

Minutes from North Whinmoor Forum & PACT meeting 5 October 2011 held at Fieldhead Community Centre

Appendix 5 Present:

Cllr Peter Gruen (Chair), Councillor Pauleen Grahame, James Nundy (LCC - South East Area Management, minutes), Brenda Speight (Red Hall Neighbourhood Watch / Killingbeck Crime Prevention Panel), Victoria Nunns (LCC - Parks & Countryside), Victoria Marsden (LCC - P&C), Paul Spandler (LCC - Locality Team), Jeremy Lunn (Aire Valley Homes), Deeta Tren-Humphries (LCC - Youth Services), Maxine Bavil (LCC - YS), PS3561 Mark Birkett (West Yorkshire Police), Randy Blackburn (Wellington Hill Residents Association), Janice Linley (Whinmoor Wanderers)

Apologies:

Cllr Suzi Armitage, Insp Nick Smart (WYP), Heather Jackson (Skelton woods Environmental Group), Wendy Rogers (LCC - EAT), Sharon Smith (Whinmoor Juniors), Rita Green (Whinmoor Bowling Club), Coullin Meikle (LCC - Youth Services), Dorothy Burke (Bunnies Pre-School Group)

1.0	DACT mooting - Cat Mark Birkott	Action
1.0	PACT meeting – Sgt Mark Birkett	ACCION
1.1	Data from the last six week period was discussed.	
1.2	Crime update Overall crime levels are down but 'burglary dwelling' the most prevalent, even though there have been five fewer reports compared to the last six week period.	
1.3	There have been six reported assaults and nine damages to vehicles. Europrofile locks are still being targeted	
1.4	Anti social behaviour There have been 45 nuisance calls in the last six week period. The hotspots include Whinmoor Way (with five reports) and Sherburn Court flats.	
1.5	ASB is now recorded differently to give a clearer breakdown of the figures: Obstructing vehicles is down 100% Motor bike issues are down 91% Nuisance vehicles issues are down 83% Rowdy behaviour is down 72% Animal issues are down 50% Neighbour disputes are down 46%	
1.6	Offenders are being targeted so they know they are being observed.	
1.7	Cllr Gruen hasn't received any complaints through the post in connection to crime in the area and Youth Service haven't had any reports of ASB in the local area.	
1.8	Neighbourhood Watch was pleased with the police response to recent burglaries at the bungalows.	
2.0	North Whinmoor Forum - welcome, introductions and apologies	
2.1	Cllr Gruen welcomed everyone to the Forum meeting, introductions were made and the above apologies were noted.	

3.0	Minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2011	
3.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
4.1	 (1.6) Forum and PACT advertising – JN tabled a handout detailing the measures introduced to try and increase attendance at the meetings: Facebook page established called 'North Whinmoor Forum & PACT' Posters in local community facilities, shops and schools 	
4.2	(4.1) Pendas Arms pub/shops – there is still a lot of litter around the shops. Paul Spandler informed the Forum that the litter street sweeping machines will be in the area every three weeks and litter pickers will attend the site in question.	
4.3	(6.2) Naburn Play Area – Vicky Nunns and Victoria Marsden tabled the plans. The play area for Naburn Chase has now got the green light and work should start before Christmas (weather permitting). It will include a 5-a-side pitch, kick about wall, roundabout, slide, basket swings, grass mats (extensive use) and a bund to protect the nearby houses • Councillors were thanked for their funding • Parking issues at the site are to be discussed with councillors • It was noted the seesaw on the handout is inaccurate	
4.4	Dog control order phase two will commence in January 2012.	
5.0	10 minute open floor	
5.1	Stanks Fire Station – Cllr Gruen Councillor Gruen highlighted the public consultation regarding the fire cover	
	plan and closure of fire stations at Stanks and Gipton, and a proposed new station at Killingbeck. For full details please visit www.westyorksfire.gov.uk Deadline for responses is 9 December 2011.	All
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	 approximately £3,000 and welcome stones would cost in the region of £4,000 each. Comments included: The scheme was deemed a good idea Stones were thought to be more in keeping with the rest of the ward Would increase pride in the area A mile stone was requested for Baildon Drive junction with York Road Suggested that the West Yorkshire Probation Community Payback Team could be used for the labouring 	
	 It was agreed the councillors would look at the scheme in more detail Please let Cllr Gruen have your comments 	Cllrs All
7.0	Youth work in Whinmoor - Deeta Tren-Humphries	
7.1	The 2011 summer programme was a repeat of the very successful 2010 programme, using local activities and facilities such as sports and Fieldhead Community Centre. There were approximately 520 attendances and many of these young people are now accessing other services such as sessions for college applications and CV work. There was also support onto apprenticeships eg at Middleton Railway.	
7.2	In the ward, officers have been working with shopkeepers who haven't reported any issues recently. The mobile provision is at Fieldhead Community Centre on Wednesdays.	
7.3	57 young people from the Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward are involved in the city-wide youth consultation. The results will be out in late October / early November.	
7.4	The youth workers are still happy to attend any hot spot areas which are brought to their attention.	
7.5	It was highlighted that the kitchen at Fieldhead Community Centre needs replacing and urgent repairs need to be looked at. • James to raise with Facilities Management to make an assessment.	JN
8.0	Environmental enforcement - Update from Environmental Action Team	
8.1	Paul Spandler gave details about the restructure, and how refuse and street cleaning services split and a new locality team looking after enforcement and street cleaning is now in place, providing a better service and giving more supervision for street cleaners.	
8.2	Litter pickers now inform enforcement officers about issues on private land and a 'common sense' approach is being applied eg not cleaning a street which doesn't need it, and reviewing old routes.	
8.3	Whinmoor is scheduled to be litter picked twice a week and mechanically swept every three weeks.	
8.4	Cllr Pauleen Grahame is the environmental champion for outer east Leeds.	
8.5	Forum members were asked to note and report back if they notice any changes in the area following the changes to the service. Comments included: • Spotted Path area reported as improved	All

