

**Minutes of the meeting held at the
Woodhouse Library, Skelton Lane, Woodhouse,
Facilitated by the Woodhouse & District Community Forum
Thursday 19th February 2015**

Attendees

Alan Charlesworth (Chair), Liz Turton, Kathryn Taylor, Maurice Birch, Cllr Mick Rooney, Mike Peat, Graham Postello, Joan Longstone-Hull, Anne Kennedy, Lynne Woodhead, Judith Taylor, PC Rob Lockwood & PC Fay North, Margaret Wheeler, Andrew Watson, Peter Wolstenholme, Steve Wylie (Age UK), Pauline Molling, June Butterley, Peter Butterley

Apologies

Howard Constable, Cllr Jackie Satur & Cllr Ray Satur MBE

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Minutes of last meeting & matters arising

The minutes were accepted as a true record and no matters arising.

3. Guest Speaker - Steve Wylie (Age UK)

- Background to Age UK Sheffield
- Membership - free for first year.
- Help with purchasing IT equipment
- Social activities

4. Updates - South Yorkshire Police

- Spike in burglaries - Stradbroke, Richmond and Woodhouse.
- Lucky break and caught offenders 'red-handed'
- Theft from a vehicle on John Hibbert - caught
- Car keys stolen from a house on the Badger Estate. Make sure doors are locked.
- Severnside - fires been lit in the woods - arson intervention in place.
- Junction Road - trees been cut down suspicions raised as vehicle used not 'council'.
- Resident was offered stickers when prowlers had been seen around properties.
- Concern re the DIY shop in Woodhouse - meeting informed that shop had passed test purchases.
- Appreciate all activities and projects working with young people in Woodhouse.

Andrew Watson (Salvation Army Youth Worker) Report

- Thanks to councillors for help with grants.
- Community Garden Project going well and received money for equipment.
- Planters - new boards, cleared out and new bulbs planted. HGCSC students involved.
- Fire Project - good support from Police & Fire Services - simulated explosions.
- Supported by Hallam University
- Employment sessions well attended - 2 students helping.

- The Forum & Councillors would like to thank Andrew for his hard work.

Neighbourhood Watch - Graham Postello

Graham listed a number of issues in the Woodhouse area where crimes have been reported, including:

- Keys that were left in a garage door, window catches prised open, insecure doors, Eurolocks broken. These issues appear again and again.
- Visited the Operations Call Centre where the 101 calls are taken for the whole of South Yorkshire. Operational Support Services Communications run by SYP serving Sheffield, Rotherham, Doncaster and Barnsley covering 600 sq miles. 3,000 calls are dealt with every day dealing with Police issues also council issues such as nuisance neighbours/ASB/fly tipping etc.
- Have more respect for the issues faced by the 101 call centre staff.

5. Library

- Volunteer meeting last Tuesday with 21 out of 25 volunteers attending.
- New activity Tai Chi Tuesday 5.30 - 6.30 pm with 14 participants.
- Another Tai Chi session to be put on due to the success.
- Activity on the Tannery Lodger site - new library/community building still on the cards.

6. Reports

a) Trustees - no meeting this month.

b) Project Development and Learning Champions

- Sharon (Health Development Worker) still out of action after her accident. Swim4Health postponed until April
- Roger Wood - Chair-Based Exercise to music Fridays 10.30 - 11.30 in the Library slowly built up to 10 people. Also other runs other classes in the South East including Rother Valley Church, Hackenthorpe TAKA, The Knoll Care Home.
- Kate Russell is the new Health Trainer providing One to One consultations.
- Internet has been installed at the Library and is now available for all classes.
- All Classes are busy or full.
- First Aid training available for all volunteers.
- Margaret Wheeler & Stephen Delaney (library volunteers) have been learning the responsibilities for the Library Cash Payments.

c) Youth Forum

Drama Workshop for ages 8+ on Mondays 4 - 6 pm going well.

d) Publicity

Peter gave a comprehensive list of publicity activity during January.

6. Councillors' Information Session

- Concern that mature Silver Birches have been felled on Junction Road.

- Drop curbs - concern as to the siting of drop curbs in the village - seems to be in a dangerous location. - There is usually a reason as to the location of drop curbs. Mick to check where they are and why they have been placed in that spot.
- Car Park at top of Vicar Lane is a council car park and council has responsibility for repairs.
- Council Tax raises and status of freeze grants - Mick explained how the government grant has been halved and the implications on our council/community.
- Skelton Lane - end of consultation period and now waiting for the decision process to be completed.

7. A.O.B

None

8. Time and date of next meeting: 16th April 2015

**AN OPEN MEETING OF THE
THE WOODHOUSE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM
WOODHOUSE LIBRARY, SKELTON LANE
ON THURSDAY 19th MARCH 2015 AT 7 PM**

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions
2. Minutes and Matters Arising of meeting held on
19th February 2015
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
16th April 2015 at 7pm