



## Outer East Area Committee

### Kippax and Methley Forum

Meeting held on 17 October 2012  
Brigshaw High School

#### Present:

Councillor Mary Harland (Chair), Cllr Keith Wakefield, Cllr James Lewis, Harold Wilson (Park Ave N'hood Watch), Simon Fosdick (LCC Parks & Countryside), Richard Eastwood (WYP), Rose Rowley (WYP), Keith Parker (alderman), Doug Morley (Kippax PC), Pat Samy (KiB, Traders) Jack Bate (Kippax PC, KiB, Community Centre), Vic Carter (Kippax Traders) Adrian Lee (LCC Youth Service), Paul Spandler (LCC Env Action) K Asprey (Allerton Bywater PC), Mike Weaver (ABPC), Mike Weaver (Allerton Bywater PC), Jim Kerr (Methley & Mickletown Residents Assoc), Paul Spivey (Kippax PC), Pete Mudge (LCC SEAST)

**Apologies:** Sgt Goodwill

1.0	<b>Welcome / Introductions and Apologies</b>	Action
1.1	Councillor Harland welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.0	<b>PACT Meeting</b> – CP Richard Eastwood (WYP)	
2.1	<p>Sgt Goodwill was unable to attend as he had been involved with arrests that day. In the last 6 weeks crime figures for the area are down by 21 giving an overall drop of 17%. Burglaries were down by 5, shoplifting was static but serious crime up by 3% Kippax forms part of the Garforth NPT area which has the lowest burglary rate in Leeds and the fourth lowest in West Yorkshire. Kippax Youth Club is no longer a hot spot area though the leisure centre remains one. In Methley the main problem is vehicles speeding.</p>	WYP
2.2	Q) What is being done about bottles and cans being thrown around on some footpaths?	WYP
	A) People tell us it's youths and this should be dealt with by stopping them getting the cans and bottles. We do test purchases across the area and the problem is lessening,	WYP
	Q) Occasionally a lad "speeds around" on a bike on Leeds Rd. Sometimes he has a passenger but he never has a helmet or registration plate.	WYP
	R) Police will pass details to off-road team to investigate.	WYP
	Q) Is cold calling information still available to see if zones can be increased?	WYP
	a) Yes it is and the police will get details to concerned residents.	WYP
3.0	<b>Kippax and Methley Forum</b>	
4.0	<b>Minutes of the meeting held 20 September 2011</b>	
	Agreed as a correct record.	
5.0	<b>10 Minute open floor</b>	
5.1	St Aidens: When the Country Park and Flood Relief Area was established in 2007 it included construction of the sluice and spillways at St Aidens, Allerton and ????? however the one at St Aidens is never activated and so in times of heavy rain there is the very real risk of flooding in nearby houses. Dampness is becoming an	

	<p>increasing problem and the Forum heard one lady was advised to move to another home as her house was becoming so damp. Spillways are maintained by the Environment Agency however repeated letters and requests for them to activate the sluice gates seem to have fallen on deaf ears. Cllr Wakefield was given a letter by Parish Council representatives at the Forum and said he will write to the Environment Agency seeking a solution to the problems caused to residents.</p>	Cllr KW
<b>5.2</b>	<p>Kippax in Bloom received a gold award in the Britain in Bloom competition which is the highest accolade available in the UK. It received a gold as joint category winner, another as Urban category winner and group chair, Pat Samy, won a gold as Community Champion. Pat attended the forum and was applauded for her achievement. She said it would not have occurred but for support from the whole community and strong support from the city council.</p>	
<b>5.3</b>	<p>There was general agreement that Kippax and surrounding villages are have seen major improvements and are unrecognisable when compared with 10 years ago. £50,000 has been approved by the Big Lottery through Sport England and the 2012 Olympics to create an additional sports pitch at Kippax Welfare Ground. Alderman Parker said he had received a lot of assistance from the Area Support Team who would be delighted to advise other applicants seeking community improvements in the area.</p>	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Special Presentation: Continental Landscapes contract</b> – Simon Frosdick of LCC Parks and Countryside	
<b>6.1</b>	<p>The contract for ongoing maintenance work across Leeds including grass cutting, verge maintenance and hedge trimming has passed from Glendale's to Continental Landscapes. Simon Frosdick of LCC Parks &amp; Countryside noted Parks &amp; Countryside remains responsible for the contract and Continental do the delivery. Terms are 13 cuts per year on amenity grass and three on the majority of others. Overspill must be removed from roadways and pavements and weedkiller cannot be used.</p>	
<b>6.2</b>	<p>Q) There was long grass in some areas and problem areas are beside the traffic lights on Longdike Lane, near the old pub in Allerton Bywater and branches and foliage overhanging signs. A) It is a bedding in period for the new contractors but we need to be made aware of where things are not right so it can be improved. Areas mentioned will be amended so the problem does not continue. Q) There were some terrible areas during the last season yet there seemed no way to get the contractors to come back and sort out the problem. A) I agree. As new contractors they have to be trained and problems increased due to the terrible weather. They have learnt a lot and are wishing to do a good job.</p>	SF
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Locality Working</b> – Paul Spangler	
<b>7.1</b>	<p>The Locality team dealt with 391 environmental issues between 21<sup>st</sup> August 2011 and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Most common was vegetation blocking footpaths, flytipping, littering, unacceptable waste levels and fly-posting. 24 legal notices were issued and 14 fixed penalty notices. PCSOs are providing evidence and witness statements on fly tipping, dog fouling and stray dogs. Damaged litter bins are being replaced and fly tipping hotspots resolved which is assisted by a cctv camera. Mechanical sweeping is undertaken every 6 weeks with Ledsham and Ledston every 12 weeks. Routes are currently being rationalised to increase capacity.</p>	
<b>7.2</b>	Q) While the area's PCSOs have been trained in the above matters, have those	

