



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

**WOODHOUSE LIBRARY, SKELTON LANE**

**ON THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.00 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions
2. Minutes and matters arising of meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
3. Updates:
  - Community – 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: 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm

**Minutes of the meeting held at the  
Woodhouse Library, Skelton Lane, Woodhouse,  
Facilitated by the Woodhouse & District Community Forum  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Attendees**

Howard Constable (Chair), Liz Turton, Jackie Kuczko, Graham Postello, Lynne Woodhead, Anne Kennedy, Joan Longstone-Hull, Brian Parker, Vicky Froggatt, Richard Heeley, Alan Cockayne, Mike Peat, Sheila Fern, Peter Wolstenholme, Katie Staff, Richard Pearson, Graham Deeley, Pauline Kilner, Dorothy Hamilton, Cllr Mick Rooney, Cllr Jackie Satur, Sgt Kay Fitzgerald, Inspector David Struggles, Cllr Jack Scott, Cllr Paul Wood, Cllr Diane Hurst

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

**2. Minutes of last meeting & matters arising**

**3. South Yorkshire Police – Introduction of new Inspector – David Struggles**

- Recognition of the good work in the community.
- Only been in post for a week but pledge to build on good work and move forward with the Police and partnership working.
- ASB and crime targeted including drugs, alcohol and motor cycle problems.
- Any issues please let the Police know. Recognise that there is a problem with 101 at the moment. Can also report via website and crimestoppers.
- Inspector Struggles intends to met and engage with community groups over the months.
- The Police Team will carry on as usual with the dark night period coming up with operations planned to tackle problems.
- Test purchases planned re firework miss-selling.
- Pop-in 'Police Station' in the Salvation Army building to be organised at certain times/days. 26<sup>th</sup> September between 9 am – 12 noon.
- Number of operational Police Officers and PCSOs are down due to illness in this area.
- \* Abuse of volunteers who were tidying the bus stop garden and police had to be called twice.
- Street drinkers are decanting alcohol into pop bottles. Sgt Fitzgerald to order dipsticks in order to test suspect drinks.
- Police have the co-operation of Sheffield Homes – Kay has a meeting with them and the Anti-Social Behaviour Team.
- \* Recent issue on the Badger Estate – how come Officers from Attercliffe were involved? Surely local Police will know the issues better than those from another locality?
  - Please email Sgt Kay Fitzgerald any information so that she can be aware of what is happening in Woodhouse.
  - Calls are logged to create hot spots so it is important to call. Online and phone reporting is improving.
- \* Drugs issue – is there any feedback?

- Been reported but not necessarily a bigger issue than anywhere else. Need intelligence i.e. descriptions, names etc.
- \* Badger – progressed from Anti-Social Behaviour to burglary and car crime.
  - Police aware the Neighbourhood Team are involved.
  - Not every piece of information is given to Neighbourhood team from 101 calls.
  - If specific and enough information is given to police it will allow the police to take to a magistrate. Police cannot act on anonymous information but will act if more than one piece of information is given and may come from a trustworthy source. Evidence needs to be corroborated and the more information the police receive the better.
  - SYP Alerts – due to the recent changes in the data protection act and the new GDPR regulations you will have to register to receive SYP Alerts again.
  - Police can seize any property if it has been used in organisation of a crime or bullying etc.

#### **4. Special Presentation – Alan Cockayne**

Alan spoke about the public response to the actions of SCC planning officials regarding the passing of the revised planning applications for the development of Market Square. His full report is available on request. A brief overview is outlined below:

7<sup>th</sup> August – A SCC environmental protection officer’s report was submitted to Rob Murfin, Chief Planning Officer concluding that local objections and public statements were unfounded and that their extensive ‘Development Viability Statement of 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 conformed with SCC requirements and standards’ for such a development.

8<sup>th</sup> August – a revised plan was presented to the Town Planning Authority for the erection of the same 4 story building apartments with shops. The only real change is a flat roof instead of pitched. The council had 5 working days to consider their decision at a time when most residents are on holiday and unable to make further objections.

14<sup>th</sup> August – SCC passed the plans.

Notice of the Town Hall meeting in order for Alan to exercise his right to 5 minutes of pleading his case was posted on his U.Gov website inbox, which he feels he could have easily missed.

The plans were passed unanimously and Alan feels that the panel and committee had already decided to vote for the new plans. The Chair of the committee was asked if the 27 units was a ploy to maximise profits and her reply was that it was likely and saw no reason to refuse on the grounds that Sheffield needed more homes.

The review states that even though the project does not meet the affordable homes grant requirements, the developer, TRIBEK Holdings Ltd, admits it was only just viable to profit from the project and needed 3 floors of apartments.

Parking – this issue was dismissed as not an issue as it was covered in the impact assessment.

Questions were raised about refuse bins (obstruction), village disruption, car park misuse, late night noise for the new residents from the late night village revellers.

Alan has no personal grievance or objections to a development but is concerned that a four storey project is unsuitable for this area and after speaking to officials feels that an alternative plan would have provided TRIBEK with options. This plan could have been well designed with 24 units of 2 story apartments with ground floor shops, sympathetically designed frontage. He believes that these would have sold easily and at a higher premium and fit into the village well.

