

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE  
TRINITY CHAPEL ROOMS, CHAPEL STREET, WOODHOUSE  
FACILITATED BY  
THE WOODHOUSE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM ON  
THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.00PM**

**Attendees**

Howard Constable, Graham Postello, Peter Wolstenholme, Maurice Birch, Liz Turton, Christine Crookes, Frank Coup, Mick Rooney, Vaz Falconer (Sheffield Futures), PCSO's, Youth Forum - Jack Taylor, Luke Hague & Ryan Laycock

**Apologies**

Ray Flewitt

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

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

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

PCSO's are to formulate a strategy on anti-social behaviour with help and co-operation with Badger TARA and the local residents.

**4. Correspondence**

After David Jacobs suggested we approach our MP. Ray Flewitt approached Clive Betts who wrote to the council on our behalf. We have received a reply which indicates the support for the project and outlines steps to move the project forward. There is to be a meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December on the Tannery Lodge site and we hope to have a report back by mid January 2010.

**5. Update: Youth Forum (Jack)**

The Youth Forum is to hold a Christmas Market on the 5<sup>th</sup> December between 10 am and 3pm. There will be live entertainment and stalls. Graham agreed to be Santa for the day. Scrummy's have agreed to give a donation to the Youth Forum. Flyers were provided free by Charlie's Computer store. The Fire Engine Museum is to bring an engine and offer rides to children. Any help on the day would be appreciated.

**Update: PCSO's (Jane)**

- Positive meeting with Badger TARA, residents and Sheffield Homes re issues on the Badger.

- Identifying individuals from outside the area bringing problems Woodhouse. Letters went out to parents followed up with home visits should problem recur.
- Handed out ABCs at Parsons Cross & letters to parents with good feedback.

### **Update: Sheffield Futures (Vas)**

- 2 nights a week face to face work on Badger Park.
- Youths are passing a youth club to sit in Badger Park.
- Have been verbally abused and felt threatened by the Friday group. One group turned up at 5.30 with a crate of lager.
- Thursday group more positive.
- Group earned a trip to After Dark after attending a Workshop dealing with the consequences of wheely bin fires.
- Unfortunately Vas and Sheffield Future team have been redirected to Ballifield on Thursdays due to increased youth activity in the area.
- Would like to take the Friday night group once a month via minibus to nearby youthclubs to attend workshops from organisations raising awareness of drugs & alcohol misuse.
- Idea is to break the Friday night group up. There are 3 influential young men from Darnell and Beighton.
- Would like to show the benefits of attending Youth Clubs.
- Mick Rooney would like to be informed of cost of activity as there is money in the discretionary budget. He also asked if Vas could the South Yorkshire Fire Training Centre Hall for activities.

## **7. Reports**

### **(a) Trustees**

The Trustees have agreed the dates of the Open Forum Meetings for next year. List is attached.

### **(b) Enterprise Development**

**Laptops** - Badger TARA have been successful in their funding bid for £6K for new laptops.

**Lottery Bid** - We have been successful in obtaining £135K from the Big Lottery Fund for our community work including the Learning Champion Project, Community Broadband and Health Initiatives. This needs publicizing require a photoshoot.

Kathryn would like to thank Mick Rooney for his help in acquiring the use of an office in the Badger TARA for the Forum.

**Learning Advocate** - We have been chosen to host a Learning Advocate which will generate income for the Forum.

(c) Festive Lights

The lights are due to be turned on on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. The large tree will be lit. The meeting with the Co-op is hopeful. Now working on phase 3, which is the remaining trees.

(d) Publicity

Peter Wolstenholme gave a comprehensive list of events and photographs.

**8. AOB**

- There have been swans with 4 eggs on Beighton Marsh for the first time in 7 years. Unfortunately a number of them have been found dead - shot by an air gun. Please be vigilant - carrying an airgun is an offence. Do not approach - ring 999.
- Waverley Project - revised plans have been issued. The road is still proposed to run through the playground. Mick Rooney is concerned that promises have been broken as the land was to revert to original use. Councillor Ian Hawkland should be approached to answer the question as to what Sheffield City Council intends to do.

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

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009