

## **KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP TEAM**

**Notes from the Meeting held at the Seacroft Methodist Church Hall**

**Wednesday 13th April 2011, 5.30pm – 7pm**



### **Welcome and introduction**

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Councillor Vonnie Morgan. Vonnie welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves to the group.

**Attendees;** Councillor Brian Selby, Councillor Graham Hyde, Stephen Hall (resident), Rod Manners (Barncroft TRA/Grange Farm Governor), Ann Little (Seacroft Green TRA), Dianne Marsden (Seacroft Green TRA), David Jenkins (Leeds CAB), Lily Woods (Seacroft Green TRA), Brian Jones (SSFN), Margaret Arnett (SSFN), Heather Jamieson (Seacroft Parish), John Woolmer (ENEAMT), Hayley Clifton (ENEAMT), Mel Bratton (ENEAMT)

### **The CLT job descripton**

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 Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) – an introduction**

A copy of the full Killingbeck & Seacroft NIP was circulated and Hayley presented information on how the NIP priorities were identified, using the Neighbourhood Index data and resident perception household survey results. She informed the group that further rational, and comparisons to last years figures is included in the NIP, as well as the full neighbourhood index data. The CLT were advised how the household survey has been conducted in South Seacroft for the previous 4 years, but how the priority neighbourhood now incorporated the whole K&S ward, split into 4 middle super output areas (MSOAs) which contains 10,700 households, containing a population of 24,000. The survey has not been conducted this year due to the scale of the neighbourhood and the fact that resources have been used to set up the CLTs across the priority neighbourhoods, but we are still exploring how we can conduct the surveys in the future. Perhaps by asking for assistance from the CLTs.

The CLT then looked at the action plan and Hayley described how the actions contained

within it are specific and measurable, and that the action plan does not by any means attempt to capture all the work that is happening in the area under each priority, it simply focuses on key actions for the management team to deliver in partnership. The plan is RAG (red amber green) rated on outcomes, with green meaning that actions are progressing well, amber meaning that there are potentially barriers to overcome but some progress is being made, and red meaning that actions have not progressed for whatever reason. The action plan part of the NIP is what the CLT will look at during every meeting, with an in depth look at one of the priorities. The CLT can make suggestions about the NIP, what should be included and how/where/when it can be delivered, and Hayley will take these suggestions back to the management team and Area Committee. Ultimately the Area Committee make the final decisions about the NIP and associated spending, taking into account the CLTs recommendations. Hayley reminded the CLT of the delivery model for Team Seacroft, and that it's success relies on us all working together as a team.

### **Crime and Grime tasking update – Inspector Stephen Emmett**

The CLT were given the dates for the tasking meetings until Feb 2012. Inspector Emmett advised that CLT that pubwatch meetings were being held in the ward on a 6 weekly basis, and that a majority of pubs across the ward were represented, and were being very cooperative and proactive especially in terms of drug use in the pubs. He advised that another round of test purchases had been completed on off-licenses, and that there were no failures in Seacroft. The CLT were advised that at the year end (31 March) the K&S ward had recorded 180 more crimes in the year than the same period last year, and that some of this increase was due to domestic assaults, which could be due to more domestic related incidents are being reported. Burglary figures were the same as the year before. Currently lead and metal theft is a problem in the area, due to trade in prices being high. Work is ongoing on this and there have been lots of arrests made, the Council environmental enforcement team have also been assisting by monitoring trade waste sites and scrap dealers. The main area of concern in relation to burglaries is the Poole estate, and it is suspected this is due to some recent prison releases. A question was raised about motorbikes on the Green being a problem. Inspector Emmett advised residents to report all incidents and try to include as much information as possible including description of the bike and rider including their clothing etc.

### **Local budgets and influence**

Detailed information concerning Inner East Area Committee spend during 2009/10, including POCA grants, was circulated, showing a total spend in K&S as £161,312.43.

Information in relation to this years Area Committee budget was also circulated, this included a commitment from East North East Homes Leeds Outer East Area Panel that £50,000 of their budget would be used to match fund committee and other monies on schemes potentially agreed through the CLT. The immediate opportunity to influence spending is the £33,000 which the area committee have agreed to allocate to the K&S priority neighbourhood.

Information from Extended services was also circulated and this showed budget details across the City, informing the group that the Seacroft Manston cluster was allocated £375,910 plus a pupil premium amount of £749,920. Hayley advised that she has been unable to get answers in time for the meeting about how the money is allocated and who it's accountable to, but will continue ask. The CLT would like this further information and to see potential spending plans.

