



**Outer East Area Committee
Minutes from Halton Moor Forum
10 July 2012**

Present:

Cllr Kathryn Mitchell (Chair), Cllr Mick Lyons, Sgt Andy Hill (WYP), Sharon Taylor (WYP) S Marsh (resident), Steve Sheriffe (ENEH Leeds), John Pearson (LCC – South & South East Locality Team) Coullin Meikle (LCC – Youth Service), Brian Mumby (resident), Val Broadley (resident), Kevin Townend (resident), Gladys Townend (resident), D Gill (Resident) Pete Mudge (LCC – South East Area Support Team, minutes)

Apologies:

Cllr Judith Cummins

Item	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action
1.1	Cllr Mitchell welcomed everyone, checked people had signed in and the above apology was noted.	
2.0	PACT meeting (Police And Communities Together) Sgt Andy Hill	
2.1	There had been 2 burglaries in the north of the area and 2 anti social behaviour incidents of note. He was confident incidents surrounding the cctv camera on Kendal Drive had now been resolved as there had been significant arrests with 2 suspects in custody.	Police
2.2	Police are aware of nuisance issues on Osmondthorpe Lane and are dealing with them.	Police
2.3	At the leisure centre there are bricks around the place and one or two bits are missing.	PM/ CM
2.4	Cllr Lyons expressed the views of the meeting that people are still concerned by Polie being told they should work alone when patrolling the area.	All
3.0	Minutes of the meeting held on 03 April 2012	
3.1	Agreed as accurate.	
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
4.1	Nothing was raised	
5.0	10 minute open floor	
5.1	Q) On Neville Close, Neville Garth and Osmonthorpe Lane the grass has not been cut and is overflowing onto the path. In other areas the grass has been cut but not collected so it is blowing all over the place.	H'ways / PM
5.2	A) New contractors have been appointed to maintain verges and grass cutting across Leeds and they will be getting used to how things need to be done. Our understanding is that the grass simply needs to be cut and blown to the side rather than actually collected and disposed of.	
	Chairs of OE forums are meeting with Area Support to consider if they wish to explore news ways to develop their forums. The meeting thought this was a good idea and suggested knocking on doors to let	Cllr M / PM

	new residents know and including information in the ENE newsletter and Leeds Weekly News.	
6.0	Environmental Issues – John Pearson (tel: 07891 272 168)	
6.1	Estate is a vast improvement and there are less elgal cases regarding waste and fly tipping.	
6.2	John said Probation were unable to send regular support to undertake projects – PM said John is welcome to undertake bookings through Area Support system which has a service level agreement with Probation.	JP / PM
6.3	Two ongoing cases regarding Dog Roaming – which is now an offence.	JP
6.4	Problems exist in some areas with bins being left at the side of the street. The problem arises because it is a fineable offence to leave bins on the street and yet when collection are missed residents are advised to leave them out till they are collected. John will speak with residents whenever incidents occur.	JP
6.5	Understood the Halton moor pub is near to being sold and a deposit has been paid. Once this has a future a traditional trouble-spot will go.	
7.0	Youth Service Update – Virgil Meikle	
7.1	Lots of changes have and are occurring within Youth Services are the area now has just 3 youth workers of which 2 are part time. This is because 2 have left and cannot be replaced due to cutbacks and another is pregnant and on leave.	
7.2	The focus is now on certain areas with the youth service operating from schools.	VM
7.3	Meetings are being held to develop new partnerships to increase the amount of activities for youth in the area.	VM, LCC
8.0	ENE Homes Update – Steve Sheriffe	
8.1	Estate walkabouts are held to inspect the area and void premises. As there are now no tenants groups Ward Members and interested residents are now invited to take part.	SS / PM
8.2	The number of voids has increased in recent months and now stands at 68 – having been 26 in the previous quarter. It is believed the number has increased because several residents have moved to private accommodation.	
8.3	Turnaround on the premises is 40.43 days due to the state of the premises.	
8.4	Of concern to the area is central government’s welfare reform dubbed the Bedroom Tax. While this does not affect people over workable age, for others there will be fees for the number of unused bedrooms in their house. Cllr Lyons said: “If there were one bedroom houses which people could move into in Halton Moor it would be more understandable, but as it is the only option will be for people who have spent their lives in the area and have family and friends here to move out – possibly miles away to the other side of Leeds. It’s crackers.” It was agreed to invite an expert to the next meeting to discuss the	Cllrs

	<p>Bedroom tax.</p> <p>Steve said boarding up premises – especially on Osmonthorpe Lane is a major headache due to theft and vandalism. The voids team is investigating best ways forward.</p> <p>PM thanked Steve and Simon Jordan for leading a team of youth in repainting and tidying up the Jimmy Heseldene roundabout. Costs for the project were paid through OE Area Committee’s Tasking budget for Temple Newsam.</p>	
9.0	Any other business and date of next meeting	
9.1	Regarding the Community Centre (on the side of the East Leeds Leisure Centre) Cllr Lyons said it is pleasing that it has confirmed use for the coming year and beyond. He said: “This centre is not closed and can be used at any time for youth workers to continue their fine work.”	Cllr L
9.2	Regarding the Leisure Centre as a whole Cllr Lyons said he had travelled with Geroge Mudie MP to visit Link 4 Life in Rochdale. This is one of the few organisations which have a positive future and are investing in developments. Link 4 Life leaders are now visiting East Leeds to see the best way forwards to revitalise the area’s centres.	
9.3	PM advertised the dates for the August Cricket Weeks for youth and the Older Persons Event Week in October. Both events are funded by local councillors of Area Committee and both were well received by members of the forum.	
9.4	The next forum meeting will be 09 th October 2012.	