

Minutes from the meeting 12 April 2011

Appendix 6

Present:

Cllr Peter Gruen (Chair), Cllr Pauleen Grahame, James Nundy (LCC – South East Area Management Team, and minutes), Insp. Tom Harrison (West Yorkshire Police), Janice Linley (Whinmoor Warriors OAP Group), Pam Parker (Aire Valley Homes Leeds), Wendy Rogers (LCC – Environmental Action Team), David Armitage (LCC – EAT), Deeta Tren-Humphries (LCC – Youth Service), Sharon Smith (Corporate Property Management), R.Green (Whinmoor Bowling Club), Brenda Speight (Red Hall Neighbourhood Watch), Heather Jackson (Skelton Woods Environment Group), Anne Kearsley (LCC – Children’s Services), Anna Raine (LCC – CPM for Children’s Services), Dennis Smith (resident)

Apologies:

Cllr Suzi Armitage, Virgil Meikle (LCC – Youth Service), Heather Jameson (St Richard’s Vicarage)

Item	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action
1.0	Cllr Gruen welcomed everyone to the meeting and the above apologies were noted.	
2.0	PACT meeting – Insp. Tom Harrison, Police	
2.1	<p>2.1 Across the ward, crime levels have reduced in general and satisfaction levels are up. Thefts from motor vehicles are still an issue, with the level increasing by over 80 offences from last year.</p> <p>2.2 The lighter nights mean young people are staying out later and perceived problems increase.</p> <p>2.3 Naburn Approach is being repeatedly targeted for vandalism.</p> <p>2.4 Local issues include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Service are linking in and flagging up issues where necessary • PCSOs are working well in the community and the funding to continue the PCSO provision is secured • PCSOs are not attending Whinmoor Wanderers meetings, despite being asked several times. Insp Harrison to chase attendance up • Cold calling by bogus officials were highlighted • Recent increase in vandalism in Skelton Woods <p>2.5 PACT priorities: White Laith shops – reducing ASB</p>	
3.0	Minutes of the North Whinmoor Forum held on 12 April 2011	
3.1	Agreed as accurate.	
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
4.1	(2.1) Potential Leedswatch CCTV in Whinmoor – James Nundy gave an update: each new camera requires a capital outlay of £25,000 to purchase and install, and then maintenance and monitoring revenue costs per year amount to £3,000. The most basic provision is a two-camera system. With revenue budgets being squeezed in the current financial climate and the Outer East Area Committee not having any capital budget	

	<p>this year, it is not something we can consider at the present time.</p> <p>(6.6) Interest in starting a Youth Council – Leon Walters was not in attendance to give an update.</p> <p>(7.4) Land at rear of Fieldhead shops - AVH mapping was shared with the councillors, Highways and the Environmental Action Team and it was noted that the shopkeepers are responsible for keeping the area clean.</p> <p>(8.9) Baildon garages – on the agenda.</p> <p>(9.1) Fieldhead Community Centre – on the agenda.</p>	
5.0	10 minute open floor	
5.1a	<p>Cllr Gruen briefed the Forum about environmental services in the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A restructure is underway to help improve services like emptying litter bins, street cleansing and litter picking • There will be new environmental managers and environmental teams to deliver better services • Cllr P. Grahame is the Outer East Area Committee’s environmental champion 	
5.1b	<p>It was suggested we need knowledge of routes to help monitor the delivery of the service and give appropriate feedback</p>	
5.2a	<p>Fieldhead Community Centre</p> <p>Issues were raised over due care and attention at the centre, and not being able to use the facility during school holidays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Gruen and Sharon Smith to look into usage during school holidays • Area Management are reviewing the procedures at the moment 	
5.2b	<p>Sean Sawyer has been monitoring the centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floors have been scrubbed off and are to be repolished; walls are to be washed; staff are to be moved around the service. • JL was thanked for her efforts but asked to report incidents to Sharon when the centre was left dirty, rather than clean up after previous users 	
5.2c	<p>Fieldhead Community Centre will be a polling booth for the May elections.</p>	
6.0	Update on projects	
6.1	<p>Fieldhead Primary School car park resurfacing – Cllr Gruen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car park now resurfaced. Stills need to paint the parking bays in 	
6.2	<p>Fieldhead playing fields floodlighting – James Nundy</p> <p>Parks and Countryside officers met with Whinmoor Warriors ARLFC in February 2011 to present the two possible schemes and associated quotations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To deliver the full scheme of five lights the club would need to find a further £3,200 • To deliver the part scheme the club would need to find a further £1,600 and additional £2,400 for the extra two lights at a later date <p>The above quotes were presented to the Whinmoor Warriors ARLFC committee and the club adopted a position that they could not afford either of the schemes at this time. They intend to conduct a large fundraising event in the summer, and contact the Council again when they have sufficient funds to contribute to the schemes.</p>	
6.3	<p>Oakdale Nursery – Anne Kearsley and Anna Raine</p> <p>Oakdale had become financially unsustainable and the nursery has moved to Swarcliffe Children’s Centre but the children are very settled there</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options for Oakdale are being looked at taking into account the repair issues 	

