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MEETING	WESTFIELD WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	11 FEBRUARY 2009
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS STEVE GALLOWAY, SUE GALLOWAY AND WALLER  32 LOCAL RESIDENTS CINDY BENTON, NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT UNIT, CYC MICHELLE WATLING, STREET ENVIRONMENT OFFICER, CYC ANDREW LASLETT, LEISURE, CYC VICKY FUGGLES, YOUTH SERVICES, CYC CLAIRE TAYLOR, NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT UNIT, CYC INSPECTOR COLIN MORETON, NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE SGT IAN WILKINSON, NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE PCSO STACEY GIBSON, NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE PCSO CRAIG BOUMPHREY, NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE DAVID ELLIS, YORK HIGH SCHOOL IAN PARNABY, YORK HIGH SCHOOL ANDREA MCCARTNEY, CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

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## **1. 6.30PM SURGERY**

- 1.1 Residents had the opportunity to talk to Cllr Steve Galloway, Cllr Sue Galloway, Cllr Andrew Waller, the Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team, Michelle Watling and Cindy Benton.
- 1.2 Residents also had the opportunity to find out more about youth services offered in the ward, the services offered by the Citizens Advice Bureau and more information about York's new community swimming pool.

## **2. 7.00PM YORK HIGH SCHOOL TOUR**

- 2.1 Residents had the opportunity to have a tour around the high school to have a look at the new facilities.

Following the tour, residents asked the headteacher David Ellis the following questions:

- a) Do you have any plans to make the facilities available to community groups outside school hours?

Response was given that yes the school will be offering its facilities to community groups, particularly the performing arts facilities. There may be a small cost involved.

b) With regards to the fingerprint identification system that is in use in the canteen; Is this data kept within the school?

Response was given that yes the data is only for use within the school and is destroyed once the pupil leaves.

### **3. WELCOME AND MINUTES**

3.1 Cllr Steve Galloway welcomed residents to the formal part of the meeting.

3.2 The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

### **4. SWIMMING POOL UPDATE**

Andrew Laslett, Operations Manager gave an update on the progress of York's new community swimming pool. The following points were noted:

4.1 £6m has been invested to provide a new community swimming pool which with the current Oakland's Sports Centre will provide York with a first class leisure centre.

4.2 The leisure centre will include a 25m, 6 lane pool, a learner pool, a hydrotherapy pool, pool viewing, a changing village, a 60 station fitness suite, a crèche, café facilities, a climbing centre, a dance studio, a sports hall, a synthetic turf pitch, outdoor tennis courts and grass pitches.

4.3 Oakland's sports centre will be open during the building of the pool and Edmund Wilson swimming pool will remain open until building is completed.

4.4 The current pool timetable at Edmund Wilson's will be transferred to the new pool.

4.5 The building will be heated using bio-mass boilers and solar panels on the roof will heat the pool water.

4.6 There will be over 240 parking spaces available at the centre.

Residents asked the following questions:

a) Is the pool going to be the same size as the Edmund Wilson pool?

Response was given that it will be the same size in length and width but will not be as deep.

b) What will happen to the current Edmund Wilson site?

Response was given that the land is likely to be sold for development.

c) Will there be disabled access to the changing rooms?

Response was given that there will be disabled changing rooms and the building been designed so that there is only a short distance between them and the pool.

d) Will there be any provisions for parking bicycles?

Response was given that there will be 60 bays for parking bicycles which will be covered by CCTV.

e) Will there be any sessions for people with disabilities?

Response was given that the 'dolphin' sessions will continue. These are warm water sessions especially designed for people with disabilities and their carers. Cllr Steve Galloway reported that the hydro-pool is particularly aimed at people with disabilities. Housing and Adult Social Services will use it to run sessions and it will also be used privately by the NHS for therapy sessions.

Application forms for free swimming sessions from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 for residents under 16 and over 60 years of age were available.

