

**Minutes of the meeting held at the
Woodhouse Library, Skelton Lane, Woodhouse,
Facilitated by the Woodhouse & District Community Forum
Thursday 21st January 2016**

Attendees

Howard Constable (Chair), Kathryn Taylor, Liz Turton, Graham Postello, Alan Charlesworth, Cllr Mick Rooney, Joan Longstone-Hull, Anne Kennedy, Margaret Wheeler, Peter Wolstenholme, George McCusker, Andrew Watson (Salvation Army), Ann Deeley, Judith Taylor, Pete Hibbert, Jackie Newbold, Margaret Doncaster, Peter Doncaster, Pauline Outram, Cllr Jackie Satur, Cllr Ray Satur MBE

Apologies

none

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Minutes of last meeting & matters arising

Judith to be added to attendees list of last meeting.

Cllr Mick Rooney was concerned that our community was being sidelined - Kathryn assured him that the Community Wellbeing has now changed and we are now well represented.

3. Updates

South Yorkshire Police - no report this month.

Andrew Watson (Salvation Army) Report

- Weekly junior club doing well with new children joining.
- Kid's club quiet but slowly growing
- Fire project reaching 17 + year olds well attended. Covering anti-social behaviour, personal safety and fire safety issues.
- Film project 7 girls attending - support from Handsworth Grange.
- Sheffield futures have been approached to help to engage a group of 13+ year olds but are still hesitant to re-open the youth group after recent problems.
- Employment service Monday - Wednesday - many adults are being supported.
- Handsworth Grange business day went well.
- Food Bank increasing in numbers.

Neighbourhood Watch

- Smishing - Bank emails which look official with a number to call. Do not call this number, if in doubt - call your local branch or the number on your official bank statements/letters.
- Crime updates information is not very useful as just the area and type of crime committed not the method or what was taken.

- South Yorkshire Restorative Justice Showcase - Rotherham United Football Ground on 9th March 9.30 - 3.30 pm.

4. Library

- Continues to do well. 2 members of SCC Libraries met with Kathryn and were pleased with how things were going and that the number of volunteers and that there is not a high turnover.
- Held a Library Volunteer Meeting on Tuesday. They are looking to set up a social group. Possibly assign a group/groups to look at the future and funding.
- Kathryn introduced George to the members of the Forum and attendees of the meeting.

5. Reports

a) **Trustees** - Met earlier to discuss new building but this is still up in the air with no concrete information at the moment but will let everyone know when something has been decided.

b) Project Development and Learning Champions

- People Keeping Well project submission date now 29th February.
- Funding bids - Kathryn's time has been taken up with writing funding bids which has prompted her to write a bid for someone to fulfil this role.
- Attended a quality meeting regarding the adult education.
- Excellent retention with regard to Adult Learning.
- Slow down on the Computer course uptake.
- Attended a meeting at Woodhouse West School regarding health, wellbeing and adult learning. Liaising with the school to decide date and attendees etc.
- Also wanting to set up a First Aid for mums.

c) **Youth Forum** - no update this month.

d) Publicity

Peter gave a list of publicity activity in January although it has been a quiet month. The Star has lost most of its professional staff.

6. Councillors' Information Session

- Cllr Mick Rooney discussed the impact that a group trying to save a number of trees in another part of the city has had on the progress of the upgrading of the roads & pavements in the whole of the city as well as the economic impact on the workforce of Amey and Sheffield City council.
- He also outlined the cuts to voluntary groups and the multi-million pound house improvement scheme - refurbishing council houses.

7. A.O.B

Urban Art in Tannery Park on Easter Tuesday.

8. **Time and date of next meeting:** 17th March 2016 at 7pm

**AN OPEN MEETING OF THE
THE WOODHOUSE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM
WOODHOUSE LIBRARY, SKELTON LANE
ON THURSDAY 17TH MARCH 2016 AT 7 PM**

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions
2. Minutes and Matters Arising of meeting held on
18th February 2016
3. Updates:
 - PCSO's
 - Community Youth Workers – Salvation Army
 - Neighbourhood Watch – Graham Postello
4. Library
5. Reports:
 - a) Trustees
 - b) Project Development and Learning Champions
 - c) Youth Forum
 - d) Publicity
6. Councillors' Information Session
7. Any Other Business
8. Date and Time of Next Meeting
21st April 2016 at 7pm