

**Minutes of the meeting held at the
Woodhouse Library, Skelton Lane, Woodhouse,
Facilitated by the Woodhouse & District Community Forum
Thursday 15th February 2018**

Attendees

Howard Constable (Chair), Kathryn Taylor, Graham Postello, Joan Longstone-Hull, Richard Heeley, Vicki Froggatt, Peter Wolstenholme, Jackie Satur, Cllr Mick Rooney, Andrew Watson, Lynn Woodhead, Anne Kennedy, Judith Taylor, Graham Deeley, Mike Peat, Gary Chapman, Gillian McGarry, PCSO Pete Reynolds, PCSO John Russell, Sharron Mathers

Apologies: Alan Charlesworth

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Minutes of last meeting & matters arising - none

3. Update - South Yorkshire Police - PCSOs Pete Reynolds and John Russell

- Woodhouse now a 'POP' area with dedicated PCs and PCSOs.
- Operation Septre - targeting knife crime.
- Test Purchases - 34 premises - no failures in Woodhouse (1 failed outside W).
- Off-Road bike operation - good results
- Crime prevention stall today in the Woodhouse Co-op.
- Closure order on a property in Stradbroke - means that anyone entering property can be arrested.
- Criminal Behaviour Order served to a person on Market Square - this person has now moved out of the area.
- Male on Goathland has now moved on.
- Badger Close - Youth kicking a door in of a drug dealer.

Salvation Army - Andrew Watson

- Transitional period.
- Attended Handsworth Grange business day - aspirations of the pupils get higher and higher.
- Youth club - achieving very good outcomes with young people getting back into mainstream education. This is positive but has impacted on the dropping numbers in the youth clubs.
- Friendship club has seen growing numbers.
- Employment plus (run by volunteers) going well with good numbers.

Neighbourhood Watch - Graham Postello

- New estate (Persimmon Homes) young couple moving in were burgled. Fortunately the door was replaced by the builders.
- Amazon - email password assistance not a scam but there are still scams out there. Be vigilant and check.

- Attended the Co-op with the police and signed up 6 new members to the NW.
- New doors and windows being fitted on the Badger Estate. Doors being fitted with a split spindle. Graham explained how it works but there is a concern that the doors which lock on closure are not opening again without a key resulting in residents being locked out of their homes.
- Pizza delivery driver's key/lock was scanned and his BMW car was stolen this can be done using a signal blocker which are easily purchased.

Library - Richard Heeley

- Monday a group of 25+ Beavers & Scouts attended the library and were engaged in craft activities. Have signed up a few new young readers as a result.
- 2 new groups interested in evening bookings.
- Membership is increasing.
- Thanks to Joan and Gill for tidying up the back office.
- Men's Group increased - hope to acquire funding for external activities for this group.
- Sent out invitations to the schools to visit - Woodhouse West have already attended.
- Woodhouse Library is still very much open for business - have had a few enquiries as to whether it is closing.

4. Reports

a) Trustees - No trustees meeting.

b) Project Development - Kathryn Taylor

- Good news from the Woodhouse Sub-Group which included Housing and Job Centre. The impact of Universal Credit on members of the community was discussed. We hope to have a session in the library about how it works, sanctions etc.
- New safe spaces at Salvation Army - aim to provide a facility for people to talk and get help.
- Safe space also at St. Anne's for the wider community immediately after Easter. Hope to cut down on the street drinkers, addressing a big issue in our community.
- Engaging in with surgeries not already in partnership. Southall so impressed with the activities and service available have said that appointments could be 'freed up'.

c) Adult Learning - Liz Turton

- All staff including tutors and Howard and Graham have undertaken the Safeguarding and Prevent on-line Training.
- Cooking classes at Com.Unity and St. Anne's have had to be cancelled due to low numbers - possibility of St. Anne's learners transferring to Com.Unity next term - all depends on whether we can arrange sufficient transport and can guarantee the minimum number of learners attend (8).

- First Aid courses - 1 at Brunswick (6 hour) and 12 hour hopefully end March beginning April - dates to be confirmed.
- Food Hygiene - Level 2 online course £20 - 2 learners undergoing the assessments - 1 has just passed and another hopes to complete after half term.
- Lesley is currently 'mapping the area'. We are compiling a list of venues and hope to visit them in order to assess possible new places to hold classes and/or new learners.
- Com.Unity - Maths & English - learners will be undertaking their exams in April so are currently working on past papers. Termly report sent to BVDT along with invoices for learner admin fees and the dyslexia testing invoice. (We pay room hire for the use of Com.Unity.)
- Possibly able to hold another flower arranging class - need to confirm dates/venue correspond with tutor's availability.

d) Youth Forum - no report.

e) Publicity - Peter Wolstenholme

- Peter gave a comprehensive list of publicity activities for November and January.
- Items published in the Star, Brunswick Gardens newsletter and ITV.
- Cabinets in Woodhouse and Crystal Peaks libraries updated.

5. Councillors' Information Session

- Received a complaint about the new Hub regarding the trees and hedges. The hedges will be staying.
- 40 people have complained re damp in their homes. The problem cannot be isolated and a trial of new isolation on the outside will take place.
- Many problems for residents re Universal Credit - please talk to the council to work out a plan.
- Mick Rooney outlined where the Council Tax is spent in light of the 5.99% increase. With 3% of this preset for social care.
- Concern re stopping benefits with little notice.
- Signs re one way system - no answer as yet.
- Flats on precinct - not received an answer re plans.
- No news regarding the Cross Daggers.

7. A.O.B

- Defibrillators - 60% chance of surviving if used in time. Sited at the Doctors and Dentist.
- Coffee Morning this Saturday at the library with a craft table for children.
- The land behind the bus stop near the Co-op is in need of tidying up - anyone wanting to help, please see leave their contact details at the library.
- Friendship Lunch every 2nd Tuesday - 16 people turned up for the first session. Looking for a sponsor to continue the group.

- Will be having a table at the Co-op to advertise our activities whilst supporting their membership which we are currently one of their Community Fund beneficiaries.

8. Time and date of next meeting:

15th March 2018 at 7pm



**AN OPEN MEETING OF THE
WOODHOUSE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM**

WOODHOUSE LIBRARY, SKELTON LANE

ON THURSDAY 15th March 2018 AT 7.00 PM

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions
2. Minutes and matters arising of meeting held on 15th February 2018
3. Updates:
 - Police
 - Community Youth Worker – Salvation Army
 - Neighbourhood Watch – Graham Postello
 - Library – Richard Heeley
4. Reports:
 - a) Trustees
 - b) Project Development
 - c) Adult Learning
 - d) Youth Forum
 - e) Publicity
5. Councillors' Information Session
6. Any Other Business
7. Date & time of next meeting:

19th April 2018 at 7 pm