



Outer East Area Committee

Halton Forum
Minutes from 11 October 2012
Christ Church, Halton

Present:

Cllr Mick Lyons (Chair), Cllr Kathryn Mitchell, Cllr Judith Cummins, PC Simon (WYP), Barbara Ambler (resident), Joyce Schofield (resident), Audrey Linley (resident), Margaret Oats (resident), Terry Dennis (resident), Rev Karen Marshall (St Philip's Church,) Derek Pearson (Community Safety cctv), Mrs A Mason (resident), Mr P Conlon (resident), Mr I Blyth (resident), Gwen Green (resident), Patricia Wrass (resident), Joanne Thompson (Sweetz business), Clare Deacon (Halton Post Office), Susan Petrov (resident), Mrs H Sanderson (resident), Thelma Dixon (resident), Jennifer Dring (resident), Margaret Ward (resident), Colin & Denise Wilsher (resident), P Hewison (resident), P Wynter (resident), E Fryer (resident), Mora Illingworth (resident), E Bloom (resident), Fiona Coyle (Halton News business), Douglas MacQueen (resident), Margaret Burton (resident), Jack McGlyn (resident), Mrs J Jones (resident), Coullin Virgil Meikle (LCC - Youth Service), John Pearson (LCC – South & South East Locality Team), Pete Mudge (LCC – South East Area Support Team, minutes)

Apologies:

Derek Pearson (LCC Leeds Watch), Margaret Blenkhorn (resident)

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| 1.0 | Welcome, introductions and apologies | |
| 1.1 | Cllr Lyons welcomed everyone to the meeting and said it was good to see so many attending. | |
| 1.2 | The first item was the PACT (Partners and Communities Together). | |
| 2.0 | PACT meeting for the Halton Area | |
| 2.1 | Across the UK burglaries increase as the nights close in. In this area the year on year reduction in burglaries continues. Currently it is 381 down on burglaries compared to the same period last year. Theft of motor vehicles is up 38 in last month and 170 crimes down overall. | |
| 2.2 | In terms of local priority areas, Matalan car park problems have diminished and Colton Sainsbury's has had the Police van in attendance to reduce nuisance problems. The Police cover speeding on Green Road and Selby Rd and will continue with present policies until receiving further instruction from the Inspector. | |
| 2.3 | Q) Why is crime down, is it police vigilance, more reporting or more in jail? A) All the above and improved technology such as crime mapping, attrition visits etc. | |
| 2.4 | Q) It's dangerous with parked cars around Leodis. A) The problem is that drivers have to go onto the wrong side of the road to get past. We will look into it. | WYP |
| | Q) Has anyone reported a lazer being fired from Primrose Crescent at planes? | WYP |
| 2.5 | A) Have you? – No – Police will investigate. Q) Believe drug selling is taking place outside Colton shops. A) We will feed this into our surveillance – there have been a number of raids. | WYP |
| 2.6 | Q) We're frightened by people jumping traffic lights. A) If you wish to feed through the number plates to use we will enforce whenever we have enough information. | |
| 3.0 | Forum Minutes from 12 July 2012 | |

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| 3.1 | Agreed as an accurate record. | |
| 4.0 | Matters arising from those minutes | |
| 4.1 | Agreed all are covered in other agenda items. | |
| 5.0 | 10 minute open floor | |
| 5.1 | Chair said the Ward Councillors have met with a director from Lidl and he has confirmed the company will improve signage to the rear goods entrance to deter shoppers. | Cllr C/PM/Lidl |
| 5.2 | Lidl have also said they are happy to host a Council Christmas Tree and allow a link up to their electricity supply. Lidl have also let Halton in Bloom prepare some proposals for planting in a flower bed in front of the store. | Cllr C/PM/Lidl |
| 5.3 | Lidl are also liaising with the Council over the possibility of some giant graphics being sited on the side of the store to brighten up the appearance of the area. | PM/Lidl |
| 5,4 | Continue to oppose the incinerator and ask if it does go through how much is it costing and who has okayed it? We attended the meeting with the Environment Agency who decides if it gets a licence. Cllr Lyons said that as they had not told many people it had not properly been consulted upon and towards the end of the event they finally took leaflets to nearby houses encouraging more people to attend. Cllr Lyons said they should not issue a Burn Certificate as they have not done sufficient consultation with the people of Halton Moor. Q) Can we get the results of domestic levels over outfall from incinerators. A) We have obtained these from all over. Some areas say monitoring is terrible and others that it is the best thing ever. | |
| 5.5 | Q) Sweetz shop on Church Lane is holding a hallowe'en event and would like to seek some public funds to contribute towards the cost of the gazebo. A) Peter Mudge will visit and liaise with Cllr Lyons. | JT/Cllr L |
| 5.6 | Q) St Philip's Church is hosting a BBQ on hallowe'en evening to encourage children to avoid trick or treating. The Church will be pleased to support the community and work in partnership with the Police and Council. A) Pleased with the strong bonds with churches in the local area. | Rev M/All |
| 5.7 | Q) Whitkirk Primary parking. We want residents only parking in area but would like school parking to be on grass but that would require major access alterations. Q) Whatever happens on Templegate Walk will impact on Templegate Crescent A) The school's deputy governor said the school realised the problems and will work with community to find realistic solutions. | SP/Cllr L/PM |
| 6.0 | Halton centre shops – Pete Mudge | |
| 6.1 | Members agreed that the village centre was in need of support to encourage revitalisation. Several of the units are empty and the streetscape is in need of repair. When asked what extra shops would be good for the village a shoe shop and childrens' outfitters were recommended. | PM |
| 7.0 | Environmental issues – John Pearson (tel: 07891 272 168) | |
| 7.1 | JP said partnership between the locality team and environmental action and housing is leading to inspections of gardens with a view to enforcement | JP |

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| 7.2 | when needed. New enforcement powers for dog control orders came into force in February and leaflets on the new powers were available at the meeting. | JP |
| 7.3 | The council is operating zero tolerance on litter and dog waste with a fixed penalty notice of £75. | JP |
| 7.4 | At the time of the meeting there were 3 cases pending for littering around Halton shops, 2 new bins placed on Chapel Street and 1 on Selby Road near the school, 2 case pending for dog fouling and enforcement work ongoing with 10 cases in the Halton, Colton, Whitkirk area and 15 other cases completed. | JP |
| 7.5 | Signs have been put on posts and a meeting is being held around dog fouling on Grove Road. Q) Is it fair to let people put dog waste bags in normal bins? A) The Council does not do dedicated bins any more and so the normal bins must be used however the bags need tying up. Q) There is the problem of kids leaving local schools and chucking waste into local gardens. A) Schools repeatedly tell children not to do this. | JP |
| 8.0 | Youth work – Virgil Meikle (Youth Work Manager) | |
| 8.1 | Involve schools in our work to provide opportunities for involvement in a wider range of opportunities. The Leeds Awards were presented to local achievers at a special event recently which was well attended by councillors, parents, youth teams and the public. | VM |
| 8.2 | We continue to work around the Matalan and Sainsbury stores and last night had 45 youths at the latter. We are looking to launch forums to link specially with youths and are considering an activities zone for Temple Newsam. | VM |
| 8.3 | Q) Could the Friends of Temple Newsam assist with developing a play area. a) Yes this would be very helpful. Q) Would the area need lighting at night? A) There is already lighting there. Q) The idea is great but the scheme must incorporate the BMX track as well as the skatepark etc. | All |
| 9.0 | Any other business | |
| 9.1 | The date of the next Forum will be Thursday 17 January at 6pm. | All |