



**Outer East Area Committee
Minutes from Halton Moor Forum
09 October 2012**

Present:

Cllr Kathryn Mitchell (Chair), Cllr Mick Lyons, Insp Nick Smart (WYP), S Marsh (resident), Steve Sheriffe (ENEH Leeds), Janet Miller (ENEHL) Derek Pearson (LCC Community Safety), Coullin Meikle (LCC – Youth Service), Val Broadley (resident), Kevin Townend (resident), Gladys Townend (resident), Pete Mudge (LCC – South East Area Support Team, minutes)

Apologies:

Cllr Judith Cummins, John Pearson, Dianne Gill, Ian Phillips (WYP), Gemma Sergeant (TNLP)

| Item | Welcome, introductions and apologies | Action |
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| 1.1 | Cllr Mitchell welcomed everyone, checked people had signed in and the apologies noted. Condolences were offered to John. | |
| 2.0 | PACT meeting (Police And Communities Together) – Insp Nick Smart | |
| 2.1 | Crime statistics for last year compared with this show 21 burglaries for this time last year and 7 this. Q) Over the last few days the number of burglaries around the Nevilles has gone up. If overgrowth could be cut down next to homes it would help. | |
| 2.2 | A) Will forward information to Environmental Services. Vehicle crime id down year on year and asb and violent crime is also reduced. Kendal Drive remains a hotspot for crime and drug related incidents along with Halton Moor Rd and Ave. | WYP/JP |
| 2.3 | Q) Neville Garth and the area to the left seem not be patrolled as it is between two areas. | |
| 2.4 | A) I will ensure PCSO's are made aware and do patrol it. Q) At 3.30am there is a motor bike which recently drives down Asprey Garden making a terrible racket. A) We will investigate if it will come up on cctv coverage and undertake some investigation. | WYP WYP |
| 3.0 | Minutes of the meeting held on 3 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 | Dog fouling continues on Neville Garth and it would be good if a warning sign was placed there. Need an update on grass cutting procedures across the area as there are several areas where grass is uncollected and left strewn around the area. | PM/JP PM?JP |

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| 5.2 | <p>Highways proposal for placing traffic lights by Osmondthorpe Bridge was announced and supported by those present.</p> <p>Q) Parking around Corpus Christie school is chaotic with regard to parents' parking.</p> <p>A) Obstacles and markings have been put in to slow vehicles down but there is more such work to be done. Once finished it will have a walkabout.</p> <p>We will invite the head to the next meeting.</p> <p>East Leeds Leisure Centre – Cllr Lyons and George Moodie MP met Live for Life who have taken over all sports centres in Rochdale and are now building new ones.</p> <p>They have invited the director of Live for Life to come to East Leeds and are seeking approval from Leeds' Leisure Services to put all Outer East Leeds leisure centres into one offer to pass over to private sector management through a charitable organisation which will work closely with LCC.</p> <p>The chair said senior housing officials are not opposed to helping the situation and if it gets loads of groups in it would reduce costs. We're hoping that before next summer we have a team set up and running.</p> | <p>Highways / PM</p> <p>Cllr M / PM</p> <p>Cllr L</p> |
| 6.0 | Bedroom Tax and Welfare Reform – Janet Miller (ENEH) | |
| 6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4 6.5 | <p>From April 2013 Central Government introduces the Bedroom Tax which will affect people on benefit who are of working age living in a property that has bedrooms which are not in full time use. Deductions will be about £10 for one bedroom and 25% or charge for 2 or more. There are 157 tenants in Halton Moor, Osmondthorpe Area affected. The three options they have are: 1) Meet the shortfall in their benefit, 2) Join the mutual exchange register, 3) Apply to Leeds Housing Register for a smaller property.</p> <p>Many tenants seem to mistakenly think they will offset this extra cost through benefit increases whereas this will not be the case as it is a deduction in benefit.</p> <p>No family will be able to claim over £500 pw and in Halton Moor / Osmondthorpe this will affect 12 families.</p> <p>Central Government's Universal Credit comes in in October 2013. It will replace Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance, Employment Support, Housing Benefit, Tax Credits and Child Benefit. It will be a paperless system totally administered online.</p> <p>This puts the onus on tenants to make the claim and provide the information required. No letters will be sent.</p> <p>Payments will be made a month in arrears which means anyone paid weekly / fortnightly will have 4 weeks with no income.</p> <p>Under this system tenants pay ENEH which could affect income streams for ene homes.</p> <p>HOPE is getting set to assist people and Ward Cllrs have persuaded the Union to provide a dozen computers for the applicants to use at a location still to be arranged.</p> | <p>ENEH</p> <p>HOPE/ Cllrs</p> |
| 7.0 | Youth Service Update | |
| | <p>Virgil had been unable to attend this meeting and so had updated the meeting that: two members of staff had been taken ill and another was on maternity leave and this was greatly affecting the teams availability for all but the key work.</p> <p>Youth who have helped in working with others and showing leadership received awards at an impressive events held at Temple Newsam.</p> | <p>CM</p> |

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| 8.0 | ENE Homes Update – Steve Sheriffe | |
| 8.1 | There are 10 voids and 8 on notice with a turnaround time of up to 49 days. | SS / JP |
| 8.2 | 399 properties have been inspected and 149 properties have been issued with letters warning improvements must be made. There have also been 40 referrals for estate services. | |
| 9.0 | Any other business and date of next meeting | |
| 9.1 | Following a meeting called by Cllr Lyons, Highways have now done a good job in getting Wykebeck shops safety improved by placing bollards to stop drivers jumping the traffic lights. | Hways |
| 9.2 | Highways have also undertaken consultation which confirms they can close the shortcut onto Selby Road where there have been accidents including a child being hit by a vehicle. It is hoped this alley may be closed before Christmas 2012. | |
| | Older People’s Week had good events at Christ Church and there was the Hope event the day before. | |
| 9.3 | The next forum meeting will be on 15 January 2013. | All |