

Appendix 4

Present:

Cllr Peter Gruen (Chair), Councillor Pauleen Grahame, James Nundy (LCC - South East Area Support Team, minutes), Janice Linley (Whinmoor Wanderers), Janet White (resident / Care & Repair), Randy Blackburn (Wellington Hill Residents Association), Brenda Speight (Red Hall Neighbourhood Watch / Killingbeck Crime Prevention Panel), Insp Nick Smart (West Yorkshire Police), PS3561 Mark Birkett (WYP), Deeta Tren-Humphries (LCC – Youth Services), Scott Elmes (resident), Paul Spandler (LCC – Locality Team), Wendy Rogers (LCC - EAT), Jeremy Lunn (Aire Valley Homes), Heather Jackson (Skelton Woods Environmental Group)

Apologies:

Cllr Suzi Armitage, Coullin Meikle (LCC – Youth Services)

1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action
1.0	Cllr Gruen welcomed everyone to the Forum meeting, introductions were made and the above apologies were noted.	
2.0	PACT meeting – Inspector Nick Smart and Sergeant Mark Birkett	
2.1	Data from the last six week period was discussed.	
2.2	<p>Crime update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall crime is down by 10 incidents • The ward hotspot is currently Cross Gates • There have been five vehicle crimes compared to 17 in the previous period • Assaults are slightly up, with 15 serious and five lower level cases reported. Half of the assaults were alcohol related • Theft of lead and copper is still common • Damage figures are down on the previous period • Burglaries have increased by three. Common issue is forcing garage door locks and most popular time is 10-11pm • There are still too many unsecured doors in the area • Cold calling by bogus officials were highlighted • New non-emergency number for police: 101 • 2011 crime figures are significantly down on the 2010 figures 	
2.3	<p>Anti-social behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been 28 calls over the last month: generally neighbour disputes, issues with school children or noise • The figures are approximately down by a third over the last four weeks, which is equivalent to one call per day 	
2.4	Reductions in the figures were put down to hard work by the police and partner agencies, active patrols, good intelligence, targeting previous offenders and using diversionary tactics.	
2.5	The forum passed on details of travellers seen in a white pick up van in the area, driving around presumably looking for scrap metal but even walking into	

	gardens and up driveways. Intelligence passed on to officers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy (CESO) suggested setting up stop and search points to check vehicles and check for trade waste licences. Police were agreeable to the suggestion and was noted as a PACT priority. Wendy to liaise with the police 	Police WR / Police
2.6	Scrap dealers are being targeted by the police to ensure correct procedures are being followed.	
2.7	Neighbourhood Policing Team website: www.westyorkshire.police.uk/npt/ Then enter your postcode for local information.	All
2.8	The police were thanked for their continued good work.	
3.0	North Whinmoor Forum - Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2011	
3.1	(6.2) Correction: Red Hall playing fields are not currently for sale.	
3.2	Otherwise agreed as an accurate record.	
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
4.1	(4.2) Pendas shops - The litter situation has improved.	
4.2	(5.1) Stanks Fire Station - A decision has been made to close Stanks and Gipton fire stations and replace them with a new one in Killingbeck. Ward councillors sent out approximately 600 letters asking for comments but the response rate was very low. A meeting at Wellington Hill Residents Association was also poorly attended.	
4.3	(7.5) Fieldhead Community Centre kitchen - The cupboard doors have now been repaired but it was highlighted that since the new industrial oven was installed, some storage space has been lost and a patch-up job was done on the cupboards - some are inaccessible and the kitchen needs a thorough clean.	
5.0	10 minute open floor	
5.1	No issues.	
6.0	Update on projects	
6.1	Where's Whinmoor? JN explained how the project came about, tabled handouts and described the options available, including finger posts, localised speed signs and welcome stones.	
6.2	Quotes received - Two 'Whinmoor' finger posts could be installed and maintained for 10 years for £1,013. Eight '30mph - Whinmoor - please drive carefully' signs could be installed and maintained for 10 years for £3,012. Four 'welcome' stones could be installed for approximately £14,500.	

