

Neighbourhoods & Housing Department Outer East Leeds Area Committee

North Whinmoor Forum

Meeting held on 9 October 2006 Fieldhead Carr Primary School

Present:

Councillor Gruen, Councillor Grahame, Karl Curry (East Leeds Area Management), Melanie Bratton (ELAM, Minutes), Mark Smith (LCC Youth Service), Ian Wigglesworth (LCC Youth Service), Deeta Tren-Humphries (LSS Youth Service), Ken Hill (SGNS), Leslie Horn (WLCA), Ann Barrett (WLCA), Mike Weaver (Neighbourhood Warden), Alesha Smith (Whinmoor Juniors), S. Smith (Whinmoor Bowling Club), Rita Green (Whinmoor Bowling Club), Randy Blackburn (WHRA), Sgt Richard Sullivan (NPT), Graham Reeves (WYP), Michelle Myers (Resident), Ann Barrett (WLCA White Laithe Gardens), Leslie Horn (WLCA White Laithe Gardens), Brenda Speight (Killingbeck Crime Prevention Panel and Resident), David Woodruff (Skelton Woods Resident).

Apologies:

Councillor Armitage, Martin Hackett(LCC), Andrew Rooke (Sanctuary Housing).

1.0	Introductions and Apologies	Action
1.1	Councillor Gruen welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced apologies.	
2.0	Minutes of the last meeting	
2.1	Amendments to attendance and apologies. Agreed as a true and accurate record.	
3.0	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
3.1	4.1 – Councillor to update on progress. There are no schemes for Alleygating in North Whinmoor. Resident concerned as Neil Diamond has led residents to believe that the ginnel on Hathaway Drive/White Laithe Court was to be closed. Councillors stated that they have no knowledge of this closure and the request has not been received by Ward Members. Councillors informed residents that suggestions can be added for ginnel closures. Councillors to contact Neil Diamond and seek clarification.	CLLRS
3.2	9.1 – Councillor Gruen reiterated Councillor Armitage's comment from the previous meeting regarding residents attending the meeting. The North Whinmoor forum is by invitation only. Residents can attend the meeting but only for the 10 minute open floor.	
4.0	10 Minute Open Floor	
4.1	Resident attended meeting for 10 minute open floor and asked where Tenants and Residents Association meetings are being held. Randy Blackburn stated that WHRA opened their AGM to the public and only 3 additional residents attended. Due to past poor attendance by residents reluctant to arrange meetings. Councillors suggested trying to encourage residents to attend. Councillors suggested contacting Alan Thorpe of South East Homes but would need to register. Could approach Committee for funding if there are no other avenues.	

5.0 Community Safety

5.1 Neighbourhood Policing and Crime Statistics for Ward

Crime statistics distributed for Whinmoor and Swarcliffe. Race hate crime still continues to be an issue.

A meeting has been held with shop keepers regarding a number of issues relating to youths.

There a currently four youths being processed through the ASB Panel for possible ASBOs. If ASBOs granted ASB should reduce in the area. If ASBOs are granted photographs of the youths will be distributed. If youths are then seen in restricted areas and/or with associated youths they will be arrested.

Residents have concerns over a particular youth who is causing problems at the shops on Whinmoor Crescent. The youth is exposing himself, urinating on the school fence at St. Paul's and causing general problems. Local resident has stated that she would be willing to have CCTV on the front and the back of her house and also willing to give evidence. Residents details to be passed to the police. Description of youth given and the Youth Service have a name which is also to be passed to the Police.

There are presently three PCSOs patrolling Whinmoor and Swarcliffe which is a vast area to cover. There will be an increase of PCSOs from three to five. There are 22 PCSOs to cover the whole of the east area of Leeds and work in shift patterns.

Crime increases at this particular time of year and has done so for the past 3-5 years.

5.2 **Neighbourhood Wardens Report – Mike Weaver**

Wherever there is a parade of shops there will be young people hanging around.

Mike is liaising with Parks and Countryside regarding an A-frame for Skelton Woods to prevent motorbikes from accessing the woods.

Clean ups have taken place on the Hebden's and also at the Plantation.

Mike has been in contact with Metro regarding the bus shelter on Skelton Lane. Metro's response was that a bus shelter would not be erected on Skelton Lane due to the lack of use.

'No Tipping Signs' have been requested for display at the Red Lion and White Laithe School.

Mike is liaising with Enforcement regarding cars being sold on Council land on the Ring Road. Residents asked what could be done regarding residents selling cars (more than one and frequently) from their homes. If the cars that are being sold are causing an obstruction the Police can deal with the issue. If the residents are Council tenants then Housing can address the matter. Addresses to be given to the Police of residents who are selling cars.

Weapons awareness is being undertaken in schools. Bogus Callers information is being distributed. Police informed meeting that the premises licence at Whinmoor Crescent is up for renewal on the 31st October 2006. There are still on-going enquiries and still need more evidence. Petition supporting the owner is being passed around. **DISTRICT CENTRE REGENERATION - UPDATE** 6.0 6.1 All five bids were returned for review, including Fieldhead Carr. The bids have been reviewed and are to be re-submitted on the 10th October 2006. Some of the cost has been trimmed. The skatepark has been taken out of Youth Service stated that they undertook a the bid due to cost. questionnaire asking young people what they wanted to do / see in their area. The result of the questionnaire was that young people want a skate park. Youths also identified through a newsletter that they produced that a skate park is wanted by young people. 7.0 YOUTH SERVICE 7.1 Papers distributed relating to holiday and current activities available for young people. A vast list of current programmes and activities was relayed to the meeting supporting the decision to not re-open the Fieldhead Community Centre. The Youth Service are targeting over 100 young people through Centres, detached work and hot spot areas, compared with the 4 – 7 young people at Fieldhead Carr Community Centre. Through detached work the Youth Service are mapping where young people congregate and passing the information on to Beverley Yearwood at Community Safety. Work currently undertaken with young people includes:-Housing, Education, College applications, C.Vs, C-card, Pregnancy test and Advice, Chlamydia testing, Trips, Playschemes, Community events, Community Clearances, Open College Network, Teenage Mother and Baby Group, Health and Well Being, Smoking Cessation, Health and Safety in the Community, Community Cohesion, Alcohol Awareness, Contraception and Sports. The Youth Service also work in partnership and have links with:-Rehabilitation, Community Service, Weapons Awareness Probation, Programme, Intensive Support and Surveillance Programme, John Smeaton Community High School, Local shop keepers, Community Wardens, PCSOs, St. Gregory's Social Club and also residents. Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme has an Inter-regenerational Worker to bridge young and old people. Work is being undertaken in primary schools. If funding is available the work will also be undertaken in secondary school. 8.0 5 Ms 8.1 Leaflet distributed regarding update on the houses on the Coal Road / Redhall estate. Residents had heard that mortgage applications are being

	refused on these houses because the houses have under-pinning problems. Councillors to look into.	Cllrs
	Over 300 people are bidding on houses in the area as the area is very popular.	
9.0	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
9.1	The residents Association in Whinmoor, Stanks and Swarcliffe are organising a fundraising calendar. Dates of events or special dates that group have can be put onto the calendar. Details to be given to Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme. M. Butterworth of Thomas Danby conscious of letting charges. Karl to remind Councillor Parker of letter.	K.C
10.0	DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING	
10.1	Date of next meeting	