

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE
TRINITY CHAPEL ROOMS, CHAPEL STREET, WOODHOUSE, FACILITATED BY
THE WOODHOUSE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM ON
THURSDAY 20th MAY 2010 AT 7.00PM**

Attendees

Howard Constable (Chair), Liz Turton (minute taker), Councillor Ray Satur, Alan Charlesworth, Kathryn Taylor, Maurice Birch, Graham Postello, Peter Wolstenholme, and PCSOs Jane Eklid-Singh and Justine Wieteska Youth Forum - Jack Taylor, Luke Hague, Emily Bumby, Jess Watson

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.

It was felt that the presentation by St Annes was very good.

What has happened about tidying up the War Memorial box? Ray Satur suggested to write to John Mothersole (Chief Executive of Sheffield City Council) about replacing the box. Howard and Liz to write letter.

4. Correspondence - Flyer re PACT meetings.

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

Justine is new to the Forum and informed the group that she has worked in Upper Woodhouse for 18 months and works together with Jane in the village.

In response to issues brought up in the last meeting patrols have been increased during the day and have responded to various parking issues. Work has been undertaken due to information received. Hotspots this month include Woodhouse West End Club & Bowling Green, Badger Rise but the park has been quieter. There have been fewer instances in village but please report incidences when they occur.

Had a meeting with Vas (Sheffield Futures) about putting an ABG funding bid in.

- Peter asked whether the two house break-ins down Junction Road meant that that area had become a problem. Jane was not aware of these and believed that Moss Way were probably dealing with it but had not passed all info down to local police.
- Cllr Ray Satur - As chair of governors at Brunswick Community Primary School there is a concern about the parking and it was felt that there were not many tickets seen to be given out. Jane said that 4 fixed penalty tickets were issued and 2 outside the school.
- Concern re large dogs on the Severnside estate - Police do not deal with strays. The concern was due to youths letting their dogs loose, which can be intimidating.
- Concern raised re gatherings in village although no evidence of drug use/dealing but behaviour intimidating due to fighting between themselves. Jane has passed on comments from last meeting and the use of plain clothed officers is being looked into.
- The 'usual suspects' were creating a disturbance last Thursday (pension day) outside the Co-op, many pensioners stayed inside not wanting to go out until the Manageress managed to move them along by stating she was going to call the Police. Call 101 to report incidences - Sheffield Homes are being updated and building up a case file.

- Do you get feedback from PACT meetings. Mostly nuisance motorbikes and PACT priority areas.
- What is PAL? Parent Advisory Letter - When a young person's details are taken the details of incidences are passed to ASB team who create letter. The letters are hand delivered to the Parents. This is hopefully a deterrent.

Update - Sheffield Futures (sent by Vas who is unable to attend)

The girls dance class (in partnership with Activity Sheffield) has now started upstairs in the Methodist church sessions begin at 4-30 and finish at 6 pm on Mondays they will run for 10 weeks, and ANY young girls aged 13-19 are welcome to join in. The girls are already thinking big and are looking at performing displays asap if any one has any young people who may be interested please do not hesitate to contact me on 07766751609 or alternatively send them along to the class. I am on leave until Tuesday 1st June but Monday 31st of Mays session has been covered by another member of staff.

Friday night football sessions have also started on Brunswick MUGA (in partnership with Activity Sheffield) the sessions start at 4pm and end at 6pm and again for 10 weeks these times were agreed after consultation with the young people who wanted something straight after school but also not to late as to interrupt their Friday night drinking habits ??? This is something that we are aware off and we are constantly working with the group around alcohol awareness/issues. Last Friday's session had an attendance of 18 young people some of them were younger than out target range of 13-19 but because there are 2 pitches and the attendance of Activity Sheffield we are able to accommodate most age ranges. Handsworth youth work staff have also been sign posting kids to the football so we can foresee this been a very popular activity. Again if anyone knows of young people who may be interested in the football sessions they can ring me or just send the kids along on Friday.

I recently had a meeting with representatives from the salvation Army who are looking at accessing some funding which may assist in prolonging the dance sessions and also offering their premises free of charge to enable youth workers to take small groups of young people to the church in the early evening to do some of the more structured/targeted work around alcohol, drugs, anti social behaviour etc.

We have also just developed some work with city school which involves working with 4 young men from the Severnside estate who have been identified by both the school and local police intelligence of in danger of becoming involved in ASB and also of dropping out of school. Hopefully this work will commence in the very near future.

Continued support to Jane woodhouse PCSO in the implementation of PAL letters (Jane will be able to expand on this) with very promising outcomes for the young people and their parents.

6. Reports

(a) Trustees

A meeting was held prior to this - the items discussed were: The newsletter - agreed and ready for distribution, the resolution - agreed (see below), update of the Community Resource Centre and the date of the AGM 15th July 2010 at 6pm.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously, that the only persons permitted to send correspondence on behalf of the Woodhouse & District Community Forum are the Chairperson, the Secretary, the Project Co-ordinator and designated officers of associated sub-committees. Anyone else wishing to do so must seek prior permission from the nominated officers.

(b) Project Development

Are in receipt of Big Lottery Funding - this will be a good transition into the Community Resource Centre. We are renting office space at the Badger TARA and have received furniture. We have courses running every day except Friday. Kathryn & Liz are facilitating the Living With Teenagers parenting course. This is the second course with the first one having 8 parents who were recommended to attend by authorities. Kathryn indicated that it may be of use to parents who the PSCOs are in contact with.

We are running a closed IT course for member of Coalbrook House - we hope that this may be the first of many.

We have received our first Service Level Agreement. We have a contract with CTS to take on volunteers and give them skills. We have one volunteer already working with us for two days and with CTS for three. The project is aimed at anyone aged 16+ who are retraining or changing careers and involves the individual volunteering 2 or 3 hours a month in the community by painting, decorating, gardening etc. If anyone has any ideas or actual tasks for the volunteers, please let Kathryn know.

We have 2 volunteers who are undertaking a Payroll and Book keeping course.

We are holding an Education and Health Day event at Trinity School Rooms on the 6th July at 10 am to 2 pm.

(c) Youth Forum - Are holding a Family Fun Day on 19th June at 10 am to 3pm. Please pass on information. Howard thanks the Youth Forum for attending and is happy that they have been reformed. Cllr Ray Satur echoed thanks and said that he would like to invite the Youth Forum Members to be his guests at the Council Offices. Will leave his contact details so this can be arranged.

Jane Eklid-Singh has committed herself to the event for the day along with St. Annes who are hopefully bringing hanging baskets to sell.

(d) Publicity

Peter Wolstenholme gave a comprehensive list of activity from April.

8. AOB

Graham Postello attended the Waverley meeting which he said was a very lively debate with no one wanting a road and there was no representation by Rotherham Council.

Cllr Ray Satur said that the position of Labour members is that they would not support a road through the playing fields but were they not saying that there could be NO road but access through the old petrol station for over the river to Fence roundabout are only options that are viable.

9. Date and time of next meeting

THURSDAY 17TH MAY 2010