

Minutes from the meeting of 17 January 2008
St. Augustine's Primary School

Attendees: Councillor Harington (chair), Anna Turner (East Leeds Area Management), Councillor Taylor, Councillor Hussain, Eddie Ball (West Yorkshire Fire Service), Joyce White (Resident), Shirley Tennant (Resident), Joan Oates (Residents), Eileen O'Donnell (Resident), Dave Kerfoot (Senior Neighbourhood Warden), Sandra Van Rossum (Gipton Clinic), Debbie Gedge (Gipton North and South Childrens Early Years), K. <aqsood (Labour Group Office), Jane Halliday (Groundwork), Michael Dean (Resident), Vicki Hooper (Gipton Housing Office), Andrew Armstron (Resident/Co-optee), Maureen (resident)

Apologies: Mrs Reynolds, Steve Vowles (East North East Homes Leeds), Maggie Gjessing (East Leeds Regeneration Team), Mrs Briggs (Ambertons, Lawrence and Oaktrees), Hayley Clifton (Neighbourhood Manager), Lisa Sadler (Anti Social Behaviour Unit), Mrs Reynold (Resident)

1.0	Welcome and Introductions	Action
1.1	Councillor Harington welcomed the meeting and gave introductions	
2.0	Minutes of the last meeting held on 1 November 2007	
2.1	2.2 - Parking at school peak times is a major problem around St. Nicholas' School on Wykebeck Valley Road and also on Coldcotes Drive. This is a major problem throughout Leeds. Issue to be passed onto Hayley Clifton, Neighbourhood Manager, to be discussed at Tasking. As Tasking meetings discuss confidential issues often relating to Anti Social Behaviour members of the public are not invited to this meeting. The main focus of the Tasking Meetings is that the different organisations that attend are tasked with specific issues within their capabilities.	
2.2	3.7 - Amendment to point 3.7 - The horse manure from the mounted police horses was causing a problem on the paths and not the road. As there is not a Bylaw for this it is not illegal. Councillor Harington to look into Bylaw.	Cllr H
2.3	4.4 - The trees on Coldcotes Drive are still in place and have been a success.	
2.4	7.1 - Councillor Harington to look into another traffic survey being undertaken on Foundry Approach and Foundry Avenue.	Cllr H
2.5	7.2 - Changes to Wykebeck Valley Road should commence shortly.	
2.6	7.3 - Councillor Harington to arrange a meeting with Councillors, Area Management and resident representatives to discuss attendance at forums.	Cllr H
3.0	Committee Maters	
3.1	Co-optee voting forms were sent to members of the meeting along with the forum invitation. No responses have been received with nominations. Post for Co-optee will need to go to advert. Andrew Armstrong is not undertaking the role again this year. Andrew to compile a synopsis of the role of Co-optee and send to Anna Turner. Public awareness of Area Committee meetings needs to be publicised so that public are made aware that they can attend. Andrew gave a brief summary of what the Area Committee undertake and the role of Co-optee.	

3.2	<p>Area Committee Report of 5 December 2007</p> <p>East Leeds FM gave a presentation at the Area Committee Meeting outlining the radio station and what is undertaken. The Well Being budget was discussed, approval and ideas for future spend and also update on past spend. The minutes from the 5 forums held in inner east Leeds were presented. Easel (East and South East Leeds) was discussed. LEGI – economy project to bring people into work across Leeds was discussed. INM – Intensive Neighbourhood Management was also discussed.</p>	
3.3	<p>Anna asked if there were any issues that members of the meeting would like to be discussed at the next Area Committee meeting. There were points raised:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health care for Gipton – are there any plans 2. Refurbishment of Gipton Community Centre / use of other centres in the area 3. When is the crossing on Wykebeck Valley Road to be completed 4. Charges for community centres – Anna informed the meeting that there is a working group currently discussing and working on this issue. <p>Anna gave some information regarding Gipton Community Centre. The centre will eventually be demolished in approximately 8 – 10 years time. In the mean time some funding is available for some work to be undertaken inside and outside the centre.</p>	
<p>4.0 Intensive Neighbourhood Management</p>		
4.1	<p>Anna gave a brief breakdown on an update report from Haley Clifton – Neighbourhood Manager.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Family Wealth project is now fully staffed and working with families in Gipton dealing with employment issues, training, benefits etc. • A household survey is being prepared to be delivered with updates from the last survey and chance for residents to give their view and opinions on certain issues. • Youth Shelter is being looked at for Oaktree Walk • Henry Barran Centre – Gipton Together have many activities available for the community to attend such as majorettes, martial arts, dance. • The Community Arts Project is currently undertaking preparations to make 2 signs for gateways in to Gipton. The signs will be made of mosaic and placed in 2 agreed sites. The agreed sites are at the top of Gipton Approach and at the top of Oaktree Drive. Members of the meeting agreed to the locations bit asked if at least one other sign could be made for either the 5 ways round-about or the top of Oakwood Lane. Public are welcome to attend the workshop and help to make the signs. Once a workshop has been arranged details will be made available. It was suggested that leaflets advertising the workshop be available for other members of the public to be made aware. • Statistics are improving in the area. <p>Comments were asked for on the report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detached youth work was a success but has since died down 2. Index deprivation – massive problems 	
4.2	<p>Councillor Taylor expressed appreciation for the good work undertaken by East Area Management.</p>	
<p>5.0 Neighbourhood Wardens Update – Dave Kerfoot</p>		
5.1	<p>Dave attended as he is covering the area due to long term illness of the Gipton Warden. Dave is covering Gipton / Harehills and Seacroft / Killingbeck and line</p>	

