



Outer East Area Committee

Garforth & Swillington Forum

Meeting held 13 November 2012
at Garforth Academy

Present: Cllr Andrea McKenna (Chair), Cllr Tom Murray, PC E Smith (WYP), PC 1065 Goodwill (WYP), Chris Booth (WYFRS), Steve Beckley (WYFRS), Nick Smith (WYFRS), Parvez Aziz (LCC Youth Service), Sharon Elliott (Garforth Cluster), Shirley Raisey (GRA), Ian Forster (GRA), Keith Dunwell (Aberford Parish Council), Hollie Barnett, James Langley, Kevin Pease (Pease of Garforth) David Leroy (Garforth Community Association), Steve Beckley (WYFRS), Susan Ashworth (Garforth in Bloom), Mark Egginton (Garforth & District Lions Club), Ken Woodhead (GDLC), Carol Woodhead (Garforth in Bloom), Pete Mudge (LCC - Area Support Team, minutes)

Apologies: Cllr Mark Dobson, Ed Pepper, Adrian Lee (Youth Service).

1.0	Introductions and Apologies	Action
1.1	Councillor McKenna welcomed everyone. Apologies, (as above,) were noted.	
2.0	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	
2.1	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record. No matters arising.	
3.0	Community Safety	
3.1	<p>PACT: Report from Police – Sgt Goodwill said that compared to the previous year there have been 158 less crimes in the area and crime continues to go down.</p> <p>Q) Neighbourhood Partnership has certainly led to a decrease in crime and so it is hoped the new commissioner – whoever they may be – will continue to support this style of policing.</p> <p>Q) Monitors have been used on A642 to catch speeding motorists, how is it progressing?</p> <p>R) It is deployed on A642 and elsewhere and is getting results.</p> <p>Q) Have there been notable successes through promotion of cold calling zones?</p> <p>R) Yes they do work but there is no specific data.</p>	
3.2	<p>Fire Authority Update – As part of the public service review, changes are proposed for the fire service which nationally is getting a 25% reduction in funding from central government. Comments on the proposed changes must be received by the end of the month.</p> <p>In the last two years West Yorkshire Fire Authority (WYFA) has received a 10% reduction in funding. In the next two years the area expects to have to make a further £11m saving.</p> <p>WYFA has seen a 30% reduction in call outs in the last 5 years. This is partly</p>	

	<p>attributed to focusing on prevention of fires – safety messages, smoke alarms, don't smoke in bed etc. This prevention will continue under the proposed changes.</p> <p>The WYFA has assessed risks in the area and will try to better match response times to risk. With a station in the town Garforth currently has a response time of 5.41 mins, by moving the station to Swillington the response time will change to 6.29 mins.</p> <p>The proposal is to reduce the number of stations but put them at key locations. In the Garforth area the proposal is to close the stations at Garforth and Rothwell and build a new one at Swillington. The new depot is budgeted to cost approximately £2.5m yet save £1m per year compared to keeping Garforth and Rothwell open.</p> <p>Q) Will the existing Garforth station be sold for housing. R) Yes but we will work with the council on finding the most appropriate future use for the site and give it some local benefit.</p> <p>Q) The Fire Brigade Union have said cuts will put lives at risk. R) We applaud the FBU fighting for fire services however we have been told the cuts must take place and so we are acting in the best way we can. In the last 10 years there have been no fire deaths.</p> <p>Q) Does new technology lead to a reduction in staff? R) Yes, new engines require less staff and we are not replacing staff when they retire. The busiest fire engine is only used 8% of the time and so they have the capacity for some redeployment of resources. A positive advance coming into Leeds is giving the fire service the ability to control traffic lights at key locations.</p> <p>Cllr McKenna (Chair) said she had served on the Fire Authority for several years and once she was aware of the proposal she stepped down from her position on the authority.</p>	
4.0	Car Parking Strategy for Garforth – Pete Mudge	
4.1	<p>The proposal is on display in Garforth Library and on the Main Street notice board. Consultation with groups has been undertaken throughout the last year. Tim Dixon was thanked for his conscientious work on developing the proposal. Officers indicate work on the improvements may be approved before Christmas.</p> <p>Q) Glad to see something is at last happening. The only thing I object to is the raised crossing points.</p>	
5.0	Services for Young People	
5.1	<p>Youth Work – Parvez Aziz Parvez noted key projects and achievements since the last meeting: Weekly events include a range of activities attracting some 50 youngsters per week. Arrangements have now been made for soccer practice at Allerton Bywater. There have been residentials, trips, mini-bus visits and considerable work with NEETs. The Swillington Skateboard Park is getting well used following its funding by Leeds City Council.</p> <p>Garforth Academy / Cluster – Sharon Elliott Sharon said the summer holiday programme went well and 258 young people joined in. An impressive 70% of new school intakes having free school meals</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>SE</p>

	<p>joined in with activities.</p> <p>Sharon oversees evening lettings at the academy and there are now 21 different groups using the facilities in the evenings. These range from badminton to the townswomens' guild.</p> <p>The cluster has some small pots of money available to benefit primary school projects and mini bus usage.</p> <p>Cllr Murray congratulated Sharon and her team on such successful work on such small pots of money.</p> <p>Cllr Murray said despite major changes to education funding, the schools wished to maintain funder for the cluster team. This clearly shows how highly everyone regards the work the clusters do.</p>	
6.0	10 Minute Open Floor	
6.1	<p>Neighbourhood Plan – Leeds' Core Strategy is being developed and this notes a large number of new homes must be built in East Leeds. Consequently several areas are making use of new legislation to create Neighbourhood Plans to ensure development is not detrimental to their area and facilities are protected.</p> <p>The Chair said Garforth Neighbourhood Plan options will be an agenda item for the next meeting.</p>	Cllr M/PM/ IM
6,2	<p>Garforth in Bloom – Garforth got gold in last year's Yorkshire in Bloom and as category winners has now been entered into 2013 Britain in Bloom.</p>	In Bloom
6.3	<p>Lights Switch On – The 2012 event is again organised by Garforth Lions and funded by local councillors of Outer East Area Committee. The switch on is on 30 November with a 6.30pm start and 7.15pm switch on.</p>	Lions
7.0	Date of Next Meeting	
7.1	The next meeting date will be held in 3 months on a date to be confirmed.	All