

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE
TRINITY CHAPEL ROOMS, CHAPEL STREET, WOODHOUSE, FACILITATED BY
THE WOODHOUSE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM ON
THURSDAY 17th JUNE 2010 AT 7.00PM**

Attendees

Howard Constable (Chair), Liz Turton (minute taker), Alan Charlesworth, Kathryn Taylor, Graham Postello, Peter Wolstenholme, Elaine & Robert Connell, Peter & Margaret Doncaster, Lillian Randell MBE, Debra Dallamore, Joan Longstone-Hull, Anne Kennedy, Varrion Falconer & Bev Paul (Sheffield Futures) and PCSOs Jane Eklid-Singh & Justine Wieteska and Youth Forum - Jack Taylor, Luke Hague

Apologies

Mick Rooney, 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.

Lillian Randell MBE requested that a list of current Trustees be available.

4. Correspondence - letter received re proposed Gypsy site in Woodhouse. Letter re War Memorial box sent and read out to meeting.

5. Update - PCSOs (Jane Eklid-Singh & Justine Wieteska)

Meeting with local businesses representatives at Dragons on Tuesday 8th who are concerned about street drinking and drug dealing. Now got mobile camera in Market Square and local businesses would ask the Forum if they are able to fund a further camera(s) in this area as they are aware of the Lottery Fund.

Howard- the Lottery bid was won for a specific purpose which did not include CCTV. The Forum was unaware of problems in the Square as we had not been approached previously and no one has attended a WDCF Meeting to raise these issues. Howard, Kathryn & Liz to attend the next meeting (Tues 22nd June at 10 am) in order find out first-hand the issues in this area and to offer help, where possible.

Can shops provide own camera evidence? Legalities over the positioning of cameras are complicated.

Jane told the meeting that the concern is about the same individuals as is talked about at different meetings. The Police are trying to gather evidence but these individuals are not committing a crime they cannot be arrested. They have to have a solid package of evidence to go to court. Please call 101 and register a complaint.

Jane also discussed the PACT Meeting which resulted in this area becoming a PACT Priority Area. Police have responded in plain clothes - officers stopped a vehicle and found cannabis. Local businesses are pleased with the response but feel that it is easy to steal alcohol at Costcutters. Howard - should the licence be revoked? WDCF objected to the Costcutter licence being extended but was assured that it would be well managed and we could put in an objection at any time. The Costcutter Area Managers would not be happy if their licence is under question and would put in measures to deal with the problem.

Jane reported there had been criminal damage to cars on Badger Road - due to witness(es) coming forward 4 individuals have been arrested. There has also been vehicle crime on Severnside house to house enquiries and fingerprinting will hopefully result in an arrest.

Please call 101 to report incidence.

Would a roadshow raise the profile? This has been done in the past.

The phone box outside the chemist appears to be only used for inappropriate and illegal activities - can it be removed? Will contact BT to check.

Update - Sheffield Futures

Introduction by Vas Falconer of Bev Paul who has recently joined the team - she has extensive experience from another area of Sheffield.

The Dance Class on Monday evenings is going great. Football on Monday & Friday evenings with Activity Sheffield - there have been issues re alcohol with youths told cannot come with alcohol but no one turned up last week. Therefore, going to pull this for a few weeks which will give hotspots priority for a while.

Involved in Street Teams a multi agency approach for six weeks - means a team made up of Sheffield Futures youth worker along with drugs worker, PCSO, youth offending team worker and the Sexual Health Bus working in the area. There will be 2 mini buses with laptops/playstations to be staffed by different agencies. Sceptical as to long term benefit of this action as this approach is only for 6 weeks and relationships take longer than this to form.

Vas was questioned as to the times he is present in Woodhouse -7pm Monday and 4pm Friday (this is early as after this the youths are usually under the influence of drink).

Secured more resources for Woodhouse in the short term as Woodhouse has been made a PACT Priority Area - would urge as many people as possible to attend these meetings as usually those who shout the loudest are dealt with. Can be offered a lift by the Police if you require. Next meeting 8th July at 6 - 8pm at Crystal Peaks Centre. All details of future dates of meetings are on our Newsletter which is also on our website.

6. Reports

(a) Trustees

We have just held an Emergency meeting prior to this Open Meeting to inform the Trustees that we have been approached by Kier with regard to siting the Community Resource Centre (CRC) at the Co-op Late Shop. We are meeting David White from Kier at this site on Monday afternoon 2.30pm to view the premises. This is just one option to be considered for Woodhouse. We want to assure the members that at the moment nothing has changed.

Lillian - In light of current economic climate and what has been announced today in the news - will this situation change?

Howard - We are living in an unsure climate and, nationally, there will be many decisions will be taken in the next 12 months which will be "hard to swallow".

(b) Project Development

The Big Lottery Project will be the transition from no community facilities to a Community Resource Centre with activities. It secures salaries for 3 workers for 3 years including set up costs, computers, office furniture. The main project is Adult Education, volunteers and training and Health & Wellbeing. Since April we have had 6 volunteers, 2 who we have paid for

training to get them back into work. We have secured funds for publicity material and a website and a telephone number/line for use by the WDCF.

The Education and wellbeing event is to be held at the mid to end of July. Was unsuccessful in the ABC bid with Sheffield Futures.

- (c) **Youth Forum** - Reminding members of the Family Fun Day on 19th June at 10 am to 3pm on the Tannery Lodge site. Anyone who wishes to volunteer please just turn up. The grass is due to be cut tomorrow. All we need now is good weather.

(d) **Publicity**

Peter Wolstenholme gave a comprehensive list of activity from May.

8. Gypsy Sites

The issue of the proposed Gypsy site in Woodhouse was discussed at length with no one happy with the prospect. Cllr Mick Rooney was very supportive when he spoke to one member and said that all the Councillors were shocked when they found out and said not to do anything as yet. We will write to SSC on behalf of the members of the WDCF, and the two TARAs to put our objection forward. It was urged to keep the issue as an ongoing agenda item.

Peter Wolstenholme reminded the meeting of the last time a group of travellers stopped in Woodhouse - June Fields. Only stayed for 4 days and it took over a week for environmental health to clean up the area.

Sheffield Homes could not answer questions when asked re the sites.

9. AOB

The Waverley Link road has no priority for funding.

10. Date and time of next meeting (AGM)

THURSDAY 15TH July 2010