

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE  
TRINITY CHAPEL SCHOOL ROOMS, CHAPEL STREET, WOODHOUSE  
FACILITATED BY  
THE WOODHOUSE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM ON  
THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7.00PM**

**Attendees**

A list of attendees is attached.

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

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

None.

**4. Notice of Questions & Petitions**

None.

**5. Correspondence**

**a. Handsworth Grange Community College**

Handsworth Grange School has changed its name to Handsworth Grange Community Sports College. Kathryn, Howard & Jackie are to attend the re-launch event on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September. They were invited by Terry Hudson who is keen to re-establish links between the School and the Forum.

**b. Waverley Project**

The Forum has been approached by Maurice Littlewood to lend their support to the residents of Treeton and raise concerns with the Rotherham Council regarding the re-development of the Waverley area.

Cllr M Rooney gave the forum a quick synopsis of the background regarding this planning application:

- Originally open cast site which Rotherham Council promised to return the site to recreational use.
- Now plan to develop site with little recreation and possibly 9,000 houses.
- Proposal to include a road which is still not clear as to its position. There are 3 possibilities Fence Hill, disused petrol station and the playing fields.

- Sheffield City Council will oppose the idea if a travel plan is not in place.
- Every chance that the plans will be thwarted if enough people express their concern.

It was decided that the Forum will send in the concerns from the Forum and individuals were still to send their own objections if they so wish.

Liz Turton to compose the letter of objection from the Forum.

## 6. Updates and Presentations

### **Oscars (celebrating Young People in South Yorkshire)**

The Woodhouse Youth Forum have been nominated for a Group Achievement Award (age 11 - 16 category) at the above Ceremony to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2008, 3pm - 6pm at Birley Spa School.

### **Deborah Somerset-Malia - Safeguarding Children Training Service**

Deborah gave a short presentation about the Free certified training being offered to voluntary & community organisations who are involved in recruiting people to work with children & young people. She pointed out that we cannot rely on the CRB check to safeguard children and that early intervention is essential.

### **Sheffield Homes**

Representative informed the meeting of a recent spate of bin burning. Areas of interest are Goathland/Badger - it is important to keep the lines of communication open between groups.

There is an improvement in drunk/antisocial behaviour although Cllr Rooney reported that there was a small number of young people in their 20s getting drunk in the square opposite the Royal.

## 7. Reports

### **Enterprise Development**

- Community Broadband 'Live' and we are now in a position to publicise a pilot project at an Open Event.
- Sue Proctor of Sheffield Futures is offering to send detached workers to work in Woodhouse 4 - 6 pm Friday. This was felt to be inadequate and the time not conducive to best use of the workers. Cllr Rooney understands that they do not have the funds but feels that they should talk to groups like the Forum & Taras to decide areas which need targeting. PG said that it seems they are 'firefighting'. Cllr Rooney said that Activity Sheffield work with

easy targets whilst Sheffield Futures are set with the task to work with hard to reach youths. There is no clear plan in Woodhouse. The 15 year contract with Sheffield Futures & Council may soon be served with a year's notice because of complaints. The contract will soon be put to tender.

### **Festive Lights**

The Cher Tribute Fundraiser has been cancelled due to poor ticket sales. This may be due to the rise in ticket price which will probably need to be reviewed.

The Woodhouse Light Switch On is due to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> November.

## **8. AOB**

Maurice Birch reported on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Bowling.

- There are 3 women's groups all doing well. The ladies are all about 65+ and are also pursuing other interests as a group.
- The Junior team easily became top of the group and the age of the members should ensure that the team carries on succeeding.
- The Woodhouse West Primary School involvement is one of the biggest successes of the club. The club has been able to secure funding for play equipment for the younger children i.e. skittles etc.
- The summer programme was not well attended due to poor publicity.
- Activity Day for Street Force organised for 26<sup>th</sup> September.
- There has been mixed reviews on the surface. Some visitors complain but usually if they have not played well on it. It is a challenging surface.
- There are plans drawn up for lighting - the costs are favourable but there may be 3 bungalows affected by the lighting. The Bowling Club continue to be a good neighbour.
- Opening up the club to evening play may create demand from outside the community which would 'drive out' the local community.

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

16<sup>th</sup> October at 7 pm.