

## GIPTON & HAREHILLS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP TEAM

Notes from the Meeting at the Henry Barran Centre  
Wednesday 20th April 2011



### Attendees

Councillor Maqsood, Hayley Clifton, John Woolmer, Abbas Shah (ENEHL), Mary Moon (Area Panel member), Hayden Rauseo (Beeches and Oaktrees TRA), Father Paul Payton (Church of Epiphany), Imran Khan (Community Action Trust for Change in Harehills), Ian Hopkinson (Ambertons, Lawrences and Oaktrees TRA), Amanda Hazelgrave (South Gipton TRA), Joanne Busuttil (South Gipton TRA), Denise Bray (Phoenix TRA), Graham Thornton (Phoenix TRA), Terri Loney (Gipton Together), Michael Teggart (St Augustines Primary School), Jaan Malik (Shantona Womens Centre)



### Welcome and introduction

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Councillor Kamila Maqsood. Councillor Maqsood welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained her role and links to the Inner East Area Committee.

### Team Gipton / Harehills and the new CLT

Councillor Maqsood introduced John Woolmer and Hayley Clifton (Neighbourhood Manager), staff from the Council's Area Management Team.

John and Hayley presented a few slides which set out the approach that has been developed by the Area Committee to better bring together those delivering services as a team for the neighbourhood and to put residents at the heart of how improvements are made.

The two clear principles for the development of this new "team" approach are:

- local residents determine and oversee the local improvement agenda
- services and residents will work together within a 'team' ethos

It was reported that the following priorities have been agreed by the Area Committee for the focus of improvements in Gipton and Harehills:

- less people who are not in employment, education or training (NEET)
- less crime and antisocial behaviour
- improvements in school attendance
- increase in community pride
- increased environmental quality



The presentation covered the proposed role of the Community Leadership Team (CLT). It was made clear that membership of the CLT is exclusively for residents and local councillors only. John explained how the initial membership is drawn from those residents already influencing local services through active civic roles such as being a school governor, a children centre advisory board member, helping run a residents association or being on an Academy/Youth Council.

It was explained how CLT meetings would be structured, what's involved in being a member and how the CLT would take responsibility to oversee the achievement of the above priorities on behalf of the Area Committee.

<b>Gipton &amp; Harehills CLT – Future Meeting Agenda</b>	
• Business Meeting	(45 mins)
– <i>Neighbourhood Improvement Plan Update</i>	
– <i>Community Engagement</i>	
– <i>Crime &amp; Grime Tasking</i>	
• Priority Review	(30 mins)
– <i>In depth look at one of the local priorities</i>	
• Have Your Say	(15 mins)
– <i>Opportunity for public questions on community matters</i>	

The presentation was followed by a few questions and general discussion. Residents expressed their desire to make it work and that they thought the concept was an excellent one.

**Action: to send members of the group a structure chart for ‘team neighbourhood’.**

## Questions so far

Discussions took place regarding the CLTs splitting into 2 once developed, one for Gipton and one for Harehills. The group felt that at this stage and for the foreseeable future it would be beneficial to work together as a ward, and have one CLT.

Comments were made that it would be useful to have papers in advance of the meeting.

The group felt that it would be useful to have an online forum or ways of being able to communicate with one another in a pro-active way.

## The CLT job description

A draft job description for the role of a CLT member was circulated. CLT members were asked to look through and provide any comments or suggestions to Hayley either before or during the next meeting. John advised that it is a work in progress and something we want residents and the Area Committee to work together on, and that it is not set in stone and can be adapted as necessary as the CLT develops. The JD is for the purposes of outlining the role and ensuring that CLT members are aware of their responsibilities by being at the table.

The general feeling of the group was that the JD is appropriate.

## How we currently influence things, and how we can build on this

The group split into 3-4 groups and took part in an exercise, where thoughts on the above statement were recorded on flip charts. Comments were as follows;

- (TRAs) get areas cleaned up, with support from ALMO (equipment and people if needed)

- ALMO Area Panel – ALMO business
- Community networks
- Gardening clubs (with funding from POCA – Proceeds of Crime Act)
- (*Shantona provides*) volunteering opportunities
- Build on community contacts, lots of ideas but not always able to communicate them
- Lack of ability to influence services
- Influence on local crime issues with PACT (Police and community together meetings)
- Have meetings with local Councillors
- Issues with Streetscene
- Not able to influence youth services / lack of facilities or programmes
- Not able to influence management of local centres
- (*There are*) drug and alcohol issues, predominant in Harehills – enforce a street ban, this affects employment opportunities
- We are not able to influence the health services – endless leafleting issues
- (*We currently influence things by*)...
- liaising with our Councillors to play a part in executing certain tasks in the area
- communicating with the tenants in area concerning their needs and concerns
- engaging with the residents via meetings to voice their issues what are lacking in the area that we need to confront
- (*how we can build on this*)...
- Fulfilling the goals that are set in place
- Engaging with the ALMO where these goals fall within their remit
- Communicating with residents that the area is their community, and they are responsible to help put things in place
- CATCH – community action group, constituted with a panel & sub committees which has local professionals on inc Police, school head. Has an area action plan, good links to fire service and other services.
- Harehills Primary – school Governor, school was rated outstanding at Ofsted inspection for their work on community cohesion
- Member of Leeds Foundation Trust – NHS, conducts health related awareness campaigns
- Use call centers to contact services which can be difficult
- Contact Councillors for assistance with things
- Need better / direct links to Police and more preventative work to be done
- ASB – lack of things for young people to do. Needs young people on CLT
- Lots of open spaces which are underused
- Lots of environmental issues in Harehills, more educational work needs doing, especially in relation to businesses
- Get business representatives on CLT
- Breakdown religious / ethnic barriers, get faith group representatives on CLT
- Help to facilitate placements and apprenticeships, even shadowing opportunities for young people , potentially CLT and local professionals can help with this
- If the CLT is eventually split into 2 it would still be useful to get together as a ward CLT every 6 – 12 months to share experiences and learning

## **Training Opportunity – Team Building Course**

The CLT were advised that we have been offered an exciting opportunity by the Northern College near Barnsley ([www.northern.ac.uk](http://www.northern.ac.uk)) to undertake a residential team building / shared action planning course, which will be tailor made for the CLT. The dates we have been offered are 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July. The course is completely free to residents and includes

accommodation, breakfast and evening meal, and we can fund the transport. Because the course is bespoke, we may also be able to request that it is scaled down so we just do one night away, and we can have an input on course content according to our needs. Members of the CLT are asked to advise Hayley by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011** if they are interested in participating, and any comments / suggestions they may have, as we need to secure the places with the college. If you have any issues preventing you from attending, but are keen to participate, please contact Hayley and we will see if we can help. The college does have a childrens centre on site, and during these dates has 3 places available to us for child care.

## **Summary and next meeting arrangements**

Councillor Maqsood closed the meeting by thanking everyone who had taken the trouble to attend and take part. She looked forward with excitement to the development of the CLT over the coming year and promised her commitment as chair to support residents in making the CLT an effective, modern way of influencing and overseeing the improvement in how services work together in Gipton and Harehills.

Comments of support were made by residents, welcoming the establishment of the CLT and looking forward to future meetings.

The CLT decided that they would like the theme of the next meeting to be 'Environment', and that the meeting will be held on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 5.30pm – 7pm at the Henry Barran Centre, Gipton.**

If anyone has issues with transport please let Hayley know, and we will try and assist.

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