

Hyde Park & Woodhouse Forum

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23rd April 2008, 7pm
Quarry Mount School**

Present:	Councillor Hussain	Chair, LCC Ward Member
	John Morris	North Hyde Park Neighbourhood Association
	Jean Crowther	North Hyde Park Neighbourhood Association
	Greta Parker	North Hyde Park Neighbourhood Association
	Sue Buckle	South Headingley Community Association
	Isobel Sidebottom	North Hyde Park Neighbourhood Association
	Tony Green	North Hyde Park Neighbourhood Association
	Josie Green	North Hyde Park Neighbourhood Association
	Dave Bowen	Leeds Federated Housing
	Amanda Jackson	University of Leeds
	Bill McKinnon	Friends of Woodhouse Moor
	Mercia Southon	Friends of Woodhouse Moor
	Joe Ledger	Local resident
	M Blake	Hyde Park Residents Association
	Margaret Spink	Little London Tenants and Residents Assoc
	Ben McDougall	Leeds Metropolitan Students Union
	Abigail Phillips	Leeds Metropolitan Students Union
	Sam Waterton	Leeds University
	Sara Gill	Leeds University Union
	Kath Hoff	Neighbourhood Watch, Little London
	Bernard Holmes	Neighbourhood Watch, Little London

Officers in Attendance:

Helen Bowker	North West Area Management
Inspector David Bugg	West Yorkshire Police
Dave Pearson	METRO
Neil Holt	METRO

1.0 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

- 1.1 Councillor Hussain welcomed everyone to the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Apologies for the meeting were received from Mary Walsh, Katie Griffiths, Janet Bailey, Amit Roy, Councillor Rhodes-Clayton and Councillor Ewens.
- 1.2 As Paul Sanderson was not present the Streetscene update was placed at the end of the agenda and any comments/issues would be fed back.

2.0 METRO Bus Update

- 2.1 Dave Pearson and Neil Holt from METRO presented an update on the Number 78 trial bus service in Woodhouse. They requested feedback on the service and circulated information on bus routes and developments.

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2.2 ***It was agreed that METRO would disseminate a user friendly bus route map with the minutes.*** The Student Union representatives also requested that they send this information to the Students Union.

2.3 It was noted that a business case is currently being developed for a New Generation Transport in Leeds (a new trolley bus with overhead electric cables). They are using parts of the super tram route and would look to get the business case through in the next 18 months.

2.4 The group requested that any new public transport developments give due consideration to cyclists and pedestrians as need to look comprehensively at all options.

3.0 Police Update

3.1 Inspector Dave Bugg for Hyde Park and Woodhouse Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) gave an update. In summary, specific references were made to the following:-

- Chief Inspector Paul Money has been assigned to the North West area;
- Various Police operations have taken place since February 2008 with numerous warrants and arrests made;
- There is a high number of drug related problems in the area but significant arrests have been made and there are ongoing multi-agency meetings taking place to combat the problem;
- The NPT are working on enforcing illegal parking and obstructions in the area and have targeted households and cars with a letter drop;
- Insp Bugg has met with the Head of Security from the Universities to establish a closer working relationship;
- In terms of graffiti in the area it seems that tagging is being done by people from outside the area. The Police are currently working on some publicity and linking in with the Graffiti Unit;
- The NPT website is live and contact details are soon to be distributed. Mobile phones for all police officers and PCSOs should be available by the next forum meeting.

3.2 There were questions taken around parking enforcement and who was responsible for this. It was made clear by Insp Bugg that parking restrictions are enforced by the Council and parking obstructions are enforced by the Police.

3.3 It was reported that there are Council plans in place for parking restrictions in parts of the ward. Insp Bugg is aware of the parking issues in the ward and proactive enforcement is already being done via PCSOs and traffic police. ***Cllr Hussain to speak with Highways about making the Brudenells and Burley Lodges the next collective priority area for parking restrictions (key message).*** Concerns were noted from the group that displacement would occur and the parking problems would just move into the Headingley ward. ***Cllr Hussain to take these concerns to Headingley Councillors.***

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- 3.4 The group requested that there are secure places in the city centre for parking bikes as there are in other cities to encourage people to cycle. This suggestion to be taken to the Highways department (key message).
- 3.5 Amanda Jackson from University of Leeds added they have received funding to implement a cycling scheme at the University. There are also established working groups to look at environmental issues.
- 3.6 It was requested by the group that a Highways update be given at the next meeting to look at residents parking and to clarify charges for permits.
- 3.7 Issues on Woodhouse Moor were raised as damage is being done by people having bbqs on the moor. Insp Bugg confirmed that his PCSOs do patrol the moor but not all the time, although is a priority on weekends. A message needs to be sent to students and local residents that the council byelaw states that it is illegal to have bbqs on the moor (key message).
- 3.8 The DPPO was raised and whether the NPT supported the inclusion of the moor. Insp Bugg replied that it was supported on Hanover and Woodhouse Square as that is where street drinkers were congregating. He would however feedback these issues to the new Chief Inspector.

4.0 Streetscene Issues

- 4.1 As a Streetscene Officer had not been present at the meeting a list of issues and concerns were noted which would be followed up with relevant officers.
- 4.2 An update was also given on plans for the student changeover 2008 and feedback was received.
- 4.3 It was noted that the green recycling bag scheme in Woodhouse was very successful and would like to see this rolled out in other areas where recycling isn't working as well (key message).

5.0 AOB and key messages for Inner Area Committee

- 5.1 A 'meet the candidates' meeting is being held on 28th April at Headingley Methodist Church in the run up to the local elections. Both candidates from the Headingley and Hyde Park and Woodhouse ward would be present.
- 5.2 It was noted that there needed to be a multi-agency approach to dealing with landlords as have received complaints about students not receiving their deposits back.
- 5.3 The following key messages for Inner Area Committee were noted:
 - Highways to be contacted about making the Brudenells and Burley Lodges the next collective priority area for parking restrictions;

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- The group requested that there are secure places in the city centre for parking bikes as there are in other cities to encourage people to cycle. This suggestion to be taken to Highways;
- To communicate a message to students and local residents that the council byelaw states that it is illegal to have bbqs on Woodhouse Moor;
- It was noted that the green recycling bag scheme in Woodhouse was very successful and would like to see this rolled out in other areas where recycling isn't working as well.

6.0 Date of next meeting

- 6.1 Wednesday 18th June, 7pm, Burley Lodge Centre, chaired by Councillor Ewens.
- 6.2 Agenda items for future meetings to include Highways, Streetscene and Police.