



## Outer East Area Committee

### Halton Forum Minutes from 12 July 2012 Christ Church, Halton

#### Present:

Cllr Mick Lyons (Chair), Cllr Joyce Cummins, Sharon Taylor (WYP), Andy Hill (WYP), Ron Fisher (Resident), Terry Dennis (Resident), Edward Fryer (resident), Mora Illingworth (resident), Thelma Dixon (resident), Gwen Green (Resident), Susan Petron (resident), Patricia Wraggs (resident), Colin and Denise Wilsher (residents), Margaret Ward (resident), H J Sanderson (resident), Margaret Burton (resident), Audrey Linley (resident), Barbara Ambler (resident), Alan Wakefield Templegate N.W), Rita Worsnop (resident), Mary Harrison (resident), Margaret Walsh (resident), Mrs J Boucher (resident), Mrs M Thornton (resident), Coullin Virgil Meikle (LCC - Youth Service), John Pearson (LCC – South & South East Locality Team), Pete Mudge (LCC – South East Area Support Team, minutes)

#### Apologies:

Cllr Katherine Mitchell, Joyce Schofield (resident), Margaret Blenko (resident), Peter & Barbara Hewison, Margaret Oates (resident).

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>   |        |
| 1.1        | Cllr Lyons welcomed everyone to the meeting and said the first item would be the PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meeting led by Sgt Andy Hill.   |        |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>PACT meeting for the Halton Area</b>   |        |
| 2.1        | Last month highlighted 2 key areas – Crime & Disorder and ASB. (Anti Social Behaviour.)   | Cllr L |
| 2.2        | Ongoing problems are vehicles speeding on Selby Road, Green Lane and Cross Green Lane. Speed cameras are now on Green Lane. Forum members blamed private hire vehicles and taxis for much of the nuisance from 8pm. Access onto Green lane near Leodis is bad due to parked vehicles. Police will keep traffic monitoring as a priority for the area. |        |
| 2.3        | Problems are ongoing regarding vehicles turning off Temple Newsam Road into Lidl. There has been no response from the store to resolve this.  |        |
| 2.4        | The former ASB problems at Matalan car park have been dramatically reduced and the Police thanked Youth Services for partnership working and largely stopping the entire problem. The Chair added Youth Services should also be thanked for combating the former ASB in the parks.  |        |
| 2.5        | <b>Crime figures:</b> Overall crime is down on previous years, however there have been 2 robberies leading to a slight increase in robbery stats and shoplifting has risen – almost certainly a sign of the times.  |        |
| 2.6        | In conclusion, Sgt Hill agreed to keep speeding vehicles as a Halton priority but Matalan Car Park need no longer feature as a priority area.   |        |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Forum Minutes from 12 April 2012</b>   |        |
| 3.1        | Agreed as an accurate record.   |        |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Matters arising from those minutes</b>   |        |
| 4.1        | Agreed all are covered in other agenda items.   |        |
| <b>5.0</b> | <b>10 minute open floor</b>   |        |
| 5.1        | <b>Whitkirk Primary School and car parking</b><br>PM said the head of Highways visited the site with Cllr Lyons and agreed to come up with a preferred way forward. In addition she had arranged for a specialist to develop a green travel plan with the school.   |        |

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|            | <p><b>Q:</b> Do residents in the area have the legal right to apply for their council tax band to be reduced due to the unacceptable levels of nuisance caused by parents driving to school and an ice cream van selling on the street?</p> <p><b>A:</b> The Chair said he felt residents should progress with this if they wished.</p>  |                      |
| <b>6.0</b> | <b>Environmental issues</b> – John Pearson (tel: 07891 272 168)  |                      |
| 6.1        | JP said 10 enforcement cases are currently underway<br>2 prosecutions have been made for littering around shops.<br>2 fixed penalty notices have been issued in the last quarter.<br>2 extra bins have been placed on Chapel Street.   | JP                   |
| 6.2        | Met with dog warden and an evening event planned for Colton dog owners.  | JP                   |
| 6.3        | There has been some flooding in the area mainly through sewers being unable to cope with groundwater.  |                      |
| 6.4        | Colton Retail Park:<br><b>Q:</b> What is being done to tackle litter and rubbish problems ?<br><b>A:</b> John Pearson said he and his supervisor have toured the area inspecting litter and dog fouling. 3 cases are now in court regarding rubbish, clean-up teams have been assigned to the area, new bins have been applied for and all bins will clearly show they can be used for dog faeces. | JP                   |
| <b>7.0</b> | <b>Youth work</b> – Virgil Meikle (Youth Work Manager)   |                      |
| 7.1        | Statistics (Indices of deprivation) show significant improvements in Halton moving it up over 100 places. The priority is now to undertake more targeted work to encourage young people to identify responsibilities as well as fun.   | VM                   |
| 7.2        | Projects are ongoing to get youth involved in helping their communities: Of the city's 16 Future Flames (youth who are setting a good example across Leeds) 2 are from Colton, 2 from Halton and 3 from Halton Moor – nearly half the entire output for Leeds coming from Temple Newsam.   |                      |
| 7.3        | Local Councillors from Outer East Area Committee have agreed to make available £7,000 to support projects for youth in the ward.   |                      |
| <b>8.0</b> | <b>Any other business</b>  |                      |
| 8.1        | The Chair said he and George Mudie MP travelled to Rochdale to meet Link 4 Life – a social enterprise which is now running Rochdale's leisure facilities and making profits enabling them to build new facilities. The leader of Link 4 Life has agreed to come to Leeds to investigate the potential of the Leisure Centres at East Leeds, Garforth and Kippax.                                   | Cllr L               |
| 8.2        | RF said stones and bricks were being thrown at houses by children around Whitebridge School. There are activities at the school until 8pm on some nights and so the trouble lasts well into the evening. Sgt Hill and John Pearson to get more details and try to resolve situation.   | AH / JP              |
| 8.3        | Mr Noble said litter bins in the vicinity of the school are often overflowing with rubbish and parents and other school related vehicles obstruct the road and homes from 2pm. Cllr Lyons and Cummins agreed a site visit should be held.  | PM / Cllr L, Cllr C. |
| 8.4        | PM said he is speaking with all chairs for the forums he attends to explore new ways to develop the forums.  | PM                   |
| 8.5        | The annual cricket coaching for young people and Older Persons Event Week were both promoted and well received by Forum members.   | All                  |
| 8.6        | Cllr Lyons said he understood the Veolia Waste Treatment plant would be submitted for planning permission soon. He stressed he would not support it.   |                      |

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|     | Forum members appreciated his ongoing leadership and working with George Mudie MP to try and persuade developers to use the Biffa site |  |
| 8.7 | The date of the next Forum will be Thursday 11 October at 6pm.   |  |