

**Present:** Cllr Tom Murray (Chair), Councillor Andrea McKenna, Councillor Dobson, Lynne White (LCC ELAM), Michelle McGill (Neighbourhood Warden LCC), Tony Head (West Yorkshire Fire Service), Adrian Lee (Youth Service), David LeRoy (Garforth Community Association), Andy Cahill (Garforth in Bloom), PC 4674 Paul Rogers (West Yorkshire Police NPT), Insp Chris Jones (West Yorkshire Police NPT), Phil Dunwell (Garforth Residents Association), Jane Lambert (Garforth Community College), Sharon Elliott (Leeds Learning), Dave Evans (Garforth Community College), Jane Hookham (Resident/LCC), Fiona Titterington Leeds Library & Info Service), Ben Cleverley (Leeds Libraries)

**Apologies:** Kevin Pease (Traders), Simon Norman NHW, LCC

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome/Introductions and Apologies</b>	Action
1.1	Councillor Murray welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions made and apologies noted	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Extra Item plus Minutes of the last meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009</b>	
2.1	Minute 2.2 – MD – Zebra crossing now installed. Street furniture still not in, although promised	
2.2	Minute 2.6 – Bird in the Hand Public House – MD informed it has changed hands twice and vandalism has decreased	
2.3	Minute 2.8 – Disco supported by the Lions fell by the wayside due to lack of communication – problems have been ironed out and hopefully will be resurrected	
2.4	Phil Dunwell listed wrongly on last minutes – should have read Garforth Residents Association	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>10 Minute Open Floor</b>	
3.1	DE from the Community College asked to speak before the meeting re Garforth Arts Festival – DE gave a DVD presentation with commentary and explained how the money had been spent i.e. money went to orphans in Africa, 25 Educational Projects, 1,717 young people involved with 44 sessions etc. Festival is now going into its sixth year and the aim is to work with children in schools. Initial stage is about consultation with local people. Cllr TM/JH asked how do you get the feedback, DE gives out forms at the festival, also feedback from the bookshop. JH suggested the library. DE's e-mail address is <a href="mailto:evansdj01@leedslearning.net">evansdj01@leedslearning.net</a> or tel: 3368619.  Chair thanked DE	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Community Safety</b>	
4.1	Insp CJ gave update	
4.2	NET were awarded £500 from POCA funding	
4.3	Crime – down significantly 1,326 last year down to 266, big part of figures burglary dwellings but 40 less this year so overall picture good.	

4.4	Insp CJ informed of a blip – increase of 15 offences in last 6 weeks but extra funding in place to combat this (dwelling burglaries) over both wards overnight in Garforth and during the evening Kippax, Preston and Swillington.	
4.5	Public are responding well to the newsletter delivered by PCSO's	
4.6	ASB decreased with summer investment from funding streams since September due to Garforth having response officers and backup from Killingbeck	
4.7	September figures (38% to 55%) showed people have more confidence in policing due to them realising Police and the Council work together	
4.8	Cllr AM – Tesco's vandalised in Swillington – shutters now fitted and new windows being installed	
4.9	Cllr TM asked if there were any problems in Little Preston – Insp CJ not aware of any	
4.10	JH expressed concern about rented properties in Beech Grove and Lidgett Lane but was concerned that when calling Police they were told to contact Environment LCC. Insp CJ informed JH to contact the Police the following day and they would pick it up. SLP College doing inputs, staff at the college were complimented on the good job they do. Cllr TM will take it up.	
4.11	MM Neighbourhood Warden gave a report on issues dealt with over the past few months. Cllr MD asked MM to chase up Graffiti paint with Kris Nenadic and Bob Bradley from Parks. Cllr TM spoke about parking on Station Road by the Montague – Insp CJ will look into it	
4.12	Chair thanked Police and NHW	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Update on Garforth Library – Fiona Titterington</b>	
5.1	FT and BC gave update – pictures of the new library were passed around. There will be 60 hours of opening time and a consultation has taken place, leaflets given out with suggested times, consultation will finish end of November. BC put together a newsletter and informed he was working with a group from the Garforth Community College with help from Adrian Lee and Dave Evans.	
5.2	FT explained it will be not just a library but a One Stop Shop working in partnership with Area Management, Customer Services, Registrar Service, and Café with tea and cakes run by Bakara a local non profit making business which should not take away any business from existing local cafes.	
5.3	There will be free use of the internet in the IT learning suite – Insp CJ asked if this will be monitored – FT said yes, it has a good filtering system.	
5.4	Cllr MD asked if the consultation for the library could be completed on line – FT said yes on Talking Point on the LCC Website.	
5.5	Opening of the Library should be 14 <sup>th</sup> February but the library will actually be ready by end December.	
5.6	Chair thanked FT and BC	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Services to Young People – Adrian Lee (Senior Youth Worker)</b>	
6.1	AL informed he has two new Youth Workers and full capacity staffing, all work Friday evening. They have strengthened partnership with the school, mobile working with young. Urban Arts Project, trips, bowling, climbing wall, trip to Doncaster etc. They	

	are working closing with the Libraries. Swilington have a regular program, trips out, sporting activities, baby reality course. AL informed the PCT are decommissioning the Health Bus.	
6.2	An agreement has been reached with the Manager at Kippax Baths for a one week course for 16-19 year olds to do lifesaving; if the course is completed successfully they could be eligible for interview for jobs.	
6.3	AL asked for suggestions for youths to tidy up parks, graveyards etc.	
6.4	SE informed the holiday program last year from funding from the Lottery, now self funding, they worked with 400 young people in 2009, sent out 300 surveys and the feedback was that the staff were great and all had enjoyed attending.	
6.5	75 youth volunteers worked in the community i.e. charity shops etc which ended with a certificate – SE explained various awards achieved.	
6.6	Cllr MD – expressed concern about the PCT health bus being removed and would like to raise it with the PCT managers. Cllr TM said there is a need to reduce teenage pregnancies – AL will obtain figures and facts.	
6.7	JL informed they are still involved with the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, which has been successful and presently awaiting to receive their awards. Cllr TM and Insp CJ complimented young people and said there are only a few which cause problems.	
6.8	Cllr AM – raised concern about recent report for Swilington – six years on and still no provision for youths and the gap it getting bigger between Garforth and Swilington and asked why there is no provision at Swilington. AL said he would take this on board.	
6.9	Chair thanked AL and SE	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Community Engagement events in Garforth &amp; Swilington</b>	
7.1	Learning Market event 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2009 – Cllr TM informed it was successful and over 100 attended	
7.2	Older Persons Event Week – LW informed it was held at 5 venues throughout Outer East Leeds, over 1,000 elderly attended along with Panto from Pocket Panto, 17 various agencies attend distributing information to the elderly, with lunch, bingo raffles etc. LW received a thank you for work done on the event by the Ward Councillors	
7.3	Cllr TM and MD informed there would be a 2 <sup>nd</sup> Community Safety event in the ward in Spring 2010	