

Hyde Park & Woodhouse Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th February 2008, 7pm Burley Lodge Centre

Present:	Councillor Penny Ewens	Chair, LCC Ward Member
	Victoria Mitchell	npower
	Dave Bowen	Leeds Federated Housing
	Alan Smith	Local resident
	Sara Gill	Leeds University Students Union
	Katie Black	Leeds University Students Union
	Janet Bailey	South Headingley Community Association and Friends of Woodhouse Moor
	Isobel Sidebottom	North Hyde Park Neighbourhood Association
	Christine Cooper	Leeds University Students Union
	Alice Cudworth	Leeds Met Students Union
	Chris Lovell	Headingley Liberal Democrats
	Amanda Jackson	Leeds University
	Sue Buckle	South Headingley Community Association
	Dr M Nawaz	Rosebank Millennium Green Trust

Officers in Attendance:

Helen Bowker	North West Area Management, LCC
David Gomersall	Environmental Enforcement, LCC
Inspector David Bugg	West Yorkshire Police
Nick Hunt	Highways, LCC

1.0 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

- 1.1 Councillor Ewens welcomed everyone to the February meeting of the forum. Apologies were noted from Councillor Hussain, Katie Griffiths, Margaret Spink, Pam Bone, Freda Matthews, Rick Witt, Amit Roy and Andy Beresford.
- 1.2 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th November 2007 were approved by the group as a correct record.
- 1.3 Referring to minute 7.4 of the previous minutes, it was asked whether a deputation had been taken to Full Council on the matter of Leeds Girls' High School as requested by Councillor Hussain. Councillor Ewens was not aware of any deputation taken to Full Council.

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- 1.4 Sue Buckle informed the group of the forthcoming Royal Park Community Consortium meeting on 20th February, 7pm at Brudenell Primary School. Councillor Ewens sends her apologies.
- 1.5 Janet Bailey requested that the Hyde Park and Woodhouse DPPO be discussed first under AOB.
- 1.6 Councillor Ewens moved item 3, Neighbourhood Policing Teams Update, to the end of the agenda so Inspector David Bugg could familiarise himself with any issues that may be brought up throughout the course of the meeting.

2.0 Community warmth scheme

- 2.1 Victoria Mitchell, Energy Savings Advisor at npower presented the community warmth scheme which is being run in conjunction with Leeds City Council. She then responded to the groups queries and comments and circulated information on the scheme.

3.0 University Update

- 3.1 Amanda Jackson, Community Policy Officer at University of Leeds, presented the annual Neighbourhood Helpline report for 2006-07 and responded to the groups queries and comments.
- 3.2 In summary, specific references were made to the following issues:-
 - the majority of calls were around anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance;
 - calls were primarily focused in Hyde Park and Headingley, especially around Ash Grove and the Hyde Park cinema;
 - peak times were in October, February, June and July.
- 3.3 Amanda Jackson also referred to a 'Community Guide' that was being circulated this year. She also reported that Sara Gill from the Students Union would be doing talks with residents in Halls accommodation regarding responsible waste disposal and recycling. Sue Buckle asked whether attendance would be compulsory and was interested in being involved in the communication process.
- 3.4 A new community environmental working group had been established at the University with relevant experts involved.
- 3.5 In relation to students bringing cars into the city Amanda Jackson reported that they are advised by the University not to bring a car as are unable to park on campus. Nick Hunt queried the new green travel plan that had been introduced at Leeds Met and was now displacing car parking to the streets surrounding the Headingley campus.

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3.6 A member of the forum asked for clarification on how the University are contributing to and supporting the Greenstreets project. The group would also like any non-students to help volunteer.

3.7 A Community Strategy (copies of which are available on the website) was produced last year and is up for review in June/July. The strategy will be going to the community housing forum for consultation.

