

Outer East Area Committee

Halton Forum
Minutes from 28 October 2010
Christ Church, Halton

Appendix 6 Present:

Cllr David Schofield (Chair), Cllr Mick Lyons, James Nundy (LCC - South East Area Management Team, minutes), Jenny Hill (Leeds Initiative), Colin & Denise Wilsher (Woodland & Whitkirk Neighbourhood Watch), Margaret Blenkhorn (WW NW), Heather Sanderson (resident), Yvonne Gomersal (resident), Margaret Burton (resident), Michelle Bell (resident), Jackie Flannagan (resident), Margaret Walsh (Templegate Neighbourhood Watch), Patricia Wragg (resident), Thelma Dixon (resident), Margaret Ward (T NW), Tricia Wynter (resident), George & Joan Boucher (residents), Joanne Goodall (resident), Audrey Linley (resident), Coulin Meikle (LCC – Youth Service), P & B Huison (WW NHW), Mrs M Oates (resident), Terry Dennis (resident), PC Chris Walters (West Yorkshire Police), PCSO Paul Calvert (WYP), John Pearson (LCC – Environmental Action), Michelle McGill (LCC – EA), Coulin Meikle (LCC – Youth Service)

Apologies:

Cllr Bill Hyde, The Reverend (Whitkirk Church), Susan Merry (Temple Moor High School) – no longer working in this area

1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	
1.1	Cllr Schofield welcomed everyone to the meeting and top table introductions were made.	
2.0	Minutes from 5 August 2010	
2.1	Colin and Denise Wilsher were not recorded as being present at the last meeting.	
2.2	The minutes were otherwise agreed as accurate.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	(4.3) Templegate Walk traffic issues – It was reported there had been one site visit, but police were requested to visit again at 3pm, the time the school closes as people are still parking on the zigzag lines. H-bars are not going to be provided across residents drives at this location.	
4.0	10 minute open floor	
4.1	Vision for Leeds – Jenny Hill A new Vision document is being produced for 2010-2030, which will cover the whole of Leeds. It has been brought on by the recession and change in financial climate and population changes. It will be a sustainable community strategy. • The consultation document was tabled and copies distributed. The consultation can also be done online at www.whatifleeds.org • The forum was encouraged to complete the forms • Jenny is happy to visit community groups for more information. Please get in touch at www.whatifleeds.org • Potential to have a whatif Halton Moor blog	
5.0	Residual Waste Treatment Facility – project update	
5.1	Cllr Schofield and Andrew Lingham (LCC – Environmental Services) gave an update on this item:	

- leaflets and other information was tabled
- 5.2 £68 million of PFI funding is secured for this project.
- 5.3 Leeds commercial waste will be included in the facility to top up any spare capacity the facility may develop.
- Front end recycling rate is expected to be 8-10%, with the remains burnt, to generate electricity for the National Grid and reduces the cost of running the plant.
- 5.5 There will be a filtration process on the emissions.
- 5.6 By-products are ash and the fly ash will be transported to landfill.
- 5.7 Landfill costs £80 per tonne (£1.8million per year).
- 5.8 One of the proposed sites is 100 yards from properties on Halton Moor Road.

5.9 **Current position**

- The final two bidders are currently at the 'refined solutions' stage
- Final bids are expected this winter
- 10,500 households are to receive a pamphlet about the proposals
- Public issues can still be fed into the bids
- Various local consultations have happened with approx 100 residents at each
- Consultation findings:
 - Health impact
 - One site is less popular
- 5.10 The final decision is expected in summer 2011 and a pre-planning consultation by the winning bidder will take place. A planning application is expected in 2013 and the facility is expected to be operational by 2015.
- 5.11 Contact points and update registration points were highlighted within the handouts.

6.0 Community safety / environmental issues

6.1 **Police update by PC Chris Walters and PCSO Paul Calvert:**

Crime statistics from the last six weeks ere discussed, and it was highlighted that burglary (dwelling) had risen by 23 offences from the previous period. This equates to 30% of all crime in the area:

- Halton burglary hotspots are currently Templegate's and Primrose's, with a peak time between 2-4am, taking items such as cameras, mobile phones and televisions
- There are still lots of sneak-in burglaries taking place and attacks on Europrofile locks (upgraded locks are available from approximately £80 per door). To try and combat these offences, the police are out in unmarked cars and on bikes
- Forum members were reminded to lock doors and windows, and take keys upstairs at night
- **Success story:** three offenders were recently caught 'equipped for burglary' with mole grips
- Vehicle crime is down by 17%
- Anti-social behaviour is down by 3.5% at 131 calls. This includes rowdy or
 inconsiderate behaviour, street drinking, noise, motor bikes etc. There are
 no patterns emerging at the moment, but there have been several calls
 regarding Woodland Road, Primrose Crescent and Morritt Avenue
- Operation Confidence is coming to the area soon. It will involve door

knocking to gauge levels of satisfaction and trying doors to see if they are unlocked (in an effort to highlight sneak-in burglaries) 6.2 The police recommended forum members with satnavs to turn the Bluetooth off when leaving the device in the car as criminals are now using the signal (it has a 10m radius) to pinpoint which cars have satnavs onboard, by using mobile phones. The other recommendation was to remove the satnav cradle and rub the ring from the windscreen. 6.3 There is a 'caught on camera' section of the police website with camera stills of people wanted for questioning. The photos stay on for two months before they are moved to the Crimestoppers website. 6.4 Police telephone numbers: Neighbourhood policing team: 0113 285 5335 National non-emergency number: **0845 60 60 60 6** 6.5 **CEO / CESO Report** John Pearson tabled his report and gave a verbal update: The car park at rear of Co-op has been cleaned of litter and broken glass etc. Monthly inspections now take place and it is regularly cleaned by the landlords. Colton Retail Park – rodent issue – Shops have been taking appropriate action. The land owners are responsible for the low vegetation and have cut it back to allow pest control better access Overgrown vegetation and dog fouling on streets is talked when seen 6.6 Intelligence was requested as evidence is needed to take things forward. Please contact John on 07891 272 168 / john.pearson@leeds.gov.uk or Michelle McGill on 07891 277 577 / michelle.mcgill@leeds.gov.uk 7.0 Youth Service update - Coulin Meikle 7.1 Virgil gave an update on recent activities: The Youth Service provision is now running seven nights a week, with a recent intake of 100 new young people getting involved in activities Seven young people are currently engaged in the Duke of Edinburgh award The Service runs on half the budget of a standard high school Information is obtained from the police and PACT meetings in connection with young people to allow a more accurately targeted programme Youth Service bus is operational seven days a week - has recently been at Sainsbury's and has received £2,500 for equipment on the bus Summer holiday programme linked in with Breeze at Temple Newsam House, to pool resources, mix the communities and in the region of 450 young people attended the sessions Involved in the Area Committee funded Whitkirk cricket week coaching in August, delivered Yorkshire Cricket Board Building links with Temple Moor High School and Corpus Christi Police crime statistic of ASB reducing by 7% (43 fewer victims) is thought to be linked to the summer programme 7.2 The councillors were thanked for their MICE money contributions. Any other business and date of next meeting 8.0 8.1 The Older Persons Event Week, funded by the Outer East Area Committee, was highlighted as another success. 8.2 Date of next meeting: Thursday 20 January 2011 at Temple Moor High School ΑII