
MEETING	MICKLEGATE WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	29 APRIL 2008
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS FRASER, GUNNELL AND MERRETT
ATTENDEES	150 YOUNG PEOPLE KRISTINA DAVEY, SENIOR NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT OFFICER, CYC CLAIRE GLAVINA, NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT OFFICER GINNIE SHAW, NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT OFFICER VICKY FUGGLES, LOCALITY TEAM LEADER, YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES, CYC CLAIR BAILEY, STREET ENVIRONMENT OFFICER, CYC JOHN WOOD, STREET ENVIRONMENT OFFICER, CYC INSP MARK KHAN, MICKLEGATE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE (NYP) CLLR JAMES ALEXANDER, YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHAMPION, CYC PCSO RACHEL SHAW, MICKLEGATE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, NYP BEN HYDE, TECHNICAL OFFICER, NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIDE UNIT, CYC DEAN ELSON, CONNEXIONS PERSONAL ADVISOR MILLTHORPE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND SGT MARK JACKSON, MICKLEGATE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, NYP PC JACKIE SCOTT, MICKLEGATE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, NYP PC KARL MAY, MICKLEGATE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, NYP PCSO KIM COPESTAKE, MICKLEGATE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, NYP PCSO KEITH HALL, MICKLEGATE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, NYP PCSO LEE JOHNSON, MICKLEGATE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, NYP PCSO NIGEL KLAVINS, MICKLEGATE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, NYP PCSO LOUISA WARBURTON, MICKLEGATE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, NYP PCSO TONY BARGE, MICKLEGATE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, NYP PCSO JOHN IEMBOLI, MICKLEGATE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, NYP SHAUN WILKINSON, ROAD SAFETY TRAINING CO- ORDINATOR, CYC TRISH HIRST, ROAD SAFETY OFFICER, CYC DEE FITZGERALD, YOUTH WORKER

ELLE TOVEY, YOUTH WORKER
 EMMA BEWLAY, YOUTH WORKER
 ALLEN MARSH, HEAD STREET SPORT YORK COACH, CYC
 CARL SHEPHERD, ASSISTANT STREET SPORT YORK
 COACH, CYC
 SHARMINI THOMAS
 GLOBAL

1. MICKLEGATE WARD COMMITTEE YOUNG PEOPLE'S QUESTION TIME

Cllr Julie Gunnell welcomed Millthorpe Secondary School pupils from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 to the event, explained how the afternoon would work and introduced the Question Time panel to the pupils. She then handed over to Cllr James Alexander, York's Young People's Champion, to chair the Question Time session. Pupils were able to ask a range of questions of the panel which included the three Micklegate ward councillors, Insp Mark Khan, PCSO Rachel Shaw, Vicky Fuggles – Young People's Services, Clair Bailey and John Wood – Street Environment Officers. Below is a list of questions that young people had thought of prior to the Question Time session some of which were used during this section of the event.

QUESTION
Why are the Police sometimes outside our school?
Can our parks be made more interesting?
Can we have some more bins around the local area? Sometimes they get gull and still do not get emptied.
What can the police do to stop so many bikes being stolen? Do you ever catch anyone?
How much do councillors get paid?
What is wrong with young people meeting in public?
How bad is crime in York? How do we compare with other towns and cities?
Why does Micklegate ward have so few leisure facilities (eg. cinemas and big venues)?
What do Street Environment Officers do? Do we need more of them?
How can young people get more involved with the Council?
Whenever there is a problem young people always get the blame. Do you think this is fair?

2. MICKLEGATE WARD COMMITTEE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONSULTATION WORKSHOPS

Pupils were asked to take part in three workshops:

Graffiti Workshop run by Street Environment Services

Clair Bailey, John Wood and Ben Hyde asked pupils their views on graffiti:

QUESTION	Group A	Group B	Group C
Is graffiti art or crime?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – 6 • Not sure – 2 • Crime – 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large number thought it was a crime. • A small number argued that it was street art but was a bad way to express themselves • One indicated that it was a marking of territory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It depends on the area graffitied • The group thought a Tag was a crime but a picture was art • Bishopthorpe Bumps was raised as an area that you could legally tag.
Which groups do it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is spontaneous • Gangs of 14 – 16 year olds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids with troubled family lives who are angry at their home life • Gangs of 14 – 16 year olds • Chavs • Trouble makers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chavs • Plebs • 13 years and older
Should we provide designated graffiti areas?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes – 7 • No – 11 • One pupil recommended age limits on paint sales • One pupil suggested that those doing it got an adrenaline burst from the act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes – 2 • The idea for a paint wall was floated about as it was argued it was possible to control the content • Some thought Bishopthorpe Bumps was a legal graffiti area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skate parks should be used for graffiti but also to make them larger for the amount • Graffiti workshops • Bishopthorpe Bumps
What is the effect on local residents?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is never considered by taggers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No second thought by taggers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is not considered by taggers