	Red Halls reported as very clean	
8.6	Fines can be issued to residents who leave their bins outside their boundaries for extended periods following a collection.	
8.7	Ginnels are also to be looked at across the city.	
9.0	Report from Aire Valley Homes – Jeremy Lunn	
9.1	AVH are also working to a common sense approach to environmental blight: clear first, worry about ownership later.	
9.2	Baildon garages have now been demolished and they will be tarmacked in the next few weeks.	
9.3	Red Hall Approach garages – consultation is ongoing in connection to demolition and plans are supported by the ward councillors.	
9.4	North Whinmoor is still a very desirable place to live. There have been 23 relets between May and October. Four properties re currently under notice, there are five voids and there has been one downsize enquiry.	
9.5	There have been noise complaints re 31 Naburn Fold. The Out Of Hours team have been contacted and Jeremy is investigating a potential breech of tenancy.	
9.6	There have been seven anti-social behaviour cases, some of which have been passed onto LASBAT and three have been closed.	
9.7	Estate walkabouts are complete. There will be an intensive clean-up next week, working with Paul's locality team. The White Laithes will get particular attention.	
10.0	Any Other Business and date of next meeting	
10.1	Whinmoor library is still open and Swarcliffe Children's Centre are using it as a base. Local residents were urged to continue using the library, or the opening hours might be reviewed. • Jeremy to note in the next ALMO newsletter	All JL
10.2	 Whitkirk cricket week – James Nundy JN tabled a handout detailing a summary of the very successful local cricket week • The Area Committee contributed £5,000 towards two weeks of coaching in August in Whitkirk and Kippax • Daily attendance figures for Whitkirk were as follows: 119, 127, 115, 119 and 109 The five cricketers showing most potential were chosen by Arnie Sidebottom (former England player) for further free coaching at the ProCoach summer camp at Headingley Cricket Ground. Two of the five came from Whitkirk, one was from Halton, one was from Garforth and one was from Allerton Bywater 	
10.3	Older Persons Event Week – James Nundy JN tabled a handout of photos from the local event at St Gregory's Youth &	

Adult Centre on 27 September 2011. The OPEv week was funded by the Outer East Area Committee along with councillors MICE money and there were five events across the outer east of Leeds. The events began with information stalls such as crime prevention, Age UK, LCC Customer Services and the local neighbourhood networks. A buffet lunch was followed by entertainment, which was Pocket Panto at the Cross Gates & Whinmoor event. The whole week was very well received, and daily attendance figures were 70, 90, 75, 85 and 130.

10.4 The next forum meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17 January 2012. ΑII