

TYERSAL COMMUNITY FORUM MINUTES
Wednesday 11th November 2009

Present: Cllr Jarosz (Chair), Cllr Mick Coulson, Rebecca Boon (WNW Area Management) Paul Matthews, Andrea Fawthrop (Youth Service) Mr. Eddie Foster, George Campbell, Dorothy Hellawell, Linda Allen, Carolyn Hoddell, Lynda Willicombe, J.Romans, J. Artist, D. Crow, Derek Wilson, K.E.Burns, Neil Ruddy, G.Stephenson, J.Nicholson, M.Merriman.

ACTION

1.0 WELCOME

1.1 Cllr Jarosz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Richard Lewis, Janet Varley.

3.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

3.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Item 4.1 - Problems re Flagstones. Has their been any progress with this matter following attendance at the last forum when Steve Monks (Highways) suggested that something should be done in order to rectify the problem and to allow the community to move on from this issue which has been ongoing for over 2years. To enquire of Steve Monks again.

Steve Monks.

4.2 5, Tyersal Road, this matter has now become more serious as residents have observed rats and mice at the property. To refer to Environmental Action Team.

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4.3 Item 5.1 – A local resident expressed reservations regarding the proposed changes for the NHS from a trust to a foundation trust. Specifically the issues were:

- that Beeston and Holbeck should not be included in the ‘constituency’ designated for outer west Leeds as it was not geographically contiguous with the other communities of Pudsey, Armley and Farnley and Wortley.
- That the changes proposed would lead to a ‘post code lottery’ of facilities and services for the local community.

Local residents were encouraged to complete their consultation documents to be returned to the NHS by the end of December.

5.0 Update on Tyersal Park Refurbishment

5.1 Chris Hodgson from Parks and Countryside did not attend the forum. To request that he comes along to the next meeting.

5.2 Presentation by Youth Service – Youth Service managers did not attend the forum. In their absence youth workers Paul Matthews and Andrea Fawthrop spoke to the meeting.

5.2 The youth club is open Monday and Wednesday for over 16yrs olds. They are to start a Youth Inclusion Programme (YIP) for 8-13yr olds from January 2010. Current youth club members are being trained to be youth club workers/assistants.

- 5.3 Leeds and Bradford Youth Services are currently working together and on 7th December there will be a joint youth club so that people can get to know one another.
- 5.4 Previous bad behaviour has gone as some young people have grown up and grown out of being a nuisance. Emphasis in the future will be on a settled consistent delivery of interesting projects delivered by a regular team of staff. Detached workers are making contact with local schools and speaking to young people. Local residents are very welcome to come along and help out – for example in the tuck shop.
- 5.5 The young people have made an application to LS CASH for £9,000 which will hopefully fund safety/security lighting for the outside of the club which will make the area much safer for young people.
- 5.6 A local resident stated there had been some damage in the past but welcomed the move to start afresh. Paul Matthews informed the meeting that the club will operate on a membership basis only. Membership cards are issued to the homes of young people therefore false details cannot be given. They will also be issuing consent forms requiring details of the adults who are dropping off and collecting the young people.
- 5.7 A programme of events will be devised so local people are confident that the young people are engaged in positive activities. The programme will include educational information on :
- Domestic Violence
 - Drugs
 - Sexual Health
 - Smoking
 - Violent Behaviour
- There will also be a pool table and they hope to hold pool tournaments with other youth clubs. Other fun trips will also be organised throughout the year. These are always well staffed with a good ratio of staff to young people.
- 5.8 Cllr Jarosz thanked Paul and Andrea for a very informative presentation and for doing it at short notice.
- 6.0 Any Other Business**
- 6.1 A local resident asked for an update on the Refuse Collection strike as this had been going on for 8-9 weeks.
Cllr Jarosz explained that negotiations were still on going and they centred on productivity. The resident said that it was likely that any fines incurred by Leeds City Council for missing land fill targets would mean that the council tax payer may end up paying for the strike.
- 6.2 Some residents stated that although Tyersal had received a bin collection he had not had his bin emptied in many weeks. Cllr Coulson invited anybody with this problem to e mail him and he would investigate it on their behalf.
mick.coulson@leeds.gov.uk
- 6.3 Residents thanked Chris Hodgson for coming along to the 'Young at Heart' Club to bring them up to date with plans for the park.
- 6.4 Local residents complained that their Bradford post code discriminates against them. As they belong to Leeds they would prefer their post code reflected this instead of the Bradford one assigned to them. To request if the Post Office would reconsider changing this to reflect their Leeds status.
- 7.0 Date of Next Meeting**
- 7.1 Wednesday February 10th 2010 in the Youth Club at Tyersal Social Club.