

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE  
TRINITY CHAPEL SCHOOL ROOMS, CHAPEL STREET, WOODHOUSE  
FACILITATED BY  
THE WOODHOUSE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM ON  
THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.00PM**

**Attendees**

A list of attendees is attached.

**Apologies**

Paul Garland, Ray Flewitt, Peter Wolstenholme, Mike Peat

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

**2&3 Minutes of last meeting & matters arising**

Waverley Development - Howard has sent his objections and has received a reply. Liz has sent the objections from the Forum.

The minutes are accepted as a true record of the last meeting.

**4. Correspondence**

Leaflets and poster were received from OFFER advertising their AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

**5. Presentation: Maurice Littlewood (Chairman of Handsworth Forum)**

Maurice gave an overview of the area planned for development (Orgreave Reclamation and Advance Manufacturing Park). There are plans to build 4,000 houses, 2 schools (infant) plus facilities. Originally the area was to be turned into a 'mini Rother Valley'. Whilst Woodhouse will be affected by the development, there is no mention of it in any of the documentation.

Whilst Maurice has no objection to decent housing, not a penny is being spent on the infrastructure. He highlighted the following points which mean increased traffic in our area:

- Handsworth will be gridlocked.
- The bridge at Orgreave has been re-structured.
- Plans for expanding the tram network have been withdrawn.
- The introduction of a Rapid Transit Lane on the Parkway to Town.

#### Health Matters:

- By the year 2029 certain areas in Handsworth will not meet the 30 microdams set by the government.
- Maurice regularly monitors the air in Handsworth and is raises concerns as to future air pollution.
- Generations will be affected.
- Health problems will be made worse by increased vehicle emissions.
- The area already has a high percentage of people with heart/cancer/asthma health problems.

#### Waverley Link Road:

- There have been 6 different options for the link road. It has been narrowed down to 3.
- One option was for the road to exit at the derelict garage.
- Another option would require building bridges and although would probably be a better route for locals would cost more.
- The option that the planners appear to be trying to orchestrate would mean the road crossing the playing fields.

#### Environment:

- Concerns regarding possible flooding.
- There is to be a purpose built lake for surface water to flow to. Is this sufficient?
- What will happen to the wildlife habitat?

#### Social/Economic Factors:

- What is the provision for the Senior School Children.
- More housing brings more people to the area with more people vying for local jobs.

Maurice thanked Woodhouse for inviting him and said that the project will go ahead but our objections and concerns need to be heard and addressed.

Howard suggested that a letter of objection from the Forum to Sheffield City Council would be beneficial.

#### **6. Update: PCSO's** Not in attendance.

## 7. Report

### (b) Enterprise Development

We are now awaiting meeting on 13/11/08 with Angela Glentworth from the Council re the Community Facility Project.

Kathryn gave an overview of the Library negotiations and an update on the new developments at the Tannery Lodge Site:

- Surveys have been undertaken on the site and a developer is now being sought.
- Kathryn has been e-mailed the dimensions of the new build and the size the community facility will be allocated (100m<sup>2</sup>).
- There is no gain to move to the new site.
- We should take the plans and say we want no less than we would have got with the original plans.
- New council with probably different ideas and we do not know what new plans they will have.
- We could not use the Tannery Lodge building as it contained - so it had to be demolished.
- The site is big enough to accommodate all the services who want to use it.
- Ruth asked who was responsible for the repairs & utilities; the forum would be responsible.
- The positive is that a new building would need less maintenance.
- KT has a problem with 100m<sup>2</sup> not addressing the lack of community space.
- Mark i) What is Mick Rooney's view? *Not known at this time*
  - ii) Whilst there is a lot of land, isn't there a problem with a main sewage pipe that is not able to be built on?  
*Nothing was mentioned after the surveys.*
  - iii) It was the libraries that approached us - was there a hidden agenda? It may have been a bargaining tool.
  - iv) Could the leader of the council be invited to the Forum meeting?
- We need to spend £450k or it will be spent.
- What are we getting for our £450k - it seems like we are not getting the correct m<sup>2</sup> for our investment.

Employment Training & Enterprise Roadshow in partnership with South East Area Panel.

9:30 to 12:30 on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at Southern Light Church

Learning Champions are now in post and will be visiting groups in the area.

Broadband - now not with BT but with Nildram and should be available to pilot mid November for a month. Then be ready to sell. We are reliant on volunteer labour (Colin works 5 days a week).

MS - how is it to be marketed? *Leaflet on Badger to begin with.*

Oscars

Youth Forum received the Group Achievement Award.

Jack Taylor received the Young Person of the Year Award.

Ray Flewitt

Is in Northern General hospital; has sent message that work on repositioning of the bus stops in the village will have started by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

(c) There are no updates from Festive Lights committee.

**8. AOB**

None

**9. Date and time of next meeting**

20<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm.