

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE  
BRUNSWICK GARDENS, STATION ROAD, WOODHOUSE  
FACILITATED BY  
THE WOODHOUSE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM ON  
THURSDAY 21st MAY 2009 AT 7.00PM**

**Attendees**

Howard Constable, Ray Flewitt, Mark Steele, Ruth Senior, Kathryn Taylor, Cllr Mick Rooney, Graham Postello, Dave Luck, Peter Wolstenholme

**Apologies**

Terry Hudson, Glynn Stones Mike Peat, Liz Turton, Christine Crookes, 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.

- KT reported that no dogs from retirement village were fouling on the land at the top of Bader Road
- The new equipment in Beaver Park has been a great success and is being used constantly
- HC has been in touch with relevant people re the notice board and no one can find the key. Ongoing
- RF has been asked by the medical centre to set up a patient forum

**4. Correspondence**

- A letter from Woodhouse West Primary school was read out thanking the Forum for it's donation of £200 towards activities during the summer break

**5. Update: PCSO's**

The PCSOs were not present.

- KT spoke to PCSO and if anyone has any issues for them to be recorded at this meeting and feed back to PCSO's
- HC felt that the service from the police in Woodhouse had dropped. This was echoed around the members attending
- GP was frustrated that nothing was done by police when intelligence had been given
- MR advised an inclusion on the agenda for the next CSG copying in councillors for Richmond and Woodhouse

**6. Presentations**

Community Assembly - DL said that the Assembly are committed to working with community groups. It's structure had changed from the Area Panel, giving more power for making decisions to local people. The Assembly area has changed to include extra geographical boundaries but has lost Stradbroke.

The team has more staff and with that comes a larger budget. This team are developing a Community Plan that will influence the work done by the Assembly

During the summer months, they will be attending events around the south east area, handing out information on the Community Assembly and speaking to the local community. DL was asked if the information could be produced in large print.

Area Assemblies will still hold public meetings every  $\frac{1}{4}$  but its members will make/influence the decisions. The Community Chest fund will change. There will be a participatory budget where community members will make a pitch for funding.

### **Brunswick Gardens**

No representative attended this meeting

## **6. Reports**

### (a) Trustees

MR said that he was disappointed that the attendance had gone down at the meetings and that he would advise looking towards a re-launch of the Forum. He suggested that he and the trustees meet to discuss the way forward.

### (b) Enterprise Development

#### *Adult Education*

- Around 140 residents have taken part in courses this academic year
- More courses are being planned for September
- Had an impact on people who are currently out of work
- Getting referrals from Job Centre
- Jackie and Liz have worked hard engaging with the community
- Kathryn seeking out further opportunities for education and training
- Community Chest fund granted £90 toward a portable display board
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#### *Broadband*

- More residents signing up to pilot project
- Mesh box at Grahams not working. Coin was aware and sorting the problem

### *Website*

- Website is 85% built but needs a few more additions. Peter Wolstenholme and Frank Coupe are helping with photos and history for inclusion to the site

Questions were asked about the position of the Community Centre, DL said that he would look into the current developments. RS asked about youth workers in the area, MR would look at this

### (c) Festive Lights

- Mark produced a newsletter for the Forum but has had no volunteers come forward from the advert
- The transformers that failed at Christmas are back with the distributor. Both the distributor and manufacturer are in discussion about its capacity as there are discrepancies
- He thanked Lorraine Postello for her part in delivering the newsletter and would like other members to come forward to deliver on their street to cut down on cost

### (b) Publicity

- Peter Wolstenholme gave a comprehensive list of events and photographs.
- Peter is in contact with Northern Peak regarding suitable material for inclusion on the website

## **7. AOB**

RS asked about development of the Waverley Project. MR gave an update. Rotherham Council are still wanting to put the link road through the orgreave playing fields. They are looking at obtaining the money from the government as the overall project is over £5m. It was also reported that Clive Betts MP has asked for a sensible travel plan. It was asked that Maurice Littlewood RS asked for an acknowledgement to Don Goodwin who had recently died. Don was an active member of the Forum until a couple of years ago. The Forum would like to pay its respects to his family.

### *Ray Flewitt*

- Had been contacted with reference to a potential crossing on Cross Street
- There are to be traffic warning signs erected on Station Road
- A letter of thanks to Brunswick Gardens for the use of the room

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

18<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 7 pm Trinity Chapel Rooms