

Outer East Area Committee

Swarcliffe and Stanks Forum

Minutes from the meeting of 25 July 2007 St Gregory's Social Club

Attendees:

Councillor Suzi Armitage, Nick Clarkson (East Leeds Area Management), James Nundy (ELAM, minutes), Mark Smith (LCC Youth Service), PC Anne Collinson (NPT, Police), PC Shelly Buxton (NPT, Police), Nathan Vaughn (Neighbourhood Warden), Michael Bradley (SSTA), Doreen Scahill (Whinmoor 'B' Residents Association), Rita Grainger (WBRA), Shiela Colcola (Swarcliffe / Stanks TRA), John Nicholson (S/S TRA), Alison Ford (Langbar Early Years Centre)

Apologies:

Councillor Peter Gruen, Councillor Pauleen Grahame, Claire Billingham (LCC Youth Service), Ken Hill (Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme), Helen Mallinson (ALMO), Rick Hemmingway (West Yorks Fire & Rescue), Wyn Speak – no longer attending due to formation of the PFI Forum.

1.0	Welcome / introduction / apologies	Action
1.1	Cllr Armitage opened the meeting, welcomed everybody and introductions were made.	
1.2	The above apologies were noted.	
2.0	Minutes of the last meeting held on 12 July 2006	
2.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	(3.2) Orders for the CCTV systems have been raised and authorised. In the hands of the contractor.	
3.2	(3.3) Councillor Armitage has written to Metro. Metro has spoken to the drivers and it was noted that the bus speeds initially came down, but have since increased again.	
3.3	(3.6) The gullies and roads have been swept.	
3.4	(6.3) A summer programme of youth activities is to be distributed at this meeting.	
3.5	(7.1) Good Neighbours Gardening Services are working three days per week in Whinmoor / Swarcliffe and two days per week in Seacroft as a social enterprise project.	
3.6	(7.2) £1,500 has been raised by Swarcliffe Good Neighbours for the Jane Tomilinson appeal.	
3.7	(8.0) PPFI has a separate meeting which is open to the public and the dates / venue are advertised around the estate.	
4.0	10 Minute open floor	
4.1	Nathan Vaughn The Staging Post pub is experiencing problems with graffiti and it is difficult to get the pub to be responsible and clean it up. Cllr A to speak to LCC Licencing.	Cllr A
4.2	A report was requested re the 'problem family'. The police are having a meeting (invitation only) at this venue tomorrow to discuss the issue. They are looking into injunctions and evictions.	

	Community Safety - PC Collinson / Nathan Vaughn	
5.1	Swarcliffe and Stanks have become hotspots due to the problem family. Issues include minor damage and nuisance youths. Additional patrols have been actioned.	
5.2	Elmete Towers is due to get a fence around it to try and help reduce ASB.	
5.3	The landlady of the Whinmoor Hotel has been evicted and LCC Enforcement removed the furniture earlier today.	
5.4	The windows at St Theresa's School have been smashed. The caretaker has been asked not to let anyone into the grounds to play football after the school day.	
5.5	ASB and damage are pushing up the local crime figures and multi-agency information sharing is now taking place.	
5.6	 NV reported: A fence is coming for Stanks Way / Stanks Rise. A 'tagger' has been caught and made to clean up the graffiti as punishment. The back of the Whinmoor Pub has been cleared. NV is to organise another plantation clean-up. 	
5.7	NV asked if the Outer East Leeds Area Committee could provide four skips for a clean up of various area on the estate, this was backed up by the Police, who stated that they would get the PCSOs to support NV in monitoring the skips, as the area is a hotspot. Members also contributed to the discussion and agreed with getting the skips.	
5.9	Carillion have brought forward plans for a wooden fence. They will also cover all of the maintenance costs. John Nicholson requested that an additional meeting be arranged to discuss the fencing type proposed for Stanks Way / Rise. He thought a high metal fence would be better than a five foot wooden one.	DS
5.10	Problems with Elmete towers should be directed to Jim Reed. Dorothy Scahill to pass	
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