Halton Forum Minutes from 11 June 2009 Christ Church, Halton

Present:

Cllr Mick Lyons (Chair), Cllr Bill Hyde, Cllr David Schofield, Martin Hackett (South East Area Management Team), James Nundy (SE AMT, minutes), John Pearson (METRO), Michelle McGill (Neighbourhood Warden), Gary Ashcroft (LCC Youth Service), Robert Whale (resident), Joanna Garth (resident), Liz Armstrong (resident), Jo Draycott (resident), Helen Johnson (Colton Primary School), Mr & Mrs Goodall (residents), Mrs J Schofield (Halton Townswomen's Guild), Cynthia Grice (resident), Christine Grant (resident), Audrey Linley (Fieldend Neighbourhood Watch), Gwendoline Green (resident), Margaret Walsh (Temple Gate Neighbourhood Watch), Mr J Fitzpatrick (resident), Colin & Denise Wilsher (Woodland & Whitkirk Neighbourhood Watch), Alan Wakefield (TG NW), Ann & Peter Conlon (Residents), Sgt Mason with various PCs and PCSOs (West Yorkshire Police)

Apologies:

Coullin Meikle (LCC Youth Services), Susan Merrey (Temple Moor High School), Margaret Blenkhorn (WW NW), Mr & Mrs T Dennis (TG NW), Revd. Mark Heather (St Wilfrid's Church), Elizabeth Hayes (Friends of Temple Newsam Park), Mr & Mrs Fitzpatrick (residents), Mrs Harrison (resident), Barbara & Peter Hewison (WW NW)

1.0	Welcome / introductions and apologies	
1.1	Cllr Lyons welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.0	Minutes from 19 February 2009	
2.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
3.0	Matters arising	
3.1	None.	
4.0	10 minute open floor	
4.1	A query was raised concerning Temple Moor High School. Is the perimeter fence to be completely removed ? MH to contact School	МН
5.0	Planning application for Travellers Pub site	
5.1	No update available re the proposed Tesco store. Cllr M Lyons declared an interest.	
5.2	Martin Hackett to contact Tesco's agent again and request that they attend the next forum.	МН
6.0	NHS Leeds – update on doctors surgery at Halton	
6.1	Gilsyke House has now closed as a proper doctors surgery is now open, which has three consulting rooms and a larger reception area. Doctors are in for the full day and there is also a nurse clinic. Cllr Lyons requested a community clinic for the area like in Burmantofts. The	
0.2	suggested location was to convert Brooksbank on Chapel Street.	

7.0	METRO – bus services in the area	
7.1	 Number 78 The new number 78 service started in April 09, running from 9am to 1pm (approximately). From July, additional services will run onwards to St James Hospital, then to the city centre (until approximately 4pm). The last return bus will be around 3pm, instead of 1:30pm. 	
7.2	 Number 18 Three bus stops have been removed near the Mead's in Colton in an effort to improve journey times between Garforth and Leeds. The flip side of this is it makes a long walk to the nearest stop from the Mead's. Getting on the bus going the other way and swapping at Sainsbury's wasn't considered an option. Road safety concerns were raised for Colton Primary School on School Lane. It was felt the road is too narrow for double decker buses. Cllr B. Hyde declared an interest Cllr M. Lyons suggested a separate meeting be arranged to discuss issues with the school and buses. Colton Primary School to arrange. There needs to be a survey of passenger usage at Sainsbury's bus stop. METRO to arrange within the next two weeks. Perhaps the roundabout could become the terminus, rather than School Lane? Issues were raised with the route between Colton and Garforth as the bus only stops on Selby Road, which isn't ideal for the pupils from Garforth Community College who live in Colton 	CPS METRO METRO
8.0	Community Safety	
8.1	 Police Crime statistics were distributed and discussed: Burglaries are down by 33% on previous six weeks, and damage levels are also lower than the previous period. ASB levels are reducing. Underage drinking is being tackled by bringing licensing officers out to the hotspots The off-road biking team are back by popular demand, as of 15 June The 'Local priorities and news roundup' section of the NPT website was promoted: See www.westyorkshire.police.uk/npt and add your postcode to the box PACT meetings were discussed Still too many burglaries in the area via unlocked doors It was highlighted that on the A63 westbound, on the approach to Sainsbury's 	
0.2	roundabout, the baffles on the traffic lights actually block the lights. > Sgt Mason to log with LCC Highways. If it is not rectified, he will take it up with Police traffic officers	SM
8.3	Please be on the look out for bogus callers targeting the elderly. The duo, a white male and a mixed race male pretend they are collecting for the RSPCA and ask for small amounts of money. If spotted, please report to the NPT on 0113 285 5335.	All
9.0	Youth Service - Coullin Meilke	
9.1	Mobile provision ongoing at Temple Newsam and at Sainsbury's.	

9.3	Reports of youths drinking and fires being started on Primrose Valley turned out to be adults 19-30 years old. Coullin is happy to try and get them involved with Shed Head at the Colton Institute for awareness sessions.	
10.0	AOB and date of next meeting	
10.1	Mr & Mrs Dennis thanked Cllr Lyons for his efforts in connection with helping to get the Halton Clinic open.	All
10.2	There will be a road safety meeting at Colton Primary School on 16 June 09, 6:30 – 7:30pm.	
10.3	Grove Road park – still issues with vandalism at the tennis courts.	
10.4	Primrose Road paving issue has been addressed.	
10.5	Reports of trees and bushes needing cutting back at Sainsbury's roundabout.	
10.6	The caterers were complimented.	
10.7	Date of next the meeting is 10 September 2009.	