

**Minutes of the meeting held at the
Woodhouse Library, Skelton Lane, Woodhouse,
Facilitated by the Woodhouse & District Community Forum
Thursday 20th October 2016**

Attendees

Howard Constable (Chair), Alan Charlesworth, Kathryn Taylor, Liz Turton, Graham Postello, Joan Longstone-Hull, Andrew Watson, George McCusker, Inspector Jason Booth, Lynn Woodhead, Anne Kennedy, Judith Taylor, David Peers (St. Anne's Hostel), Margaret Wheeler, Richard Pearson, Mike Peat, Pauline Outram, Richard England (Team Leader, Housing), Samantha Green (Team Leader, Housing), Gill Siddons (Manager, Woodhouse GP Surgery), Cllr Mick Rooney, Jackie Newbold, Mr & Mrs Davison

Apologies: Peter Wolstenholme, Cllr Jackie Satur, Ray Satur MBE

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Minutes of last meeting & matters arising

Minutes agreed.

3. Inspector Jason Booth, South Yorkshire Police

- Update re burglaries in April/May + incident on Handsworth Road - offender received 4yrs and 6 months.
- Stolen vehicle in April - individual identified and received 4 yrs & 4 months.
- Burglary in April - offender received 6 years.
- Van crime increased.
- Street drinking and anti-social behaviour always a problem in this area. Seen an increase in street drinking.
- Problem with shoplifting.
- Restructured 12 months ago now have 1 PCSO (Chris Gibson) instead of 3.
- Returning to a local policing model; not sure how this will work out at this stage.
- Dark nights and Halloween coming up - can cause a few problems.
- Drugs and drug dealing on Stradbroke.
- There are a number of people in Woodhouse with issues not just from St. Annes.
- DPPO - a warning has to be given first.
- Police are working with Woodhouse & District Community Forum as well as all agencies, i.e. Health & Housing.
- Cllr Mick Rooney - meeting with Jason & Area with regard to issues in Woodhouse re vulnerable people in the flats. Hope to come up with a plan to deal with these issues. Clive Betts MP has been asked to help.
- Off-road motorcycles a problem is a problem as can't pursue. Hope to organise something to deal with this issue in future - could be use of photography.
- Consortium with other Police forces in a bid to have the use of a helicopter service.

- Need to publicise 101 number for non-emergency issues. 999 still for crimes in progress.
- Facebook page for the SE local Policing team.

Update from David Peers, St Anne's Hostel

- Concern has been raised from Clive Betts MP who has been approached by a constituent regarding the agreement to allow drinking by the clients of St. Anne's Hostel.
- This would only be a trial - to be reviewed after 6 months and can be pulled at any time.
- David & St. Anne's Staff feel that they can manage the situation.
- Request agreement to support the trial from the members of Woodhouse & District Community Forum.
- Agreement was granted.

Sheffield City Council Housing, Richard England & Samantha Green

- Why are healthy young men being housed in ground floor flats? If no one bids on a property, it can't be left empty for a long time. The age bonding 40+ is no longer in use.
- Mixed age lifestyle clashes cause problems.
- Keys are being handed out - this needs to be reported.
- Issues with tenants; evidence/records need to be kept, i.e. diary sheets.
- Issues can be reported anonymously but if it goes to court they could be named.
- Not sure if Woodhouse has any more problems than other areas of the city but parts of Woodhouse have problems.
- Housing+, officers out in the area identify tenants who might need support.
- Complaint procedures - if a tenant has been placed on a 6 month behaviour issue and is quiet for 6 months, if the problem starts again after this, then it has to be classed as a new complaint though cases can be re-opened.
- With regard to serious breaches of tenancy agreement - they can be taken to court.
- Rumours that the properties at the side of the Angel have been taken over by Target Housing? Unaware of this and sure if Target Housing are involved, it is not with regard to the whole block.

Salvation Army Youth Worker - Andrew Watson

- 3 youth clubs with solid attendances and good numbers.
- Good team of volunteers & 2 Sheffield Futures workers funded.
- Thursday Club close to closing but 1 church volunteers covering 8 - 12 year old group.
- Employment workshop still going strong.
- Next week activities includes climb tower and football pitch.
- Thanks to Sheffield Council who provided the funds to replace equipment.

Neighbourhood Watch

- Van break-ins - ears on the ground for possible stolen goods.
- Street Life new initiative with Police, Fire and ambulance services - checks for most vulnerable.
- Police .UK breakdown of statistics in your area www.crimestatistics.co.uk/postcode
- Covert Camera trial on Church Lane.
- South Yorkshire Messaging Service - has Graham heard of it? NO.
- Reports of selling mattresses from the back of a lorry - beware.

4. Reports

a) Trustees - No Trustees meeting this month.

b) Project Development and Learning Champions

- People Keeping Well (PKW) now re-launched on 8th November.
- Health Network Meeting on 3rd November.
- Westfield Big Local meeting - helpful background.
- Garden Project - a number of social activities associated with this.
- Library - Woodhouse West School propose 2 visits with nursery children.
- Creative writing group proposed.
- Orchestra - 1st session yesterday.
- Flower arranging course due to start on 10th November - it has had to be re-scheduled due to the class numbers being too low initially and then the library being booked.
- New Facebook page started this week, already able to track the number of people each post has reached.

c) Youth Forum - no report this month

d) Publicity - Peter was sent his apologies this month.

7. Councillors' Information Session

- Mick has no update from John Mothersole, Leader of City Council, re the Library & Community Centre.
- 20 mph signage should be put up in the Autumn - Mick to chase.

7. A.O.B

- Friends of Tannery Park, Down Memory Lane 11 - 1 pm, 17th November

8. Time and date of next meeting:

17th November 2016 at 7pm.

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

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions
2. Minutes and Matters Arising of meeting held on
20th October 2016
3. Updates:
 - Police
 - Community Youth Workers – Salvation Army
 - Neighbourhood Watch – Graham Postello
4. Reports:
 - a) Trustees
 - b) Project Development and Learning Champions
 - c) Youth Forum
 - d) Publicity
5. Councillors' Information Session
6. Any Other Business
7. Date and Time of Next Meeting
19th January 2016 at 7pm