6.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the school with options • Reassurance gave to make the best use of the nursery • Much closer relationships are being forged with Whinmoor Library • Play equipment is to move across • If the nursery is declared as void, it will go onto a list of void properties and matched to best uses. These properties are secured, patrolled and kept secured until a new tenant can be found • If no tenant can be found, it could be opened up for community use, depending on demand • The option for Fieldhead Primary taking it on was put on hold as an option for an organisation to take it on started to take shape. The school is on holiday at the moment so the idea can't be progressed at the moment • Avoiding voids is the preferred option <p>Whinmoor Library</p> <p>It is hoped that the library computers can be used by an older community group</p>	
7.0 Youth work in Whinmoor – Deeta Tren-Humphries		
7.1	<p>Virgil Meikle sent his apologies as he is attending the Halton Moor Forum tonight but Deeta attended to give the update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virgil is the new Youth Work Manager for the Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward and Temple Newsam ward. He has 25 years service under his belt including Home Office drugs and alcohol work – he has written Government guidelines on the subject 	
7.2	Have engaged a large group through Operation Hoody and the Police.	
7.3	Young people are now smoking K2 (a very strong form of cannabis) which has led the Service to develop a challenging focus group which runs on Wednesdays.	
7.4	The mobile provision is out and about in the area offering focus work and positive diversions.	
7.5	Still targeting groups at Fieldhead shops and Verona's.	
7.6	There were 37 young people at the John Smeaton session on Monday. Activities take place in Manston Park on Wednesdays.	
7.7	Will reinforce the 'leave the community centre as you find it'.	
8.0 Environmental Action Team – Wendy Rogers		
8.1	The EAT received 97 requests for action in last three month period. In addition the CESOs make weekly patrols of the Whinmoor area.	
8.2	<p>The team have dealt with local environmental issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • issued 14 notices resulting in occupiers removing refuse from their gardens • successfully prosecuted one resident for waste in garden with a £435 fine plus £350 costs • issued two legal notices for dog fouling in gardens to be cleared • taken legal action against six people for flytipping offences • issued £75 fixed penalty notices (FPNs) to people witnessed littering. Officers now trained up to issue FPNs to dog owners not clearing up after their animals • required occupiers to cut back overgrown hedges that were obstructing roads and footpaths • issued letters to four residents re leaving bins out on street • neighbourhood noise nuisance - three noise abatement notices served in the Whinmoor area • weekly referrals to LCC Cleansing to have any dumped waste and graffiti 	

	<p>removed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitoring of shops on White Laithe Approach to deal with commercial waste issues • monitoring of football/rugby ground re littering, with potential for some joint working between the Environmental Action Team and Education Leeds Lettings Unit in connection with littering at rugby matches 	
8.3	Obstruction of pavements is a police issue. Generally, if there is enough room to get a pram or wheelchair through, action isn't taken.	
8.4	<p>Brown bins in the Hebden's are still not delivered, after six weeks of waiting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy to liaise with Cllr Grahame with the details from the previously sent email 	WR
8.5	<p>Wendy Rogers and Simon Norman (CESO) patrol the area weekly. If any other residents would like Wendy or Simon to call in on them to discuss any issues in their area please get in touch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy Rogers tel: 07891 277 700 • Simon Norman tel: 07891 278 378 	
9.0	Report from Aire Valley Homes – Pam Parker	
9.1	Rent arrears have increased in the area by £3,710 some of this is thought to be due to rent increases on 1 April 2011.	
9.2	There is now an advisor based at the Housing Office to give advice with best use of benefits. Major changes are coming next year.	
9.3	Void properties - There are two properties under notice, three are in repair and eight have been re-let between January and April 2011.	
9.4	The anti-social behaviour teams in Leeds have been overhauled and a new team set up covering our area. There are two new team leaders and they are based at Landmark Court in Beeston. They are dealing with seven cases in Whinmoor, three have been transferred to ASBU, one case has been closed and one is a low level case.	
9.5	Monthly walkabouts - White Laithe's were visited last week, Hebden's will be on 12 April and Coal Road will be 21 April.	
9.6	<p>Baildon garages – AVH are still to prepare a report to Housing for the demolition of the garages. The total cost is expected to be around £40,000 with £10,500 coming from Area Panel. Funding from other sources is being looked at and Outer East Area Committee could be approached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Panel have £80,000. Cllr Gruen to speak to Cllr Parker to try and get £20,000 from this pot to go towards the scheme 	Cllr Gruen
9.7	Staffing at the housing office is now down by half a person.	
10.0	Any other business and date of next meeting	
10.1	Woodland Group – the woods are open to visitors for active work outdoors on the third Saturday of every month. Lunch is included. More details on the woodland notice boards.	
10.2	Next meeting to be set by the Area Committee.	