

**Minutes of the Joint Streetscene & Community Safety
Sub-Group on Graffiti
1 pm, Tuesday 18th March 2008, Civic Hall**

PRESENT: Cllr Sue Bentley (Chair)
Cllr James Monaghan
Cllr Elizabeth Minkin
Cllr Judith Chapman
Dayle Lynch, North West Area Management
Sgt Rick Lyon, West Yorkshire Police
Barrie Payne, Headingley Resident

APOLOGIES: Graham Hollings, City Services
Frieda Haley, City Services
Andy Milnes, City Services
Amratpal Panesar, WNW Homes

ACTION**1.0 Introduction and apologies****2.0 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting on 7th December 2007 were agreed as an accurate record.

2.2 (2.7) Need to ensure that this information is being sent through – check with Frieda. **DL**

2.3 (2.11) Is Janine McHugh still in post? What is the latest on the NTL boxes? **DL**

3.0 Update from Graffiti meeting 15th March

3.1 A meeting was called by Greg Mullholland in response to rising levels of graffiti, particularly in Hyde Park & Woodhouse. The meeting was attended by approximately 25 people.

3.2 Although there was some frustration about the matter, there was general acknowledgement that the Council's removal services was doing the best it could.

3.3 The police informed the meeting that 5 arrests had been made in the last few weeks for graffiti (criminal damage). Information has now been updated on the NPT website, which can be accessed by members of the public.

3.4 General feeling that the police need to promote more what they are doing about graffiti. Publicising successes, arrests etc. Could use local publications such as Kirkstall Matters, Headway, YEP and Parish magazines. **Police**

4.0 Any Other Business

4.1 Key Message : Sub-group asking Streetscene to consider a pilot scheme whereby NTL/BT boxes are subject to artwork, which hopefully deters tagging and nuisance graffiti.

4.2 Cllr Minkin reported a sticker that was on a bus stop, promoting 'thebench405' which was a graffiti shop in Birmingham. This needs to be passed onto enforcement. **DL**

4.3 An article to be put in About Leeds regarding graffiti, how the Council and police are trying to tackle this problem and the need for residents to report all incidents. **DL**

5.0 Time & date of next meeting

5.1 To be confirmed after the May local elections.