

**North West Inner Area Committee
Students and the Community Group
12th August 2008, 2pm, Leeds Civic Hall**

Present:

Cllr Monaghan, Headingley (Chair)
 Cllr Ewens, Hyde Park & Woodhouse
 Cllr Bentley, Weetwood
 Nicola Price, WNW Area Management
 David Collett, Leeds Metropolitan University
 Abbey Phillips, Leeds Metropolitan University
 Sarah Powell, Pickard Housing
 Sarah Downie, CALM, Leeds Met University,
 Andy Milnes, Streetscene
 Graham Hollings, Streetscene
 Rob Damaio, University of Leeds, Students' Union
 Carole Munsey, West Yorkshire Police
 Barrie Payne, HMO Lobby
 Sue Buckle, South Headingley Community Association
 Paul Spandler, Environmental Action Team
 Greg Miller, Access and Community Engagement, University of Leeds
 Martin Gooding, Headingley Pub Watch?
 Isobel Swift, Green Leeds, Leeds University
 Rachel Charlton, Education Awareness

		ACTION
1.0	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	
1.1	Introductions were made and apologies noted from Richard Tyler, Annie Faulkner, Cllr Bernard Atha and Richard White.	Noted
2.0	Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising	
2.1	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed, apart from item 3.2, which should have noted that BBQs as well as bonfires are against the bye-laws of Woodhouse Moor.	Noted
3.0	Review of Student Changeover	
3.1	<u>Education Awareness</u> – Lots of good advertisements went out through Leeds University but unfortunately the same was not available at Leeds Met.	Noted

3.2	<p><u>Streetscene</u> – Andy Milnes gave a report back on streetscene’s activities over the period with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 700 tonnes of domestic waste collected from the servicing of wheeled bins, equating to 70 vehicle loads; • 70 tonnes of side/bulky waste cleared; • Additional bulky waste crews equivalent of 70 days and 140 days of operators • Additional crew – 1 vehicle, 1 driver and 3 loaders all for 24 days each. • Core services – bulks 2 per day over 24 days, 4 operatives per day for 24 days. 2 refuse collection vehicles with 3 crew each for 24 days. • 80% of PO3 and SO2 Streetscene Area Manager’s time was dedicated to the area. • Additional officer time – 5 weekend call outs • Amnesty for accredited landlords disposing of certain types of commercial waste repeated. <p>It was suggested that next year a refuse collection vehicle should be hired for the whole period instead of using skips.</p>	Noted
3.3	<p><u>Area Management</u> - 11 skips were initially placed around the priority area, as advertised in the leaflet, from Monday 23rd June until Friday 4th July 2008 and all were clearly labelled with a ‘Leave Leeds Tidy’ banner. There was a limited budget for skips but 33 skips were provided in total, with each skip being replaced the maximum limit of 3 times. Total cost £3,600.</p>	Noted
3.4	<p><u>Leeds Metropolitan University</u> – DC agreed that Leeds Met do need to do more proactive publicity and hopefully now their change of staff has settled and have a new general manager, Trevor Page, will be able to have a better co-ordinated approach.</p>	
3.5	<p><u>HMO Lobby</u> – BP reported that he had not really noticed any improvements as there was rubbish everywhere – although there did seem to be a decrease in amount of bulky waste. One of the main problems was with bag slashers and scavengers who were ripping the bags open. It was advised that the police should look into this more seriously and also should become tough with them and the students and landlords.</p> <p>Finally as a direct consequence the street also now has a rat problem.</p>	Police/ EAT Noted
3.6	<p><u>Weetwood ward</u> – Cllr B reported she has only had one</p>	

	complaint which was dealt with but queried whether the skip people brought the empty skip as they took away the full one of whether there was a delay. NP to chase up.	NP
3.7	<u>Hyde Park and Woodhouse ward</u> – Cllr E reported she had had slightly fewer complaints but this may have been due to them being reported directly to officers. The main problems were in the back streets.	Noted
3.8	<u>Headingley Pub Watch?</u> – MG reported they had put out posters and put out leaflets as requested. They also spoke to students about the problems.	Noted
3.9	<u>South Headingley Community Association</u> – SB reported that the experiences seems to vary from area to area with the Stanmores and Knowles being particularly bad and one of the skips was set on fire. Also to note the changeover period seemed to start earlier this year at the beginning of June, scavengers and bag slashers were an issues in the area and also rats – NP to check rodent control policy. Finally 32 Harold Walk is knee deep in bin bags – AM to get cleared.	Noted Noted AM
3.10	<u>Green Streets</u> – IS handed out a paper detailing all the action taken by Green Streets. In total they raised £400, which will go towards supporting next year’s event, collected and recycled about 8 tons of rubbish and had 775 hours of volunteer time donated. Next year they are hoping to increase their support and volunteer numbers to enable more rubbish to be recycled but they also had a problem with bag slashers going through rubbish that had been put out for them	Noted Noted
3.11	<u>Leeds University Union</u> – RD reported that the skips were a problem as they were abused by landlords and the back streets were a big problem. LUU are doing a review of the Leave Leeds Tidy campaign and will send a copy round when completed. If anyone has anything they would like to feed in please contact Rob at R.Damiao@luu.leeds.ac.uk . LUU are also looking at the possibility of having street ambassadors/wardens, who would look after certain streets and redoing the community guide for next year.	Noted All Noted
3.12	<u>Access and Community Engagement, UofL</u> – GM reported that they had had problems with bulky waste and landlords and this had been exacerbated by the closure of Meanwood Tip over the main weekend.	