Alan asked the meeting on their views of the plans and whether the roof was sympathetic to the Market Square historic values.

## **5. Response by Cllr Jack Scott (Committee Member for Transport & Development)**

Cllr Scott's responsibility covers planning – decision is not a personal one.

The concerns are legitimate but the council officers can only work within the law.

Council are unable to reject plans and have to work within the given framework.

Cllr Mick Rooney, who put in an objection, was concerned how the plans were passed and that he found out via the Star and that just by changing the roof to a flat roof, it was passed. Also, the fact that the number of empty shops will increase. 27 new dwellings does not answer the housing problem.

Cllr Diane Hurst, Cllr Richmond and Joint Chair of Planning stated that the Planning Committee are a regulatory board and work within the framework of planning law. She reiterated that this particular plan was passed lawfully. A decision for development to be granted is preferred although there are certain reasons why a plan can be turned down; this was not the case here.

This is a regulatory board where people can speak for 5 minutes to object. Applications are put up on the website 5 days prior to the planning board meetings and as far as she is aware this happened in this case (Alan Cockayne's report corroborates this timeline).

Conditions were made when granting the permission including no development shall commence until vehicle access to the worksite is arranged. There are also conditions to help communities prior and during the development.

Questions were raised by the Forum meeting about if an impact study had been done regarding Doctors and Dentists? Woodhouse does not have a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Mick Rooney does not understand that if the objections raised by the members were not valid how come he was told that the outcome was 'touch and go'. He also believes that as the local Councillor who objected to the development, he should have been made aware of the validity of the objections and told about the planning board meeting.

Cllr Scott will work with officers and local Councillors and show the plans when they are drawn up.

KT – concern that the precinct would be in jeopardy and vehicles would be allowed on a 'safe' space.

Cllr Paul Wood asked if the decision could be overturned?

- The person who owns the site can put a different plan through the council.

CIL money can generate funds based on the development. Cllr Wood explained how CIL money can be produced and how it can be used to benefit the community.

Cllr Diane Hurst – the Councillors who represent Woodhouse are a credit to the community.

## **6. Neighbourhood Watch – Graham Postello**

- New opening times at Moss Way Police Station: Monday – Wednesday: 8 am – 4 pm. Thursday – Saturday: 12 pm – 8 pm. Sunday: Closed

- Operation Sceptre returns to south Yorkshire – started 18<sup>th</sup> September in a bid to tackle knife related criminality across the UK. Hi visibility operations
- Scams: Netflix, NatWest and HM Customs.

## 7. Library – Richard Heeley

- Increase in footfall and room hire revenue with new group (Little Creations) toddler group with a special Halloween session planned.
- Library used for Family Groups for counselling mediations.
- Summer reading challenge 41% completed which is a good return.
- Fireproofing of the office not gone ahead and not heard anything.
- 2 volunteers will undertake training on the LMS (Library Management System).
- Book sales and fundraising – Revival Books take books that cannot be sold.
- Men's group increasing with funding from Ignite Imaginations been able to apply for £200 for the group.
- Table top sale in November and the next coffee morning is on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## 8. Reports

### Project Development – Kathryn Taylor

Mini Action Day Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at Co-op and McColls with Police and partners in the Health Partnership.

Trial walk 11 – 12 noon with Walking for Purpose (ex Activity Sheffield). Link to employment and activities. Posters are currently being produced with first session in Woodhouse Library starting in the afternoon on 11<sup>th</sup> October. Westfield WFP starts 9<sup>th</sup> October from Com.Unity. Hackenthorpe and Beighton walks to follow.

Funding for WDCF staff ended August. Met a representative of the Tudor Trust who is a possible funder and are now through to the second stage.

Woodhouse West school and Trinity church & SCC are to purchase a defibrillator unit possible site outside Co-op. Cost of unit £1600, Woodhouse West school have raised £500.

### Adult Learning – Liz Turton

All courses started up this week. Maths and English relocated from Com.Unity to Waterthorpe TARA, this is to try to engage with new learners.

Organised a free coffee morning at the Angel to promote a Family Learning Course (Flourish), advertised Free Childcare but no one turned up. Disappointing.

Seasonal Flower Arranging to be relocated to Badger TARA – Start date 8<sup>th</sup> November for 5 weeks.

Attending Handsworth Grange parents evening on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept - engagement activity.

**Publicity** - no report this month.

**Youth Forum** – no report this month.

## 9. Councillors Information

- Not heard from the building re the community building.
- Discussion with Ed Coup from Amey re the Left Hand turn and lack of signage.
- Request for new locks on the bollards on Market Square.

- General bins reported – no timetable to empty these.
- Signs will be put up re weight restriction through the village to stop large vehicles using this as a route.
- Solution searched for re Methodist and Cross Daggers. Will actively look at CPO (compulsory purchase order).
- Graham Postello – thanks to Mick Rooney re Neighbourhood Watch signs that have been put up.
- October – Cllr Paul Wood to chair a group to re-evaluate tenancies, introductory tenancies and problems around tenancy agreements. Eventually this will be sent out to TARAs and groups for their input.
- Council have been experiencing IT problems.

**10. A.O.B** none

**11. Date & time of next meeting** 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7pm