The CLT then conducted an exercise (during a comfort break) where they looked at the immediate spending opportunity of £33,000 from the area committee budget, and suggested percentages of the budget against NIP priorities, as follows;

| <b>Neighbourhood Improvement Plan priorities: £33,000</b>   |                              |
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|   | <b>Suggested allocation</b>  |
| <b>Reducing crime and ASB</b>   | 20%<br>50%<br>15%<br>40%     |
| <b>Comments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor cuts in spending in Police and check effects</li> <li>• Tackling the underlying reasons for crime is the real issue, including self esteem and purpose</li> <li>• By making Seacroft a nicer place to live with less crime drugs and alcohol</li> <li>• Continue to fund local projects to engage young people and educate others, promote citizenship, encourage personal pride in the community</li> <li>• To keep PSCOs and video vans in high profile for deterrent</li> </ul>   |                              |
| <b>Reducing worklessness / NEET</b>   | 50%<br>50%<br>55%<br>30%     |
| <b>Comments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine impact of benefits changes with the job centre, e.g. transition from IB to ESA and the effects of income loss and sanctions applied to JSA</li> <li>• I suspect that if a real difference was made in this area it would lead to reduced crime and asb and maybe even better health</li> <li>• Through the job centre work with local organizations/charities to get people away from daytime tv and acquire new skills. Also give people motivation and the feeling of doing something good in the community</li> <li>• Creating more apprentice / paid / voluntary work shops to support work experience. Begin in education, follows through once preparing to enter further education etc</li> <li>• Try to get local firms to give work placements and apprenticeships</li> </ul> |                              |
| <b>Improving school attendance</b>  | 0%<br>0%<br>15%<br>15%<br>5% |
| <b>Comments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Money for this should be cluster funding</li> <li>• It's often to do with sense of self value and parental attitudes</li> <li>• Linked to cluster funding for out of school projects to engage young people in a positive way therefore creating positive attendance</li> <li>• Could be done using existing school budgets</li> </ul>   |                              |

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| <b>Lung health / COPD / stopping smoking</b>   | 15%<br>0%<br>15%<br>25% |
| <b>Comments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues of alcohol selling at supermarkets and bargain booze and gambling and it's effects on families. Action is needed here as well preventatively</li> <li>• The statistics were shocking</li> <li>• The NHS spend ? on advertising and running health road shows, why waste local money</li> <li>• More support within education / health opportunities for drop in / access to health screening</li> <li>• To educate children in school and to run clubs to involve parents and children in other activities, extend the x-ray lung facility at Seacroft Hospital for a longer period</li> </ul> |                         |
| <b>Any other comments / notes</b>  |                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Money for play schemes in the school, attracting none school attenders in the holidays.</li> <li>• Monitor cuts in the Council and ? spending in the area</li> <li>• Youth bus and activities in youth services – info required</li> <li>• Reducing worklessness 'should' help reduce crime and ASB. Therefore this would be the priority. By improving school attendance and supporting / engaging young people in a positive way this could better prepare them for work experience and possible employment</li> </ul>  |                         |

### **Inner East Area Committee's co-optees**

The CLT were given a letter and nomination form each, and asked to nominate a representative of the CLT to sit on the Area Committee. Members can self nominate and the Chair advised the group that they do not have to have the form signed by someone as proposed or seconded. The CLT were asked to return the forms or express an interest to either Councillor Morgan or to Hayley Clifton before the next meeting. If there is more than one member interested the CLT shall hold a secret ballot at the next meeting. The role of the co-optee is described on the circulated letter.

### **Team building course – the Northern College**

Hayley advised the CLT that we have been offered an exciting opportunity by the Northern College (near Barnsley) to undertake a residential team building and shared action planning course, which will be tailor made for the CLT. The dates offered are Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 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 can have input on the 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.

## **Next meeting**

The CLT advised that Environmental issues are high on their agenda, and due to potential opportunities at the moment, specifically the forthcoming dog control consultation and the environmental delegation to area committees, they would like to focus the next meeting on 'A Cleaner Seacroft'. Residents advised they have issues with dog fouling, litter and bins, and grounds maintenance issues with weeds / grass cutting etc. They are keen to see environmental services being more responsive to area need and a more joined up approach, including with East North East Homes Leeds.

The date of the next meeting was set as **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 5.30pm – 7pm** (with discussion around changing times to suit future members where necessary), and the venue is: Seacroft Methodist Church Hall.

Councillor Vonnie Morgan closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and for their input.

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