

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE
TRINITY CHAPEL SCHOOL ROOMS, CHAPEL STREET, WOODHOUSE
FACILITATED BY
THE WOODHOUSE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM ON
THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.00PM**

Attendees

A list of attendees is available on request

Apologies

Kathryn Taylor, Mark Steele, Jackie Newbold

1. Welcome & Introductions

2&3 Minutes of last meeting & matters arising

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

4. Correspondence

- (a) Letter received from South Yorkshire Biodiversity Research Group & Network regarding Proposed Family Learning Bid - 'Exploring Nature's Heritage'. As the letter was received too late for any action to be taken it was suggested that we invite Christine Handley (Events Co-Ordinator) to be a guest speaker at a Forum meeting.
- (b) We received an e-mail from Mark Steele to update the forum that the lights on the main tree had failed the test and would need to be fixed when the two new sets of lights are installed. Also Mark would like to thank Graham & Beryl Woodhead who have helped with the lights for the past 2 years have recently resigned from the lights committee. Without their help we would not be expanding the lights this year.

5. Update: PCSO's

- ABC's have been given to a number of Youths in the area. Tythe Barn has been of particular concern.
- The Section 30 is now finished in the area.
- Youths are coming into Woodhouse from surrounding areas like Frecheville.
- There has been a test of the sale of alcohol to underage, with no breach of the law being detected.

- There is not a much alcohol being found in the possession of the youths in the area.
- The PSCOs are concerned that the local Costcutter supermarket has applied to increase their licencing hours to 6am to 11pm 7 days per week.
- Suggested that the Forum object to this as a group. Liz to undertake this.
- There seemed to be fewer calls regarding the unreasonable use of fireworks.
- Mick Rooney asked if the anti-social behaviour is down to the same youths. No particular group is to blame.
- Peter Wolstenholme asked if the telephone number 101 is being used. This was confirmed as the number mainly used for concerns re anti-social behaviour.

Youth Forum

The YF are again arranging the Christmas Market. Flyers and posters have been taken to the Primary Schools for distribution. It will not be as large as in previous years as the most of the YF are in the middle of the examinations. We need to encourage them and help them when we can.

6. Reports

(a) Trustees

The Trustees have agreed to fund the cost of running the Village Christmas Lights due to all the funds raised by the Lights Committee will be needed to cover installation costs. It has subsequently been reported that the cost of the electricity is likely to be £5.

(b) Enterprise Development

The Community Broadband Project is making progress.

(c) Festive Lights

Again it was stressed that experienced volunteers would be of advantage (those with contacts and information which would help). Mick Rooney confirmed that firm arrangements are now in place and any change in personnel will not affect these.

(d) Publicity

Peter Wolstenholme gave a comprehensive list of events and photographs taken since July.

7. AOB

- Waverley consultation meeting at Handsworth Grange School on 1st December at 6.30pm.
- Mick Rooney gave an overview of the Waverley Area and an honest appraisal of the plans. Sheffield City Council will object to the plans until a major transport strategy is in place.
- Again the concern regarding the affect of transport through Woodhouse.
- Ruth asked about the whereabouts of the bulbs that were planted in previous years. Does anyone have a map?
- Howard went bulb planting with Terry Hudson and a number of pupils from Handsworth Grange School.
- Paul Garland and other members of the Friends of Shirtcliffe Wood also planted 2,000 bulbs in that area.
- Parks and Woodlands are to spend £20,000 on Youth Projects on Beaver Hill Rec/Park. Howard will consult with the local schools/children to decide the most appropriate way of spending the money.
- **Market Square** - Thanks to Ray Flewitt the improvements in this area are now underway. Ray said that it has taken 9 years and but all the shops/flats are now let.
- **Community Centre** - Howard & Kathryn attended an initial meeting on 13th November. There is no apparent change of heart after the change in council leadership. It has been pointed out what the community wants. The new building will be two storeys comprising of a new library, community facilities and sheltered housing. Peter enquired about the existing library. The site will probably be sold - no plans known at this time.

8. Date and time of next meeting

18th December at 7 pm.