
Meeting	Skelton, Rawcliffe & Clifton Without Ward Committee
Date	11 February 2010
Present	Councillors R. Moore, Watt and Waudby
In Attendance	18 residents Safer Neighbourhood Team Michelle Watling Street Environment Officer Mora Scaife, Michael Hawtin, Neighbourhood Management Unit.

1. WARD SURGERY

During the surgery the Street Environment Officer showed 'Don't be a Minger' a film aimed at young people to discourage, and show the consequences of, littering. This will be shown at secondary schools soon. Residents had the opportunity to speak to their Ward Councillors, the Safer Neighbourhood Team, the Street Environment Officer and Neighbourhood Management Officer.

2. WELCOME & MINUTES

Cllr Watt chaired the meeting and welcomed residents. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

The Councillors explained about their dispensations to take part in the meeting and the declaration of interests in certain schemes for 2010/11. The list was available at the meeting on the 'signing in' table.

3. STREET ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

Michelle Watling introduced herself to the meeting and explained about the York Pride Budget. She gave a short list of some of the activities the budget has covered which included clearing fly tipping, removed diseased trees, equipment for Community Payback to use to maintain and tidy up the area and dog-fouling.

4. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICE UPDATE

PC Ian Richardson introduced a new team member, PCSO Dave Ellison. He went on the talk about their activities which has included working to reduce anti-social behaviour, operations to prevent cycling offences like cycling on the pavement or without lights.

He mentioned Operation Kineto, where 160 officers went onto the travellers' site and removed the capacity for growing drugs, they returned later and took away drugs with a street value of £20K.

Crime generally is down 35% on the same period last year, Anti-social behaviour is up by 2.5%, hot spots have been identified and the team is working on them.

Q. Has the work at Tower Court displaced the ASB to Oakdale Place and Ebsay Drive?

A. Possibly but there's no evidence – there is a Problem Solving Plan to reduce Anti-social behaviour which includes those streets as well as Tower Court.

Q. Are you aware of the problems at the Curry's car park on Clifton Moor?

A. Yes it is the one we are working on – the area has had some complaints we're dealing with Brit-Safe and we will deal with the managing agent.

5. PROVISIONAL LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

Residents were given the opportunity to discuss any of the schemes before the councillors decided on the list for 2010-11.

Q. How many seats are there in the Skelton Play area?

A. If successful there will be 5 seats in the area.

There was a question about the location of the benches as on the ballot they were suggested that they would be on The Pasture. This was noted.

The members explained that they weighed up the expressions of interest, they considered the number of people who supported each scheme and from what area they came. They looked for, and discounted, what appeared to be 'tactical voting' – supporting schemes in one area and against all in other areas. They took into account expressions of support from previous ward committee meetings and from speaking to residents.

While the Councillors and Neighbourhood Management Officer discussed the schemes the residents had a break for coffee and biscuits.

Once the decision had been made the Councillors went through which schemes had been approved. Of the 27 proposed schemes 18 were approved for funding. (See list below)

Ambition 1: Keeping your community safe		
Ref	Scheme suggestion	Cost
SK-10-01	Install a barrier on the footpath between Tamworth Road and Lilbourne Drive to allow push chairs through but to stop scooters and mini-motos using it as a shortcut to the fields behind Tamworth Road.	£3,000
Ambition 2: Valuing our young people		
Ref	Scheme suggestion	Cost

SK-10-04	A fund for York Playspace to provide 6 mobile play sessions for young children at various places in the ward. (£205 per 2 hour session.)	£1,230
SK-10-05	A grant to Kool Kids Club to buy outdoor play equipment to improve outdoor play opportunities for children in the ward at their Clifton With Rawcliffe Federation Junior School site. This will include scooters, a tennis coaching pack and football posts.	£500
SK-10-07	A grant to Young People's Service to continue providing youth work in the ward. This fund will cover building-based work (at youth clubs etc), detached work (could be on the streets, park etc) and by using the URBIE bus (a mobile youth club).	£13,589
SK-10-09	Relocate the gate at the Clifton Moor Community Church to be opposite the door allowing the after school club to move directly to the open space for activities.	£300
SK-10-10	Create a path connecting Staindale Close with Rawcliffe Recreation Field. This will link to other paths that are part of 'Routes to School'	£2,500
SK-10-11	A fund to support additional parenting courses run by Family Matters at St Mark's Church Rawcliffe.	£1,000
SK-10-12	A grant to 'Skelton Squirrels' playgroup to provide additional play sessions at Skelton Primary School. They aim to attract more families to participate as well as providing three hour sessions more days of the week.	£1,000
SK-10-13	A grant to Active York to support their 'Fund for the Gifted'. This helps young sports people pay for training, travel and equipment that they may not otherwise be able to afford.	£300
Ambition 3: Improving street environment and road safety		
Ref	Scheme suggestion	Cost
SK-10-16	Continue to put out and maintain the 4 ward committee funded salt bins.	£766
SK-10-17	Provide more shelter at the bus stop on Water Lane between Rawcliffe Drive and Lancaster Way. At the moment this stop lacks cover and seating.	£2,000
SK-10-18	A grant to Skelton Village Hall Management Committee to replace the front porch. They have replaced most of the windows and this is the last part of the renovations work to be done.	£3,000
SK-10-19	A grant to Clifton Without Parish Council to contribute to the cost of an environmental make-over of the area around the scout hut on Green Lane.	£4,000
SK-10-20	A fund to remove some of the trees in the hedge on the Shipton Road service road and to maintain the hedge. The hedge on the other side is well maintained and this measure would make both sides look better.	£1,000
SK-10-21	A grant to Rawcliffe Parish Council to plant two slow growing trees on the Staindale Close open space. This will include the equipment needed to protect their growth.	£250
Other Schemes		
Ref	Scheme suggestion	Cost
SK-10-24	A grant to St Mark's Church in Rawcliffe to pay for the establishment of a lunch club. Volunteers from the church would like to get involved in setting up a lunch club. There is a large population of people over 60 and the volunteers would like to build on their success of the Saturday morning coffee sessions.	£500

SK-10-25	A grant to Clifton Without and Rawcliffe Allotment Association to pay for skips throughout the year. Half of these skips will be for compostable green waste only.	£1,200
SK-10-27	A grant to Clifton Backies Management Committee towards the provision of a seating area on Clifton Backies for recreation. The final design and costings will be available after a public consultation event.	£500

6. HAVE YOUR SAY

One resident mentioned that the York and District Angling Society had done a lot of work tidying up around Rawcliffe Lake, removing trolleys and other rubbish from culverts and the lake. This was appreciated.

There was a question about raising the level of water in the lake but Councillor Moore explained that it was at the same level it has always been and the level is set by Yorkshire Water at 9.6m above sea level.

Residents were asked to call the Environment Agency if they noticed any palettes or trolleys in the drainage channels.

One resident expressed their gratitude to the Councillors for the work they do in the ward.

Cllr J. Watt, Chair

[The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 8.55 pm].