

Minutes of meeting
26th September 2011
12.30pm Guiseley Methodist Church

Present

Cllr Anderson (Chair) – Adel & Wharfedale Member
Cllr Campbell – Otley & Yeadon Ward Member (part)
Cllr Cleasby – Horsforth Ward Member
Cllr G Latty – Guiseley & Rawdon Ward Member
Cllr Wadsworth – Guiseley & Rawdon Ward Member
Jane Maxwell – WNW Area Management
Jason Singh – Locality Manager Environment & Neighbourhoods
Jane Pattison – WNW Area Management
David Comrie – WNW Homes
Gerry Burnham – WNW Area Management

Apologies:

1.0 Introductions and apologies

- 1.1 Cllr Anderson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and introductions were made.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Wyn Davies, Paul Hurrell and Phil Staniforth.

2.0 Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

- 2.1 Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record and there were no matters arising.

3.0 Delegation of Environmental Services Update

- 3.1 Jason Singh provided an update on the delegation of Environmental Services and fed back on previous requests made by Members. The following key points were raised:
- 3.2 JS confirmed that the service cannot realistically offer to clean **all** streets and therefore will not clean those streets that are deemed clean as part of the SLA agreement.
- 3.3 Members wanted to know who ultimately would make decision on whether a street was considered to be clean or not. Concerns were raised that there is no clarity regarding if/when a street will be swept. The sub group asked for details of what percentage of streets deemed clean have been built into the equation. **JS**
- 3.4 The sub group felt that resources are not being shared out fairly throughout the city. Concerns were raised regarding the 'Headingley money' shown in the budget figures for WNW.

- 3.5 Capacity days were discussed. Members felt that there is not enough scope within the capacity days to cover all eventualities that will arise.
- 3.6 Concerns were raised that agency staff and some LCC operatives do not have local knowledge of the area they cover.
- 3.7 The sub Group felt that environmental services supervisors should inspect 'on foot' and that driving around an area at '30 mph' did not provide a true reflection of the area and its cleansing needs. Members were invited to have a walkabout with the environment supervisors.
- 3.8 The sub group felt very strongly that a workable agreement with P & C and ALMO was required in order for the environmental delegation to have any chance of success. JS informed the group that talks are currently taking place with partners and they may have something in place by the end of the year. The sub group requested an update on the agreement with partners by November 2011.
- 3.9 Concerns were raised that there is no leaf clearing programme in place until November and felt that the service had insufficient resources to carryout leaf clearing and cleansing simultaneously.

JS/JM

4.0 Parks and Countryside Update

- 4.1 There was no representation from Parks and Countryside to cover this item.

5.0 WNW Homes Update

- 5.1 David Comrie attended for this item and advised that WNW Homes are meeting performance targets with regards to graffiti. In addition there has been a great improvement in monthly inspections by estate caretakers.

- 5.2 The main focus of discussion was around 'Morrison's' who hold the repair contract for the ALMO. Cllr Campbell requested details of the amount of outstanding repairs. Morrison's currently has and also if any sanctions are being taken against the company due to the number of complaints being received. An update on this issue is requested for the next meeting.

DC/WNWH

6.0 Any Other Business

- 6.1 There was no other business.

7.0 Date & Time of Next Meeting

- 7.1 Monday 7th November 12.30pm, to be confirmed. Location to be confirmed.