5.2	<p>management of all wardens.</p> <p>Dave apologised for not having a report but due to computer technical problems was unable to access the information required for the report.</p> <p>There is a gardening tool hire scheme at the Henry Barran Centre where the community can hire garden tools if they are unable to access tools elsewhere.</p> <p>Dave to look into Beeches and Oaktrees as there is no warden patrolling the area at the moment. Dave confirmed that there is not a warden for the area at present.</p>	
6.0	Street Scene	
6.1	<p>Anna gave a short report on Street Scene:-</p> <p>Waste in gardens (Wigs), flytipping and other illegal offences such as properties not have adequate licences - enforcement has and is being undertaken and prosecutions are and have been executed.</p>	
7.0	Tasking Report	
7.1	<p>Tasking report was distributed. Tasking a meeting where different organisations and departments meet to discuss crime and grime issues. Tasks to improve the area are then given to appropriate organisations to action and report on at future meetings. Tasking has a small budget which has paid for environmental clean ups, CCTV / covert work, SmartWater and other crime and grime issues in the area. Some residents have noticed an improvement as not as untidy and there does not seem to be as many young people loitering about the streets. Other residents have noticed an increase in waste in gardens, litter on grass verges, attacks on cars and homes. It was reiterated that Waste in garden prosecutions are being undertaken. It was also stated that there is not as many skips in the area as in the past.</p>	
7.2	Street Scene were praised by residents for the work they have undertaken in the area.	
7.3	Housing have been allocated funding for a mini clean up in the Branders and Beeches.	
8.0	Children's Centres	
8.1	Unsure of the reason why the Henry Barran and South Gipton childrens centres have not been refurbished but the reason is more than likely down to cost.	
8.2	<p>The proposed site for the new childrens centre is the waste land in Gipton North next to Oakwood Primary and the basket ball court next to South Gitpon Community Centre. There will be 50 place for children age from 3 months to 5 years of age. Waiting for tenders to be returned hopefully today. It is hoped for a March start and for a finish in June ready to open in September 2008. The centres will be of a modular build. Pricing will be depend on individual circumstances and there will be some free places. Place will be prioritised again on a need basis. Currently working closely with schools and other childcare provision as to complement existing childcare provision.</p>	
9.0	West Yorkshire Fire	
9.1	Due to an urgent call Eddie Ball of the Fire Service had to leave the meeting to attend a fire. Eddie did state that he would try and attend as many of the meetings as possible in the future. It was agreed that West Yorkshire Fire Service would be moved up the agenda in future.	

10.0	Any Other Business	
10.1	The field at St.Nicholas's is flooded and residents wanted to know whose responsibility it was for the upkeep of the field. Some work has been undertaken by Yorkshire Water but the field is still prone to flooding. Councillor Taylor stated that it is the responsibility of the Diocese and that they are aware of the problem. The Diocese need to speak to the Environment Agency. Councillor Harington to speak to the Diocese of the church and school.	Cllr H
10.2	Concerns were raised regarding the transport structure in Gipton - reduction in frequency of buses and quality of service in the area which is causing difficulties for some residents in Gipton. All Councillors have and are still trying to tackle this problem. Suggested that Metro be invited to the meeting.	
10.3	Residents have received a leaflet regarding the low cost housing on Gipton Crescent stating the success of the uptake. Residents have also received a letter from Steve Hunt stating that the uptake of the larger properties has been low. Steve Hunt also stated in the letter that the people of Gipton cannot afford to purchase the larger properties so will now be offered to people outside of the Gipton area. The low uptake could be down to people in Gipton moving from houses within Gipton to one of the new builds which in turn has made houses available. Due to time this issue is to be discussed at the next meeting. Easel also to be discussed at the next meeting and relevant housing and Easel representatives to be invited.	
10.4	Councillor Harington informed the meeting of the Gipton pantomime which is taking place on the 14 th , 15 th and 16 th February 2008.	
11.0	Date and Time of Next Meeting	
11.1	To be confirmed	