



Outer East Area Committee

Garforth & Swillington Forum

Meeting held 21 January 2013
at the Liberal Club, Main St

Present: Cllr Mark Dobson, PC 1065 Steve Goodwill (WYP), PC Graham Reeves (WYP), Bernard Simpson (Garforth Flood Support Group), Gordon Hall (resident), Jane Anne Parson (Garforth Trading Association), Ken Woodhead (Garforth & District Lions Club), Martin Egginton (GDLC), Philip Dunwell (Garforth In Bloom), Ian Forster (Aberford & District Parish Council), Pete Wyatt (Resident), Graham Axford (Cross-Forth Ltd, The Easterbrook Farm Bright Sparks), June Perkin (The Growing Zone Group), Tom Randall (LCC), Adrian Lee (LCC Youth Service), Ken Dunwell (A&D PC), Susan Ashworth (Garforth In Bloom), Kevin Pease (Pease of Garforth), James Spearman (Bennett UK Ltd), Anne Corry (Dorothy Anne's), David Clarkspn (Dorothy Anne's), Adrian Lee (Youth Service), Pete Mudge (LCC - Area Support Team, minutes)

Apologies: Cllr Andrea McKenna, Cllr Tom Murray, Nick Borrás (Highways), Alison Lane (Precious Bridal & Prom Boutique), (Simon Norman (Environmental Services), Shirley & John.

1.0	Introductions and apologies	Action
1.1	Councillor Dobson welcomed everyone. The apologies above were noted.	
2.0	Community Safety – Sgt Goodwill and PC Graham Reeves	
2.1	<p>PACT:– Sgt Goodwill said that compared to the previous year there have been 160 less crimes in the area and crime continues to go down. This is significantly assisted through a close working liaison with colleagues including the council and agencies, neighbourhood watch, partners and the community. The new commissioner is Mark Burns-Williamson who was formerly chair of the West Yorkshire Police Authority. It has been indicated neighbourhood policing will continue to be a key prong of policing in the region.</p>	
2.2	<p>Cllr Dobson said the benefits of community policing were clearly apparent in this ward. When PCSOs were introduced some 10 years ago they were met with healthy scepticism, however they have proved a watershed in effective policing and a return to old-style community bobbies reducing neighbourhood crime year on year. If ever needed, we would lobby for community policing to stay.</p>	
2.3	<p>Q. PCSOs are a splendid group but they need to get more powers – especially over parking. It is also my understanding the Chief Inspector still has the ultimate decision making power in the Police.</p> <p>R. I think many people agree that PCSOs could be more effective if they had greater powers however, in terms of parking, the matter is decriminalised so it is the council rather than the police who oversee issues. In terms of the commissioner and chief inspector, my understanding is it's a consultation partnership.</p> <p>Q. Do the Police take action on night drivers using full headlights or mobile phones?</p>	

	<p>R. If officers see it happening I would expect them to take action. As an example I remember that on 24 December we issued a fixed penalty notice for someone using a phone while driving.</p> <p>Q. Speeding on Cedar Ridge is atrocious around Isabella Road.</p> <p>R. We have a laser gun and if A642 continues to be a problem I will get someone down there.</p>	WYP
3.0	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	
3.1	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	
3.2	<p>Matters Arising: The meeting on 13th November featured a presentation on fire service proposals to reduce the number of stations. Cllr Dobson said the Fire Service has now announced Garforth and Rothwell will retain their stations but with different crewing arrangements.</p> <p>Q. Is this a watering down of the service</p> <p>A. Chair noted Fire Officer Pilling is doing all he can to support the area.</p>	
4.0	Aberford Neighbourhood Plan Boundary – Pete Mudge	
4.1	The meeting between Garforth Ward Councillors and Aberford Parish Council held on 18 th December was summarised and the forum was told that if residents in the City Council's Garforth Ward wanted to investigate producing a neighbourhood plan they should contact Peter Mudge.	All
4.2	It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan drop in session (4-5pm on 11 Feb) should be relocated to Garforth Football Stadium – subject to club availability.	PM
5.0	Household Waste Collections – Cllr Mark Dobson	
5.1	From April 2013, the Council will undertake alternating collections from black bins (general waste) and green bins (waste which can be recycled.)	
5.2	Key reasons for this are that waste reduction will benefit the environment and economy: Leeds currently sends some 220,000 tons of waste each year as landfill. It is charged £80 a ton resulting in some £16m being paid in landfill tax.	
5.3	The change will also mean there are only four collections every four weeks rather than the current five. The extra resource will be used to ensure everything is collected and back-up available.	
5.4	The ultimate aim is to get 80% of the city's waste recycled. Pilots will take place in Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley, Rothwell, Ardsley & Robin Hood and Morley South.	
5.5	<p>Q.. If people get alternate collections who will oversee what they put in it?</p> <p>A. We do not want to micromanage. We can dictate and enforce but rather than doing that we hope people will take up the opportunities.</p> <p>Q. What will happen in student areas?</p> <p>A. We are looking for alternate techniques in student areas – such as</p>	

