
MEETING	CLIFTON WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	26 APRIL 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS H. DOUGLAS, KING AND SCOTT
IN ATTENDANCE	32 RESIDENTS SGT MARTIN METCALFE, SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM IAIN DUNN, STREET ENVIRONMENT OFFICER MORA SCAIFE, NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT UNIT

1. DROP-IN SURGERY 7.00PM

Residents had the opportunity to talk to the ward councillors, Sgt Martin Metcalfe, Iain Dunn and representatives from the Neighbourhood Management Unit during the surgery.

2. MAIN MEETING 7.30PM

Residents were welcomed to the meeting and the minutes were agreed and signed.

3. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Sgt Martin Metcalfe gave an update on the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

There are 8 PCSOs one is leaving to become a police officer and 2 PCs. Clifton has the largest reduction in crime in York.

- Auto crime down by 47.5%
- Burglary down 31% (possibly due to home visits, timers and bulbs being given to residents)
- Shed break-ins down 32.85%
- Theft down 4%
- Violence down 29.9%
- Drugs offences down 5.69%

The team has worked on operations resulting in 40 drugs warrants issued, work on truancy and with Canon Lee School, targeting cars with no insurance and working with offenders (Community Payback scheme) to clear up areas.

He asked that people call in any problems so that there is evidence of problems.

He was asked several questions about parking on grass verges, cycling on the pavements and about Greenfields. It was also asked if there could be more details of in the Your Ward newsletter.

He is going to look into all of the issues mentioned but has passed relevant issues onto the Street Environment Officer who will look into them.

4. 'CAPABLE GUARDIANS' PROJECT

Jackie Jackson, City of York Council, and Amy Fenwick, Safer York Partnership gave a presentation on the Capable Guardians Project.

It was piloted in the Westfield Ward and supported the Safer Neighbourhood Team with information and intelligence. It works with Adult and Childrens' Service to support families and to find something in place to deal with evicted families.

The success has been measured in crime figures and perception of crime.

Over the past two years there has been an increase in visible policing, better lighting, alleygating. Resdients are pleased with the support in their area.

5. HOW THE BUDGET WAS USED

Roz Smith from CARS (Community Association for Recreation and Sports) explained that the funds were used to support the Clifton Fun day. The event this year is on 15th August.

Allen Marsh told the meeting thjat Street Sports York held six sessions or skate park or multisports and would do the same this year.

A resident gave their support and appreciation for both of these projects.

There was a written submission from Clifton and Bootham Out and About. This supports older people but only a small amount of the budget is spent on administration.

6. PLANNING PANEL ELECTION

Les Marsh explained that it is essential that this group is supported by local people. There was a call for members from the Haxby Road side of the ward.

The existing panel was re-elected.

7. HAVE YOUR SAY!

The cycle path was commented on – it is a welcome addition but there should be more co-ordination as the new surface has been marjed by the installation of electrical cabinets etc. There were questions about signage.

There is a change at the hospital car park, there will be new entrances, the project will last until March 2011 which will create an extra 300 spaces. There is a good display in the hospital foyer. Everyone will have to pay to park. There was mention of staff using the surrounding streets to park. But the new car park should ease the problem.

The planters on Haxby Road should be planted up as they've got dandelions in now. Can Haxby Road be made safer for children. (The police has done speed surveys on the road)

Can the cycle lane along Clifton Green be repainted to make it clear.

Can we look into the flooding on Water Lane near Pinfold Court, sewerage washes up onto the street and young people play in it.

The councillors mentioned that the speed of vehicles coming over the bridge is being investigated.

It was mentioned about the new college of York St John's University, De Grey Court and De Grey Terrace – these are repeated names as both names already used in Clifton.

[The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 9.00 pm].