

**Minutes of the meeting held at the
Woodhouse Library, Skelton Lane, Woodhouse,
Facilitated by the Woodhouse & District Community Forum
Thursday 16th February 2017**

Attendees

Howard Constable (Chair), Alan Charlesworth, Kathryn Taylor, Liz Turton, Graham Postello, Joan Longstone-Hull, Peter Wolstenholme, Mike Peat, Lynn Woodhead, Anne Kennedy, Pauline Outram, Gill McGarry, Margaret & Peter Doncaster, Sue Claydon, George McCusker, Inspector Jason Booth, Cliff Hircock, Andrew Watson & Gary Chatburn (Salvation Army), Cllr Jackie Satur, Richard Pearson

Apologies: Cllr Mick Rooney, Cllr Paul Wood, Ray Satur MBE

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Minutes of last meeting & matters arising

Minutes agreed - Mick Rooney sent email to Liz Turton regarding the flooring in communal areas which addressed the reasons this flooring was chosen. This information was passed on to Pauline who brought this problem up at the last meeting.

3. Update - South Yorkshire Police (Jason Booth, LPT Inspector, SY Police)

- Dark night burglaries on Coalbrook, John Hibbert and Hackenthorpe; 1 local guy for 8/9 jobs.
- Break in at McColls - one guy not charges but nothing to link him to this job.
- Most break ins are poor quality i.e. back door, poor locks.
- Van crime a big problem, nationally and locally, at any time of day. Some people on bail (no of people involved). Costly items left in vans.
- Visibility issues in Woodhouse - hope to get community police out and about.
- Street drinking - progress being made.
- Focus on Woodhouse re alcohol and drugs -working with agencies.
- Beaver Hill Road - young people throwing bricks at buses - working with bus companies and using Special Constables on buses.
- Test purchases - 13 premises - no alcohol mis-sold. 2 more coming up.
- 'Stranger' approaching girls on Station Road, near Gypsy Queen and in Parsons Cross. Social media and schools kept informed.
- Housing - problem areas identified and decisions taken as to action which can be taken with individuals.
- Facebook - daily crime issues and information updated.
- Bike cops just been trained - will give out information on FaceBook.

Andrew Watson & Salvation Army

- Sufficient support for groups except 13+
- Extra support means groups can continue.

- A couple of behaviour issues during the Dark Nights project.
- Film project concluded - premier at the training centre on 27th. 2 - 3 hours of film dealing with the consequences of anti social behaviour, effects of bullying and self harm and "Power of Pressure".
- 11 am - 2 pm Wednesday - drop in and crafts. 2pm- 3.15 pm Friendship Group, 3.15 pm - 4 pm table tennis etc.

Neighbourhood Watch

- Scam emails from "Amazon" looks official and asks you to verify your a/c.
- HM Government email saying you have a Tax Refund - this is a scam also - the Government will send you a check if they owe you money.
- Talk Talk scam - call from someone who says there's an issue with your internet connection/computer and say they can help. This will result in you giving control of your computer to the scammers.
- "Can you hear me?" scam. Yes answers will be recorded and used to access Bank A/Cs.
- Council contract with Kier will end in April. Be aware that scammers could use this as an opportunity to confuse customers. Check the ID but call the company to check but do not use the number given by the person at the door.
- New Neighbourhood Watch on Birks Avenue - Sue Claydon.
- Driving Licence reminder for age 70+ - make sure you type correct government address or you could be charged for a free service.
- Camera on Church Lane - police used footage to identify bogus workman.

4. Reports

- a) **Trustees** - Meeting held to discuss Plan B with regard to the Community Hub. Trustees also agreed to fund an Asset Mapping role (details and job application on the website.)
- b) **Project Development and Learning Champions**
 - George discussed how the library and Garden project were progressing. Coffee Morning Sat 18th February 10 - 12.30 pm. Woodhouse West Reception Class to visit the library. Garden - Fencing dismantled, paths marked out 1/3 paving completed Woodhouse West School to attend in March.
 - Kathryn looking for funding.
 - Excellent progress with the Health Partnership meeting with 20 agencies and 3 sub-groups. Positive action resulting from this partnership and sub-groups (mentioned by Inspector Booth). Assistant Commissioners pleased with progress. Next meeting at Crystal Peaks Art Space.
 - People Keeping Well Newsletter - our group is the first to be highlighted in this publication.
 - Third Lottery Grants officer in last 5 weeks.
 - 2 large boxes of cheerleading pom poms donated to Mencap.
 - Looking for volunteers to help deliver dementia friendly activities and/or become a dementia friend.
- c) **Youth Forum** - no report this month.

d) Publicity

- Peter gave a comprehensive list of publicity activities including the guided walks at Woodhouse Washlands.

5. Councillors' Information Session

- All councillors in SE work together.
- 20 mile per hour signs are in place only a few outstanding.
- Used to have 4 SIDs (smiley face speed signs) and rotated them. Cost to rotate. Hope to use LAP funding to move sign to Beaverhill and Park areas.
- Thanks to councillors for the crossing at Woodhouse West.
- Problem with parking on the double yellow lines on Badger Road.
- Rumour re stopping 25 bus?
- Parking Church Lane grass verge.
- Scams - please let the Council know 2734567.

7. A.O.B - Alan Charlesworth - applied for money for basket swing.

8. Time and date of next meeting:

20th February 2017 at 7pm

**AN OPEN MEETING OF THE
THE WOODHOUSE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM
WOODHOUSE LIBRARY, SKELTON LANE
ON THURSDAY 16th MARCH 2017 AT 7 PM**

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions
2. Minutes and Matters Arising of meeting held on
16th February 2017
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
20th April 2017 at 7pm