersal, and in addition he stated that he hoped young people could continue to have a voice at the forum.
- 5.2 Tony stated that the Youth Service does work with children who are a little harder to reach and who may have been involved in ASB. Finally, Tony said that the Youth Service can now offer 1:1 work with young people who may find themselves involved in ASB or other criminal activity. This work is currently at the pilot stage but it is hoped to be conducted citywide.
- 5.3 A member of the audience asked if the Youth Service could promote the services they offer. Tony said that the Youth Service are now putting more staff into schools who will signpost young people to the services they offer. In addition, Tony made the audience aware of the Breeze website and notice board in the club.
- 5.4 The question was raised as to why the younger age group work club had finished. Tony confirmed that the very young people who attended should not actually have done so, as the Youth Service can only work with young people who are over 11 years of age.
- 5.5 A member of the youth group suggested getting a leaflet together which could be distributed in local schools. Tony agreed to organise this leaflet.

6.0 Neighbourhood Policing Update

- 6.1 Inspector Cawkwell introduced himself to the meeting and stated that West Yorkshire Police will continue to provide the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Richard spoke of his pride in the team and stated that the cuts the Police will need to make will not affect the frontline service.
- 6.2 Richard said that he is working closely with partners in preventative work with young people to try diverting their actions to positive use.
- 6.3 Public confidence in the Police is currently running at 52%. Richard informed the meeting that the NPT have secured funding through the Outer West Area Committee to target harden vulnerable people's homes. As a result of this, residents of Tyersal Road who have vulnerable locks have been visited by the Police to see if they would like a stronger lock fitted in order to deter burglars. This initiative came as the result of Tyersal Road being identified as the most burgled street in Leeds 28.
- 6.4 Richard also spoke about loose horses in Tyersal. The perimeter of the farm has had fencing erected, though there is a small gap in the fence near the play area which can be regarded as a work in progress.
- 6.5 A resident raised the issue of the number of horses and carts on the road carrying scrap metal. Richard reported that Outer West NPT are working in

conjunction with Bradford South NPT to focus on local individuals who are not in possession of a licence for their vehicles to carry scrap. In addition, Richard highlighted the joint action between Leeds and Bradford Police recently, which resulted in several arrests of the travelling community. This approach is planned again for June / July this year.

6.6 A resident enquired about young people riding horses and carts during school hours. Richard said that a large number of travelling children do not attend school - an issue over which the Police have no control. However, if they were seen to be riding the carts in an irresponsible manner then they would be spoken to.

6.7 A member of the forum asked if patrols were still being conducted at night, and Richard confirmed that both the Leeds and Bradford NPTs continue to do this.

6.8 The issue of an increased number of quad bikes around the park area was raised. Richard confirmed that if they are seen on grassland or similar area they should not be then Police ought to be contacted on 0845 6060606. In addition, a message can be sent to the Off-road Bike Team to request them to patrol the area. Richard encouraged as many people as possible to report these bikes should they see them, as many of them are without insurance and tax and so prosecutions can be made on them. The community were advised to make a note of the registration number of any nuisance bike and to get a description of the person riding it.

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6.9 PCSO Mike Wilkins gave an update on local issues. Mike said that Tyersal Avenue and Terrace had been mentioned as hotspot areas, though he queried whether the whole area was experiencing problems, which the forum confirmed.

6.10 Regarding horses and carts, Mike said that if carts are found with property that may have been stolen from gardens then Police can take action. Richard stated that if anyone is seen interfering with drain covers or stealing items from gardens then they should dial 999. Mike to also request that CASAC change the locks on 18 Tyersal Close.

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7.0 Parks & Countryside

7.1 Chris Hodgson introduced himself and welcomed the forum to refer any queries to him.

7.2 Chris reported that the new playground in Tyersal has not been vandalised yet, which would indicate that it is a valued facility.

7.3 In the autumn the Parks & Countryside department plan to return to knead and level the mound of earth in the park.

7.4 Chris mentioned that he will try to resolve the issue of the gap in the fence near the play park.

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7.5 A member of the forum asked whether a sign could be put up in the park stating "No Horses Allowed" as people do sometimes bring them in: Chris agreed to look into this. Chris stated that, now the horses have stopped coming onto the football pitches, Parks & Countryside are going to publish the fact that they are available for use by football teams.

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7.6 An issue raised was the trees at the bottom of the park with branches obstructing the path: one resident queried if they were rotten. Chris agreed to arrange an inspection.

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7.7 Another resident said what a pleasure it is to see the park being in use.

7.8 Another query raised was whether the lights in the park can be turned off at night. Chris confirmed that they will be switched off during night time hours.

7.9 Another issue raised was grass cutting on the Tyersal Road roundabout. Chris reported that Glendales are responsible for this land and that bulbs should not be cut too early, in which case Parks & Countryside will cut them down. Daffodils etc will be cut in the first week of June.

8.0 Stuart Andrew MP

8.1 Stuart introduced himself to the meeting and thanked Cllr Jarosz for inviting him.

8.2 Stuart acknowledged that Tyersal residents often feel isolated from the rest of Leeds.

8.3 Stuart invited questions from the forum beyond the laws on horses and carts and travelling children being in school, which can be picked up with the Home Office Of Justice. **SA**

8.4 A query was raised about the issue of postcodes – i.e. Bradford postcode – and the fact that residents pay approximately 30% more insurance because of the Bradford postcode and house prices are around 30% lower compared to Leeds. Stuart informed the meeting that he has written to the Chief Executive of Royal Mail to find out what criteria there is for changing a postcode. **SA**

8.5 The issue of CASAC fitting locks around Pudsey at the cost of £50.00 cheaper than in Tyersal was also raised. Stuart agreed to raise this with Insp. Cawkwell of Pudsey NPT. **SA**

8.6 Stuart also agreed to speak with the Job Centre to remind them that Tyersal is part of Leeds. **SA**

9.0 AOB

9.1 No other business was discussed. Police distributed current crime figures during the meeting.

The next meeting is Wednesday 21st September, 7.30pm at Tyersal Social Club

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Insurance

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Test Certificate

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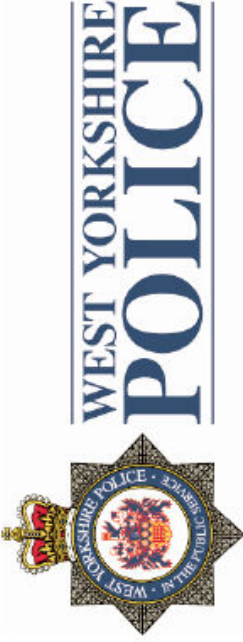
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