	<p>who fill in from Killingbeck?</p> <p>A) We will investigate and encourage this to be done.</p> <p>Q) There is a great problem of dog fouling around Billy Wood, the path to Westfeld Lane and by the old Murco site in Allerton Bywater.</p> <p>A) We will investigate and take all available action.</p> <p>Q) Gulley outside White Swan in Kippax needs cleaning.</p> <p>A) Will investigate and take necessary action.</p> <p>Q) Allerton Bywater has lost its litter pickers meaning local residents have to empty the public bins.</p> <p>A) Suggested concerned citizens establish a Hot Spot Team to report incidents such as bins needing emptying and litter picking, cutbacks etc.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>PS</p> <p>PS</p>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Youth Service – Adrian Lee</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<p>The Kippax &amp; Methley Youth Service team worked with 541 young people throughout the summer and 78 young people at the Brighthouse Olympics where 200 from around the world joined in the activities.</p> <p>Current workload encourages more local activities and the team has supported young NEETS (Not in Education, Employment or Training) and 4 have got apprenticeships.</p> <p>The Friday Night Project gets up to 40 each time.</p> <p>Allerton Bywater youth club is achieving record numbers and have had to expand the range of venues to accommodate need. Now considering splitting the offer into two age groups.</p> <p>Methley has 20-30 young people doing dance projects at various venues and some ASB youngsters have done reparation projects with the elderly.</p> <p>In Micklefield 25 young people regularly attend the youth club and for older ones the service has been advising on sexual health issues and working with NEETs. 5 young people have got into work through this.</p> <p>Across Leeds a Dragons Den type event is underway and of 12 youngsters leading the project 6 are from the Kippax and Methley Ward.</p> <p>Investigating if members would like youth to shadow them to see the range of work and decisions undertaken.</p> <p>Using youth as peer inspectors to see what works well and what needs improving.</p> <p>Looking to find a venue to site moveable skateboard equipment in the area.</p> <p>Kippax Kabin is getting a facelift from Community Payback. Suggestion was made that a lady at Brighshaw school could help bring in an art team to assist this further.</p>	
<b>8.2</b>	<p>Q) For the last 2 years we have been encouraging youth to get involved with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts but the problem is we need more leaders.</p> <p>A) If you would like to arrange a meeting with us we are happy to discuss potential.</p> <p>Q) There was understood to be an incident where youths were chucking tomatoes.</p> <p>A) In the Hambletons it was mostly under 11s causing trouble. We will keep in touch about that.</p>	AL
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Localism and Neighbourhood Plan – Town Cllr Doug Morley</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	<p>The Kippax Neighbourhood Plan team has 20 active workers covering North, East, West and Village Centre. They are completing a SWOT analysis of community needs and have specialist support from someone doing an MA and colleagues in the Council and Planning.</p>	
<b>9.2</b>	<p>Q) Town Cllr Jack Bate: With all this development and talk of over 1,000 new homes it's time to get our park back.</p> <p>A) Cllr Wakefield said there is the opportunity to include the park proposal, allotments and much more within the development plan. He said : It is fortunate that Kippax was chosen as one of the four pilot areas in Leeds. It's a really interesting lesson and should help to decide the number of homes allocated and other planning issues."</p> <p>Q) How did you get the community to work together so well?</p>	

	A) Advertised on noticeboards, held public meetings and identified leaders.	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Traders Update – Pat Samy</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	<p>The state of the High Street is improving for residents and businesses and we must keep on top of this. There are now 54 businesses on the High Street and area support are playing a key role in this rejuvenation. The biggest concern at present is the risk that the Royal Oak will be lost for housing. We as traders are totally against this and will fight tooth and nail to stop it.</p> <p>Our other concern is the Hermitage but we understand the Council is working on it. We want the outside of the former Barclays Bank improved and understand Barclays has made a commitment on this.</p> <p>A great success for partnership working between the private and public sector is that the Carr family have kindly painted all their houses on the Main Street and we are now going to get a mural included.</p> <p>It was refreshing to recently hear a Castleford resident say "There's more going on in Kippax than in Castleford."</p>	
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Any Other Business and date of next meeting</b>	
11.1	Pat Samy and members of Kippax in Bloom were congratulated for winning a gold in this year's contest.	HW/ DM
11.2	Park Avenue Neighbourhood Watch crime prevention panel wants funding to end cold calling on elderly people. Cllr Morley suggested he sends a request to Kippax Parish Council.	
11.3	Older Persons Event Week went very successfully and the organisers were thanked at Area Committee.	
11.4	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> 24.04.13	