	Next year they are going to photograph 200 spots every day to try and pinpoint key areas and times.	Noted
3.13	<p><u>Environmental Action Team (EAT)</u> - PS reported back on all the work the new EAT, through 6 dedicated officers, had carried out during the changeover period including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Out of Hours noise and enforcement project – providing a high profile rapid response to both noise and environmental crime during the evening and night time of the weekend of the changeover. • Daytime weekend working - the weekend of the changeover. Two Environmental Action officers were patrolling the streets and taking action as necessary throughout the weekend. • Response to complaints and routine patrols by Environmental Action officers - the area was visited in response to complaints and patrolled during the run up to and the period after the changeover. 	Noted
3.14	<u>West Yorkshire Police</u> – CM reported she only had one call regarding scavengers, but it is not known how many the Neighbourhood Policing Team may have received as they are not logged.	Noted
3.15	<u>Leeds Met Student Union</u> – AP reported that the Leeds Community Guide advising students on what to do was distributed with the Leeds Met newspaper and other advertising where possible. Hall rep's also delivered the leaflets around the halls.	Noted
3.16	<p><u>Pickard Properties</u> – SP reported that the skips were a problem as they were not clearly signed but Pickard's had sent out leaflets to all their tenants between April and June and followed it up with emails.</p> <p>They also let new tenants know of bin collection days, and have cleaned up a lot of rubbish left by their tenants in and around their properties.</p>	Noted
3.17	<p><u>Leeds Met – CALM</u> – SD agreed that students are finishing earlier with a lot of them finishing the first couple of weeks in May, which is why the Bargain Hunt event was held on Saturday 17th May. Anything left over was then donated to Green Streets.</p> <p>They are planning to run the 'Don't be a tosser' campaign again this next year and are looking at producing fridge magnets.</p>	Noted
7.18	<u>Headingley ward – Cllr Monaghan</u> – Cllr M advised that the main problem stems from the ignorance of the students and their parents about rubbish at change over	

	<p>and that it would be useful to increase the presence on the streets to give out advice on what to do. The idea of student street wardens was welcomed.</p> <p>It was also agreed that ideally one branding should be used – Cllr M to pick up the issues of using Leeds City Council corporate style.</p>	Cllr M
7.19	<p><u>Further comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr B asked about the possibility of using business volunteers to patrol the streets. ▪ SB advised that community reps would also be keen to help, but noise nuisance needs to be more available over the changeover period. ▪ It was agreed it would be useful if Pickard Properties could produce a case study on what they had done to help prompt other letting agents to carry out the same action. ▪ The idea of having clear bags to deter bag slashers was also raised again. ▪ Thanks were also given to Streetscene by a number of agencies for their hard work and quick response to problems over the changeover period. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>SP</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
4.0	Planning for Fresher's Week: 22nd September – 3rd October	
4.1	<u>Pubwatch</u> – MG reported that the main problem will be with the promoters who the pubs also have a problem with as they are not to do with them.	
4.2	<p><u>West Yorkshire Police</u> – CM reported that a letter has gone out to all promoters, they are aware of, to warn that action will be taken if they do not adhere to the guidelines. CM to send a copy of the letter to NP to go out with the minutes and also ask someone to attend the pubwatch meeting on Friday.</p> <p>Operation Walksafe will be in action again over fresher's week Sat 20th – 28th September where the police will do joint patrols with the university advising students on community safety issues.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>Noted</p>
4.3	<u>EAT</u> – PS reported that 6 environmental enforcement officers will be working through the period tackling littering, promoters, entertainment licenses, and a dedicated team will be out each weekend. It was raised whether rather than additional funding for extra working it could not be done by a change in shift patterns. PS to look into and report back confirmation of the days/times they will be working.	PS
4.4	<u>Contacts</u> – NP to circulate a list of key contacts with the	

	minutes.	NP
5.0	Any Other Business	
5.1	SC reported that binyard properties are going to be piloted for a new signage scheme with messages about green bins etc.	Noted
5.2	SB gave notice of Hyde Park Unity Day, taking place on Saturday, Headingley community weekend is taking place in September and if anyone has any objections on the proposals for the old Girl's High school site they should let planning have them as soon as possible.	All
5.3	Greg Miller announced that the university is running a competition to capture the spirit of the Olympics and everyone is eligible to enter. The closing date is Friday 19 September 2008 and more information please contact Sarah Stephenson on 0113 3434072 or s.stephenson@adm.leeds.ac.uk.	Noted
6.0	Date of Next Meeting	
	Date of next meeting to be confirmed.	