It's Up 2 U –

Workshop run by the Micklegate Safer Neighbourhood Team

Members of the SNT explained what the It's Up 2 U Competition is about. Groups of between 2 and 5 young people can enter the competition over the summer. The groups would need an adult mentor and must come up with a volunteering project that would benefit their community. The project should be carried out over the summer where groups should keep a journal which is submitted to the organisers at the end of the project for judging. Entrants would be able to apply for Yorcash funding for their projects and approach local businesses etc. The first prize is a trip to Disney Land Paris with a youth worker.

The pupils were asked to think about a project that would benefit their communities and encouraged to consider entering the competition.

Neighbourhood Action Planning –

Workshop run by Vicky Fuggles and Dean Elson, Young Peoples Services

Pupils were asked for their views and ideas on the four Neighbourhood Action Plan Ambition Statements for Micklegate Ward.

The following statements under each of the Micklegate ward Neighbourhood Action Plan priorities were identified as the most popular views for young people.

For the second stage of the consultation young people were asked which statements did they agree with, in order of priority. In total, approximately 120 young people participated.

YOUNG PEOPLE & COMMUNITY LIFE PRIORITIES	1st 	2nd 	3rd 	TOTAL VOTES
One off big events are better than regular smaller sessions/events	3	2	9	14
Smaller regular sessions/events are better than one off big events	11	8	5	24
Age restrictions should be taken away from parks and gyms	7	5	5	17
A big leisure centre with special offers for young people should be opened	3	14	5	22
There should be more youth shelters for young people to hang out in	7	5	6	18
There should be more sports area for young people to go to	4	1	5	10

ENHANCED ENVIRONMENT PRIORITIES	1 st 	2 nd 	3 rd 	TOTAL VOTES
Special walls where people can graffiti walls are a good idea	11	4	5	20
All graffiti is bad	5	3	2	10
We need more bins in York to stop littering	2	9	5	16
Bus drivers / conductors should be more polite and cheerful	4	4	10	18
Bus fares should be cheaper for young people	5	6	7	18
Parks should be open for longer	8	8	6	22

INCREASED RECYCLING PRIORITIES	1 st 	2 nd 	3 rd 	TOTAL VOTES
We should be rewarded for recycling	14	7	4	25
Fun ways to recycle should be organised e.g. festivals, arts, games	10	2	6	18
Recycling bins should be emptied more often	3	8	6	17
There should be more recycling bins around school	6	8	4	18
Community compost bins are a good idea	0	3	10	13
There should be more advertising about how / where to recycle	2	7	5	14

COMMUNITY SAFETY PRIORITIES	1 st 	2 nd 	3 rd 	TOTAL VOTES
Police should listen to young people more	17	5	4	26

Young people should not be allowed to go around in large gangs	0	6	2	8
Alleyways should be made safer to walk down	0	9	5	14
There should be more CCTV	4	5	11	19
There should be more police officers than PSCO's	6	0	5	11
There should be more outside areas where young people can hang out together without being told to move on	8	10	8	26

The Ward Committee will provide feedback on all the information gathered from the afternoon to the school and school council.

3. MICKLEGATE WARD COMMITTEE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUN EVENT

At the end of the school day pupils from Millthorpe Secondary and All Saints schools, and year 5 and 6 pupils from Knavesmire and Scarcroft Primary Schools were invited to take part in a fun event at Millthorpe School. Activities included:

- Sumo wrestling
- Nail art
- Arts & crafts
- Street sports session

And young people were able to get their bikes cycle tagged by the Safer Neighbourhood Team, get safe cycling advice, eat free food, see the Millthorpe Jazz Band, find out about opportunities at York College, have a look at the URBIE bus where staff from Young People's Services continued to get further views and suggestions on neighbourhood action planning.

The event finished at 5.00pm.

Cllr Julie Gunnell, Chair

[The event started at 2.30 pm and finished at 5.00 pm].