



**Inner East Leeds Area Committee
Harehills Consultative Forum**
Minutes from 10 December 2007

Present:

Councillor A. Hussain	Chair
Councillor R. Harington	Leeds City Council
Anna Turner	East Leeds Area Management Team
James Nundy	ELAM, minutes
Michelle Anderson	East Leeds Regeneration Team
Darren Adams	LCC - Fuelsavers
John Weaver	Groundwork Leeds
Graham Moore	Phoenix Residents Association
Edward Walker	Resident
Dave Kerfoot	Neighbourhood Warden
Kamila Maqsood	Labour Group
Karen Harris	Resident
Jamil Khan	Harehills Youth In Partnership
Yasar Sohail	HYIP
Naeem Zafar	HYIP
Liaqatali Gohar	Pakcando Youth Academy
Sandy Varley	Leeds Youth Service
Steve Beaumont	Resident
Mohammed Azam	Resident
Kabeer Hussain	Resident

Welcome	Action
Councillor Hussain welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.	
Apologies	
Cllr Taylor, Fiona Clark (LCC – Enforcement), Phil Staniforth (LCC - Parks and Countryside, doesn't cover east Leeds anymore), Pete Turner, Afzal Chowdry.	
Minutes and matters arising from previous minutes	
<p>EASEL Regeneration Consultation Mechanism – Michelle Anderson 'Regenerating Gipton – what does it mean to you?' document was tabled. Although the title is 'Gipton', the information inside still relates to people living and working in Harehills. The EASEL regeneration scheme will start in Halton Moor then move through Seacroft, then Gipton and Harehills ward. Copies of the document were available for collection.</p> <p>Harehills Cemetery update – Anna Turner Jean Wilson was invited to the cemetery to discuss her concerns with representatives from LCC Parks and Countryside. As AT hasn't heard anything since, she presumes JW is now happy with the outcome from the meeting.</p> <p>➤ AT to contact JW and confirm.</p> <p>The issue of overgrown graves, where families aren't able to keep the graves tidy and free from weeds, was raised.</p> <p>➤ AT to pass group details to Graham Moore.</p>	<p>AT</p> <p>AT</p>

<p>Harehills Tasking Update – Anna Turner</p> <p>AT gave an introduction to Tasking, highlighting the need to report incidents to the Police, neighbourhood wardens and PCSOs etc. A handout was tabled, detailing crime and grime for October 2007.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Graham Moore enquired about the length of time it takes for bulky waste to be collected, as he has noticing an increase in the number of items outside houses – is it something Tasking can address? ➤ Dave Kerfoot addressed the issues, giving reasons (Eg residents depositing items too early, soggy furniture, a lack of vehicles able to carry gas bottles / fridges) 	
<p>Police update – Inspector Tony Reed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Door to door knocking worked well in Burmantofts, so could be trialled here. ▪ Crime over the last five weeks is slightly up compared to the divisional average. ▪ Harehills is still a burglary and robbery hotspot. ▪ Assaults have increased recently ▪ Better resources are being pumped into the area (additional PCs and PCSOs on the street) ▪ A demonstration march took place on 7 December 2007 in connection with the United Refugee Organisation and housing standards by the Angel Group – tv news teams turned up. ▪ Buses are getting attacked on Harehills Rd – information was requested. ▪ SmartWater marking is taking place in the Nowells' and Compton's at the moment. ▪ There have been three arrests in connecting with graffiti recently. ABCs are being served on other youths. ▪ Full Police teams are coming on-line from 20 January 08, which is when the new Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) go live. <p>Selective Licensing Agreement from central Government – Michelle Anderson Connects housing with Anti-Social Behaviour and environmental issues, happening in East End Park. A business case is being put together for the Harehills area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can lessons be learnt from Headingley? ▪ Can Harehills get environmental health workshops? ▪ Can a fact sheet re tenancy staff be put together for the next forum? ▪ Nick Adams will be the new Police Inspector for the area soon. ▪ Cllr Hussain rallied the troops to be more proactive with intelligence gathering. 	<p>MA MA</p>
<p>Neighbourhood Warden's Update – Dave Kerfoot</p> <p>A report of warden activities from September – November 2007 was tabled and run through.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fly tipping was highlighted as a hot spot and needs attention. ▪ Concerns about clothes bags for charity being dropped through letter boxes: official charities will put their 'Charity Number' and a telephone number on the bag so you can phone and be able to check their credentials. <p>The area wardens were thanked for their support and good work.</p>	

Area Committee matters	
<p>Co-options for the new municipal year AT introduced the item. The co-optee would have to attend Area Committee meetings every two months and represent Harehills Forum. Everyone is welcome at Area Committee meetings, but with a non-speaking role (only the co-optee can speak on behalf of this forum). To be eligible to apply for the role you have to live or work in the Harehills area.</p> <p>Nominations were received from Graham Moore and Jamil Khan. Both gave a presentation as to why they would like to be considered for the role. Questions and answers followed. Cllr Harington proposed they are both elected. Everyone agreed. AT to send letters of confirmation.</p> <p>Issues from last Area Committee meeting – Graham Moore East Leeds FM (ELFM) gave an audio presentation, well-being budgets were discussed, LEGI (Leeds Enterprise Growth Initiative) – ‘Shine’ centre at the former Harehills Middle School, due to open next year – see shineinharehills.co.uk for further information. Next meeting is 6pm on Wednesday 31 January 2008.</p> <p>Issues from the floor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scarth Avenue pocket park / Florence Street / Ashleigh Road - Could it be grassed properly, so football could be played on it? AT to look into it. • There is a problem with parking outside Banstead Park with car sales. • Roundhay Road / Lunan Place are also experiencing parking problems. • Problems with drug dealing in Bankside area. • It was suggested that some of the new takeaways in the area might not have the appropriate licences. • Could a Neighbourhood Design Statement be produced? • It was reported that traffic regulations on Harehills Road are being flouted. LCC Highways Enforcement could deal with it: AT to inform. • Are there any plans to install alley gates on Back Conway’s? 	<p>AT</p> <p>AT</p> <p>AT</p> <p>AT</p> <p>AT</p>
Young peoples issues – Sandy Varley	
<p>Bellbrooke’s are experiencing problems, partly because there is no youth base in the vicinity. There is to be a meeting with the Police about moving the youth POD (a two room portacabin – could be used by other agencies too eg wardens, Police, Youth Service, ASBu, Phoenix Tenants and Residents Group)</p> <p>LCC Youth Service is working in partnership with Shantona, HYIP, Streetwork Soccer and many more.</p> <p>There will be a community event at the Bangladeshi Centre on 11 December 2007. Young people are taking the lead with Henna products, circus skills training etc.</p>	
Questions from the floor	
<p>Pakcando Youth Academy Jamil Khan (HYIP) introduced Liaqatali Gohar from the Pakcando Youth Academy for marshal arts. LG gave an introduction to the work of his academy.</p> <p>Fuelsavers Team – Darren Adams Introduced the work of his team and the current home energy survey being undertaken (for private properties only), which started in Harehills and Gipton two weeks ago. Harehills falls into a ‘fuel poor’ ward (where residents spend over ten per cent of their income on fuel). There are nine elements to the scheme - information and fliers were distributed.</p>	
Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	
Monday 10 March 2008, 7pm, at a venue to be decided.	