	<p>communal bins in service yards.</p> <p>Q. Could schools assist with education on what goes in which bin?</p> <p>A. We will be liaising closely with children as they often lead on green initiatives.</p> <p>The forum gave widespread support for the scheme and no opposition was voiced.</p>	
6.0	Town Centre Car Park	
6.1	The proposal is for Mr Axford to kindly make available his land at the top of Main Street to be used as a voluntary car park generating funds for disabled children charities.	
6.2	Conversation centred on the need to provide car parking which met the need of shoppers and traders and was not engulfed by commuters. It was agreed a permit should be used to stop unauthorised parking.	
6.3	Mr Axford suggested that in addition to a pass there should be a charge of at least £3 per day which would still be far cheaper than in most towns and the city centre.	
6.4	It was agreed Peter Mudge would liaise with traders to confirm a way forward. Highways will continue to work on removal of the garages at Barleyhill Car Park and Highways and Area Support will work alongside Mr Axford and colleagues to develop Town End as a car park.	PM/H
6.5	It was agreed to achieve as much as possible in the coming week. The chair noted: "It's crunch time for car parking."	
7.0	20mph zones – Pete Mudge	
7.1	Maps were circulated and the scheme outlined, noting it was coming in as a trial on residential roads in Garforth. The scheme is envisaged to reduce accident numbers and serious injury and improve the quality of life. The scheme would operate inside the area bounded by the A642 Wakefield Road, A63 Selby Rd, Ninelands Lane and the railway.	
7.2	There was no opposition at the meeting however it was agreed there would need to be good signage – it was noted signs will be placed at all roads leading into the zoned area.	H
7.3	There was widespread agreement that the scheme should stretch further than is currently planned and particularly through East Garforth.	PM/H
8.0	Services for Young People – Adrian Lee	
8.1	Since Sept 2012 the team have worked with a total of 129 individuals across the ward.	
8.2	In Swillington, 2 weekly sessions from the youth bus attract between 20 & 30 young people. Another session, (in partnership with Igen) is specifically for NEETs (Not in education, employment or training) and in the last three months	

	has helped 9 young people get onto training courses and 3 into getting jobs. Group work on substance misuse has assisted 8 young people who used drugs. Following the course, 5 said they have stopped using drugs and reduced alcohol intake.	AL
8.3	In Garforth, drug related issues are being investigated with up to 15 young people each week and up to 20 focus on healthy living. The NEET drop-in attracts approximately 5 young people per session receiving support on employment, training and college applications. The HYPS clinic has about 10 young people per week accessing pregnancy tests, STI testing and signing up for c-cards.	AL
9.0	10 Minute Open Floor	
9.1	Garforth Flood Support Group stressed it was vital to ensure gulleys are keep free from debris at this time of year. It was also noted that the group needed funds to buy a flood store and had a range of events prepared for the coming months. PM said he would provide a fundraising idea to the group.	PM
10.0	Environmental Services – Simon Norman	
10.1	There was no report on this as snow meant the officer had to send apologies for being unable to attend the meeting.	
11.0	Date of Next Meeting	
11.1	The next meeting will be held in three months on a date to be confirmed.	All
11.2	Thanks were given to the caretaker and club for making the facilities available.	