



**Outer East Area Committee
Minutes from Halton Moor Forum
3rd April 2012**

Present:

Cllr Mick Lyons (Chair), Cllr Bill Hyde, S Marsh (resident), M Wilson (resident), V Broadly (resident), D Gill (resident), Steve Sheriffe (ENEH Leeds), Liam Thompson (PCSO 552 – NPT), Tracy Murphy (PCSO 817 NPT), Johnathan Day (WYP – NPT), Derek Pearson (Leeds Watch), John Pearson (LCC - Environmental Action Team), Coullin Meikle (LCC – Youth Service), Pete Mudge (LCC - Area Support Team, minutes)

Apologies:

Cllr Katherine Mitchell.

| Item | Welcome, introductions and apologies | Action |
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| 1.1 | As Cllr Mitchell is on maternity leave, Cllr Lyons chaired the meeting. He welcomed everyone, checked people had signed in and the above apology was noted. | |
| 2.0 | PACT meeting (Police And Communities Together) | |
| 2.1 | Wybeck side of Neville Road: This is a local priority area and there have been noise nuisance incidents recently. The police have visited those responsible and they have agreed to keep the noise down. The Police will continue monitoring the situation. | Police |
| 2.2 | The old school site has a lot of anti social behaviour. Cllr Lyons said he will ask site overseer Peter Anderson-Beck to clean the area up. | Cllr Lyons |
| 2.3 | Police will maintain LPP monitoring on the whole area and especially on Kendall Road. | Police |
| 2.4 | The site of the floral roundabout – removed due to neglect and asb is now causing a nuisance as it has left a wide vehicle free space. Consideration will be given as to what can be placed there to stop it being used for impromptu soccer matches and as a skateboard and cycling area. | All |
| 2.5 | Concern was expressed for the welfare of Police as a result of the region's single crew policy which meant police operated alone in potentially dangerous situations. | |
| 2.6 | It was agreed all areas on the existing LPP should remain and the roundabout site at the bottom of Halton Moor Rd should be added. | Police |
| 3.0 | Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2012 | |
| 3.1 | Agreed as accurate | PM |
| 4.0 | Matters arising from those minutes | |
| 4.1 | Cllr Lyons has met with the area's MP George Moody with regard to proposals for waste management. Cllr Lyons said the MP voiced concern about whether pfi money should be used to provide a facility when there was obvious opposition from many local people. Cllr Lyons had been made aware that the concerns had been discussed with Ministers. | Cllr Lyons |

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| | Cllr Lyons said he has heard BIFFA has sold land and buildings to Veolia and has a planning application submitted. | |
| 4.2 | Traffic calming on the Osmondthorpe Lane is desired in the Nevilles where vehicles push for priority to get under the railway bridge. Cllr Lyons said the bridge is at the end of his ward however he will discuss joint funding possibilities with colleagues. | Cllr Lyons |
| 5.0 | 10 minute open floor | |
| 5.1 | Highways have agreed to bank the corner between Neville Parade and Osmondthorpe Lane and to look at removing trees near the bridge in order to increase parking. | H'ways |
| 5.2 | Peter Anderson-Beck, the officer in charge of Leeds Enterprise Zones has met with Cllr Lyons and confirmed that rumours of vehicles accessing the new zone through Halton Moor are incorrect. The only transportation able to access from Halton Moor are buses and raising bollards will be installed to ensure nothing else gets through. It has also been confirmed that big buildings will not be sited near Halton Moor residential areas. | |
| 6.0 | Environmental Issues – John Pearson | |
| 6.1 | Tenants with unkempt gardens are being given 28 day notice to keep them tidy and most are then taking action. | |
| 6.2 | As the bird nesting season limits the range of projects which can be undertaken, projects are currently limited to litter picking and fly tip removal. Such projects have been undertaken on Neville Grove and Close, Kendall's Drive, the back of the Levens and more are underway. | |
| 6.3 | John asked those attending to be aware of the recently extended dog ownership bylaws which meant people cannot walk a dog next to street unless it is on a lead. It also introduces dog exclusion zones in children's playing areas, schools etc. Whilst co-operation is the preferred method, fines are available if needed. | All |
| 6.4 | One resident was concerned that owners of a dog of an aggressive breed are moving in next door to her and she feared for the safety of her cat. Steve Sheriffe and John Preston said they would speak with her afterwards about what can be done. | JP/SS |
| 6.5 | Halton Moor pub – Plans for it to be sold have fallen through however there is another interest. John said the area is kept clean by the owner however there are many access points – Cllr Lyons said children get in through the roof. | JP |
| 6.6 | Virgil asked if the forecourt of the Leisure Centre could be cleaned for a community event being staged there on 19 th April. | JP |
| 7.0 | Youth Service Update – Virgil Meikle | |
| 7.1 | The leisure centre events staged three times a week continue to be popular (the Police stressed the Friday night one is a tremendous success) and outreach work is underway on Kendal Drive and certain other areas. | |

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| 7.2 | On Thursday 19 th April Youth Service and partners are giving craft and skills taster sessions at the Leisure Centre car park. | VM |
| 7.3 | Cllr Lyons said he is meeting with local MP George Moody over the future of the East Leeds Leisure Centre. He invited Virgil to also attend that meeting and, following a request from Peter Mudge, agreed that a representative from the Council's Asset Management team should also be invited to that meeting. | Cllr Lyons, VM, Asset M'ment |
| 8.0 | ENE Homes Update – Steve Sheriffe | |
| 8.1 | There are currently 26 void properties – in years gone by there were over 100. Some of these void properties have been broken into by thieves to steal the boilers and radiators. | |
| 8.2 | Steve said Rent Collection in the area was proving tremendously successful and statistics showed there has been 99.06% collection which is the best in the City. Similarly annual audits on tenancy showed Halton Moor to be the best performing in Leeds. | |
| 8.3 | Steve said that as Vicky Hooper has now returned his post will be job sharing. | |
| 8.4 | Cllr Lyons said they were doing great work and it is his intention to get them moved back into the Leisure Centre. Steve said that would be good as the team enjoyed working at the centre. | Cllr Lyons |
| 9.0 | Any other business and date of next meeting | |
| 9.1 | Boilers in homes at the bottom of Kendall Drive seem to always cause problems to plumbers. Could a recognised officer be named so there is someone always able to solve problems. Steve said he will make enquiries. | SS |
| 9.2 | John thanked Derek Pearson and his team for providing invaluable assistance leading to the prosecution of a fly tipper. The matter has been widely publicised. | |
| 9.3 | When the election comes the polling station is placed on Cartmell Drive in a dangerous location. This has been a longstanding problem and one the Councillors are sick and tired of raising with no improvements. | |
| 9.4 | The next forum meeting will be agreed by the Area Committee and is likely to be in July. | PM |