4.0 Enforcement Update

4.1 David Gomersall, Environmental Enforcement, presented an update and responded to any queries and comments.

4.2 In summary, specific references were made to the following issues:-

- waste in gardens and bins in streets were the two main issues for this ward although they are the lowest priorities for the department after fly tipping, commercial waste and littering;
- one landlord had been prosecuted in the ward although asked for members of the public to report any problems with landlords and be prepared to give evidence in court, otherwise difficult to prosecute;
- there are problems with the OPAL student developments on Burley Road regarding adequate waste disposal (Leeds University Students Union forwarded the relevant contact details for OPAL);
- that in relation to there not being enough bins in the area especially by bus stops, need more people to highlight this to the council and the local ward members. *(Cllr Ewens responded and agreed for any issues to be sent to her and she would then forward them on to the relevant officer);*
- need to improve public awareness around black bins being left on the streets instead of in yards and general street untidiness.

4.3 Sara Gill suggested that the department do a bins audit and that they take the initiative as need workable solutions to problems. *David Gomersall responded and highlighted that an audit had been done but would follow up this issue with the Streetscene team.*

5.0 Highways Update

5.1 Nick Hunt, Senior Traffic Engineer in Highways Services, presented an update on the Mouchel Parkman study and responded to questions and comments on the parking proposals.

5.2 In summary, specific references were made to the following issues:-

- two areas have been identified where restrictions will be implemented, these are Cliff Road/Woodhouse Street and Shay Street/Holborns and should be in place during 2008/09;

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- the need to arrange consultations with local residents who will be affected by the new parking proposals. *North West Area Management to arrange two consultation events;*
- the need to encourage students to leave cars at home;
- the need for similar restrictions to be implemented along Brudenell Road and for parking to be formalised as access is currently being restricted there;
- the need for traffic calming measures to be introduced on Rosebank Road/Millennium Green. Nick Hunt replied that speeding and joyriding issues were not a high priority and would afford budget to areas where accidents are high.

6.0 Review of Extended Services

6.1 Dawn Appleyard, Extended Services Coordinator, presented an update on extended services in the ward and responded to comments and questions.

6.2 In summary, specific references were made to the following issues:-

- the priorities for the area are 0-19 years although extends beyond that working with parents;
- Extended Services is changing rapidly and there are 40 clusters in the city at different stages in terms of progress;
- there is a need for more joined up working and co-ordinating of activities across the city;
- there is a need to use greenspace for play areas for extended service activities, however there is a lack of greenspace in the ward. *Cllr Ewens to discuss this with Sean Flesher from Parks and Countryside.*

7.0 Neighbourhood Policing Teams Update

7.1 Inspector Dave Bugg has replaced Inspector Coldwell and is now the Inspector for Hyde Park and Woodhouse Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT). He introduced himself and some of the changes that would be occurring in the new NPTs.

7.2 In summary, specific references were made to the following changes:-

- the new NPT will be delivering on improved call management and neighbourhood policing;
- the need to recruit new PCSOs as numbers are stagnant at moment;
- the changes in the NPTs will be implemented from 3rd March 2008 and cover will be from 7am–12am Monday to Wednesday and 7am–2am Thursday to Sunday;
- Inspector Bugg encouraged local residents to call Belle Vue NPT direct with any immediate issues;

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- Inspector Bugg clarified that there will be patrols on Woodhouse Moor after concern that there wasn't.

8.0 AOB and key messages for Inner Area Committee

- 8.1 Janet Bailey from the DPPO Consultative Committee presented an update on the DPPO. Documents to be circulated with the minutes.
- 8.2 Sue Buckle highlighted a complaint about the current work of Southern Electric Company in the ward on the city-wide street lighting scheme. *Cllr Ewens responded and agreed for any complaints to be sent to her which she would then pass on to Ian Moore.*
- 8.3 Sara Gill from Leeds University Union noted that a green bin recycling pilot would be introduced on Brudenell Mount. *Sara Gill to send a summary of the pilot scheme to Cllr Ewens who will then pass onto officers in enforcement.*
- 8.4 There were no key messages for the next Inner Area Committee.

9.0 Date of next meeting

- 9.1 The date of the next meeting to be circulated to the group once have confirmed with Councillor Hussain, who will be chair at the next meeting. Suggested for some time in April.