6.3	A lively debate followed and the forum agreed the following:	
6.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stones were favoured over new signage to be in keeping with the rest of the ward (Cross Gates & Swarcliffe already have welcome stones) • Budget permitting, stones are desired at the following three grass bank locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Baildon Drive junction with York Road (opposite the pub) ○ Red Hall Lane junction with Coal Road (on the corner by the flat roof houses) ○ Ring Road junction with A58 Wetherby Road (outside the shops) • The stones are to have 'Welcome to Whinmoor' on metal plaques rather than be carved • Budget available from the councillors ward based initiatives • JN to get a revised estimate for the revised project and report back 	JN
6.5	<p>Red Hall garages – update from Jeremy Lunn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The garages are now completely empty and bulldozers are due on site 	
7.0	Youth work in Whinmoor – Deeta Tren-Humphries	
7.1	15 young people now attending Fieldhead Community Centre on Monday nights. The participation group focuses on decision making workshops along with arts and crafts sessions. The sessions are run by Becky and Jeff.	
7.2	Detached sessions are running on Wednesday evenings.	
7.3	Have liaised with Fieldhead shops in connection with ASB issues.	
7.4	Six referrals have been made to Amber Train and two new apprenticeships will be starting soon.	
7.5	Monitoring has shown that ASB has reduced.	
7.6	<p>The city wide youth consultation has now concluded, with 57 young people taking part from the Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward. A further questionnaire has been designed for further feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people want youth clubs with access five nights a week • They are positive about the areas they live and the services available • They liked having somewhere to go 	
7.7	Leeds Youth Award is ongoing with 32 pieces of work recently submitted and a presentation will follow in February.	
7.8	The summer holiday activities produced an additional 250 young people attending sessions on a regular basis.	
7.9	<p>Skateboard training is now taking place at Fearnville Sports Centre in Gipton. It has been very well received so far.</p> <p>Poster left for display at Fieldhead Community Centre</p>	
7.10	Youth Service have set up a Facebook page with activities and info covering the area. Go to facebook.com and search for Cross Gates Whinmoor YS	
8.0	Environmental enforcement - Update from Wendy Rogers (CESO)	

8.1	Wendy Rogers and Paul Spandler gave the Environmental Action Team Activity update, 20 July 2011 to 16 Jan 2012:	
8.2	<p>The Environmental Action Team responded to 67 requests for service in relation to local environmental issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of occupiers have been required to remove waste from their gardens including properties on Whitelaithe Croft, Coal Road, Whinmoor Court and in the Hebden's • Legal notices served on a private landlord of a property on Naburn Road to ensure they cleared the garden • Whinmoor Court particularly bad with a lot of dog excrement in the garden • Flytips have been found on Coal Road and Red Hall Lane. As the Locality Team now includes the street cleaning function we are able to have dumped items collected usually the same day • Dealt with complaints of people leaving their wheelie bins out on the street all week on Marsett Way, Coal Road and Redhall Chase. Owners were contacted and are now taking their bins in after collection • Tree obstructing the footpath removed from a property on Whitelaithe Road / Sherburn Road North • Good partnership working between the Environmental Action Team and Streetscene to address flytipping issues 	
8.3	New Dog Control Orders were introduced across Leeds on 9 January 2012. The new orders mean that dogs must be on a lead when walked on a footpath next to a road. Dogs are now excluded from the grounds of the following primary schools: Whitelaithe; Grimes Dyke; St Theresa's; Swarcliffe.	
8.4	Missed green bin collections were reported on the Naburns.	
8.5	<p>Wendy Rogers and Simon Norman (CESOs) patrol the area weekly. If any 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 – Jeremy Lunn	
9.1	Rent arrears are up this time by £20,818 but the number of people owing has dropped. Aire Valley Homes are working with the residents to manage the debts.	
9.2	Two properties are currently under notice and there are three voids. There have been 11 relets between October and 17 January, which shows Whinmoor is still a very popular area to live in with high demand for family homes	
9.3	The level of anti-social behaviour cases has dropped. There are two open cases with LASBAT and one lower level case ongoing with AVH.	
9.4	Baldon garages have now been demolished, providing car parking space for 24 vehicles.	
10.0	Any Other Business and date of next meeting	

10.1	<p>Skelton Woods Environmental Group – Heather Jackson Local football clubs are getting involved in sessions to help keep the area clean.</p>	
10.2	<p>Care & Repair – Janet White Care & Repair have been in the business of creating safe, accessible and healthy homes for older people and disabled people across the city for 25 years. Particular notice was drawn to the funding available through 'warm homes healthy people' recently secured from the NHS. If you have any queries or for more information, please visit the website at www.care-repair-leeds.org.uk email enquiries@care-repair-leeds.org.uk or call the team on 0113 240 6009. The following handouts were tabled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeds Directory • Support my life • Disabled adaptations service • Care & Repair – warm homes healthy people funding • Care & Repair – our range of services • Care & Repair - annual report 	
10.3	Search for North Whinmoor Forum & PACT on Facebook.com	
10.4	The next forum meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 27 March 2012.	All