

**Minutes from Halton Moor Forum
 at Halton Moor One Stop Centre
 12 April 2011**

Appendix 7

Present:

Cllr Mick Lyons (Chair), Cllr David Schofield, Martin Hackett (SEAMT), Brian Mumby (Halton Moor Residents Association), Margaret Wilson (H Moor resident), PC83 Martin (WYP), PC4518 Jarvis (WYP), Valerie Broadley (Osmondthorpe resident), Diane Gill (Osmondthorpe resident), John Pearson (LCC EAT), Virgil Meikle (Youth Service), Ron Bool (LTF & OTRA), Sylvia Marsh (resident), Maggie Gjessing (LCC), Simon Swift (ENE Homes), Tom Smith (LCC Env Services).

Apologies:

Cllr Bill Hyde, Gladys Townend, Kevin Townend, Rachel Hollins .

Item	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action
1.1	Cllr Lyons welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and the above apologies noted.	
1.2	Cllr Lyons informed the meeting that he was delighted to be able to keep the community centre section of the building open for this meeting and for future community use.	
1.3	John Pearson responded to a query from Cllr Schofield by saying that he would ensure that the buildings grounds were kept tidy with hedges trimmed and car park swept etc to prevent if falling into disrepair.	JP
2.0	Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2011	
2.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	All matters arising were covered on the agenda.	
4.0	10 minute open floor	
4.1	<p>Osmondthorpe 'Save our homes' group</p> <p>The issue of the land use designation for the area of housing on Osmondthorpe Lane and concerns about potential demolition were raised. Discussions had been held between Cllr Lyons and Planning to re-affirm the local view that the area should be used for a mixture of housing and employment land. A request was made to find out the current position with the Planning Service and it was noted that no recent approaches had been made by the railway company who had previously expressed an interest in the land.</p>	
5.0	PACT (Police & Communities Together) Meeting	
5.1	<p>The hotspot areas over the last 3 months have been:</p> <p>Osmondthorpe Lane – mainly nuisance, stone throwing at vehicles, damage to a bus</p> <p>Kendal Drive – 21 calls in 3 months mainly relating to fires, concern calls, window damage, burglaries etc.</p>	

	<p>Levens Close – 5 nuisance calls, 1 vehicle damage.</p>	
5.2	It was reported that the off road motorcycles are now back in service.	
5.3	The Police distributed a document that provided information on where crime had risen and where it had reduced. Burglary dwelling had reduced by 30 whilst serious assault had increased by 8. Overall the picture was quite encouraging.	
6.0	Environmental Services	
6.1	LCC Waste Treatment Facility – TS reported that a clearer picture on the proposals would be available towards the latter end of the year. At that time Environmental Services will be able to provide more information on the site and report back on the issues that the bidders were asked to address.	
6.2	<p>Biffa Site – no planning application has yet been made. However, BIFFA have been in touch with planners and Ward Members. It was reported that any proposal by BIFFA was likely to be a commercial burning facility that had the capability to also burn domestic waste.</p> <p>NB. Cllr Lyons informed the meeting that as a Member of Plans Panel East he could not comment at the forum on any issue pertaining to any planning application in East Leeds.</p>	
6.3	JP distributed a report on the work he had undertaken in the ward over recent months. One project of particular importance is intensive work being carried out to reduce dog fouling and litter. This will be done by a mixture of educational projects and through enforcement.	
6.4	JP reported that Chris Pierpoint from Environmental Services had asked if he could attend future meetings to report on the work of environmental service improvement in the area. It was agreed to invite Chris.	JP
7.0	Youth Service update	
7.1	VM provided an overview of YS work across the city explaining that a lot of the young people that they worked with did not have academic backgrounds and that the educational support provided was informal with schemes such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award being promoted.	
7.2	<p>There was an active discussion with the forum. It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good youth work means there are less victims of crime • The community centre was still a hub for activities with young people • There may be some work carried out from the community house • There is likely to be a community day linked to the social club in August 	
8.0	Housing & Regeneration	
8.1	SS from ENE Homes reported that:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 98.5% of rent due has been collected • There are now 16 voids in Halton Moor and demand is high • It's a 49 day turnover to re-let voids • Some properties no longer need sheeting when empty 	
8.2	SS informed the meeting that high demand does bring problems. There has been cases of sub-letting and ENE Homes are carrying out tenancy sweeps and where sub-lets have happened the properties have been repossessed. Currently 97% of properties have been visited in the sweep.	
8.3	SS reported that he was looking into funding from the environmental budget to deal with the raised planters.	
8.4	East Leeds Regeneration. MG reported that a Planning Application for new housing had been submitted and site investigations carried out for the site along Cartmell Drive (the site between the "new" houses and Lakeland Court). The application had been submitted to give some certainty around permitted use and the capacity of the site. It is not known when the development will take place given market conditions although the Homes and Communities Agency (which provide central government funding for subsidised housing for sale as well as social housing) will be announcing its investment programme in June and the availability of resources through this route will become clearer at that point.	
9.0	Any other business and date of next meeting	
9.1	There was no other business. The next meeting to be agreed by Area Committee.	