## **5. POLICE UPDATE**

Inspector Colin Moreton gave an update on Crime and Community Safety issues in the ward. The following points were noted:

- 5.1 Uniformed policing is split into 24/7 response teams and geographically based Safer Neighbourhood Team's (SNTs). He is the Inspector for the SNTs in the south of York.
- 5.2 SNTs have been in place for around 2 years and work on long term problem solving.
- 5.3 The SNTs consult with the public on what the police priorities for the ward should be. The last consultation was done through 'Your Ward' and the outcome was that the priorities for the ward are Youth/anti-social behaviour, Damage/vandalism/graffiti and Burglary.
- 5.4 Anti-social behaviour covers a range of things, including youths, dog fouling and flytipping. A Capable Guardian Group has been set up in the ward to target different areas of anti-social behaviour.
- 5.5 The Cornlands Road area is currently a priority in terms of anti-social behaviour. The SNT have been patrolling this area regularly both in uniform and plain clothes. They are also working in partnership with Group Response community rangers.
- 5.6 Residents have previously criticised about the delay in the SNT coming to see them when they report a problem on 0845 20 20 647. The control room have a very difficult job with many conflicting priorities. Trigger Plans have been implemented to highlight key problem hotspots in each ward; if the control room receive a call reporting a problem in one of the key areas it will be treated as an immediate priority.
- 5.7 The SNT shift patterns have changed as of this week. The SNTs now have three rest days in a row rather than four and they will now be working until midnight rather than 10pm. This means the team will be more visible more often.
- 5.8 There has been a slight increase in damage and burglary in the ward compared to this time last year. 40% of burglaries are in insecure premises. Operation Joypad is underway which involves the SNT testing the doors on residential property's to see if they are locked. If the doors are unlocked, the SNT will alert the residents that their property is insecure.

- 5.9 The SNT are also actively promoting the 'Immobilise' system. Immobilise is a free web based property registration site where residents can register every item of property which has a serial number. If a stolen item of property is recovered and it is registered with Immobilise, any police officer in the country would be able to identify who it belonged to. The SNT will register property for residents if they are given the details of the property and the serial numbers. More information can be found on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com).
- 5.10 The SNT are also trying to promote Neighbourhood Watch, there are some areas of the ward which are not covered. If anyone is interested in being involved they should contact the SNT on 0845 60 60 247.

Residents asked the following questions:

a) I phoned the SNT to report a problem with youths in the area and an armed response team from Selby was sent out. Don't you think this was a waste of resources?

Response was given that the area in question was on the Trigger Plan so immediate response was needed. It is likely that the armed response team was the nearest at the time.

b) Why isn't more done about cyclists on pavements?

Response was given that the SNT do have action days to target this, however this is not an issue that the residents of the ward have deemed as a priority.

c) Can anything be done to stop people parking on the double yellow lines on Foxwood Lane? Buses cannot get round because of all the parked cars.

Response was given that this is a council issue not a police one. Traffic wardens have been patrolling the area. It was agreed that the parking hotline number will be published in the next issue of Your Ward.

d) The number 26 bus has problems turning into Windsor Garth because of the cars parked on the corner. Can something be done about this?

Response was given that this is also a council issue. The Highways team have plans to paint double yellow lines on the corner to prevent cars parking there.

e) Do you have any plans to set up any 'No alcohol zones'? The Chapelfields estate needs one.

Response was given that there are some in the ward already. Residents are encouraged to make formal complaints so that a picture can be built up of the problem.

f) As a community, how can we work together with the young people to prevent anti-social behaviour?

Response was given that the SNT work in partnership with the youth team for ward lead by Vicky Fuggles to find ways to engage with young people. The SNT and the youth team have jointly organised away days and other activities to try and build relationships with the young people in the ward.

Cllr Steve Galloway agreed that an article from the youth team would be put in the next issue of 'Your Ward'.

g) Don't you think there is a lack of supervised activities for young people in the ward?

Response was given that the ward committee funds various youth activities in the ward e.g. Street Sports and the Youth Outreach workers. The Oakland's complex will offer a lot of activities to attract young people. David Ellis reported that York High School currently funds a 'Global' youth worker who takes young people out into the community and encourages them to get involved in community projects. The school aims to work with the community so that the young people feel that they have something to offer and are giving something back. The vast majority of young people are good citizens.

## **6. PROPOSED WARD SCHEMES 2009/10**

6.1 No objections were raised to the provisional schemes list and this was formally approved.

## **7. HAVE YOUR SAY**

a) Double yellow lines should be put on Branham Avenue. The number of parked cars on this road cause problems for the buses.

Response was given that a consultation could be done to gauge the level of support for this.

Cllr Steve Galloway, Chair

[The meeting started at 6.30 pm and finished at 8.30 pm].