
MEETING	HESLINGTON & FULFORD WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	16 OCTOBER 2008
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS ASPDEN AND JAMIESON-BALL
ATTENDEES	16 LOCAL RESIDENTS SGT. ANDY HAIGH, NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM PC ANNA TYLDESLEY, NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM PC JOANNE BROOKE, NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM KRISTINA DAVEY, SENIOR NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT OFFICER, CYC CLAIRE GRIEF, NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT SUPPORT WORKER, CYC CLAIR BAILEY-LANE, STREET ENVIRONMENT OFFICER, CYC RACHEL SMITH, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES, CYC DENISE HALL, YORK ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVICE CENTRE ROSIE HUGHES, YORK ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVICE CENTRE DAWN CLARKSON, SENIOR SMOKE FREE OFFICER, CYC LAURA TELFER, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CO-ORDINATOR, CYC TRISHA MATTHEWS, CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU SALLY HUTCHINSON, AGE CONCERN PENNY HUTCHINSON, CUSTOMER ADVICE CENTRE ROISHEEN CHILDS, OLDER CITIZENS ADVOCACY YORK BOB TOWNER, OLDER PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY ANGIE HAMPTON, PRIMARY CARE TRUST SIMON WING, MANAGER YORK TRANSPORT PROVISION, CYC DENISE SIMMS, SENIOR PARTNERSHIP OFFICER, CYC PENNY GOFF, NHS FOUNDATION TRUST PATRICK CROWLEY, NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

1. 6.00PM-7.00PM OLDER PEOPLE'S EVENT

This was an opportunity for residents to:

- speak to their local councillors, Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team and Street Environment Officer.
- receive advice about cold callers.

- receive advice about falls prevention.
- talk about benefits from the Citizens Advice Bureau.
- find out about grants to help cut fuel bills.
- find out about healthy walks.
- talk to a representative from the Older Citizens Advocacy York.
- find out about Age Concern services, Warden Call and Social Services.
- talk about services offered from Dial-a-Ride and the Older People's Assembly.

2. 7.00PM MAIN MEETING

7:05pm – Welcome and minutes:

The minutes from the July 2008 meeting were approved.

7:10pm – York Customer Advice Centre

Penny Hutchinson, acting manager at York Customer Advice Centre, spoke to residents about services on offer for older people from City of York Council:

- The Customer Advice Centre aims to help older people to stay independent.
- They offer:
 - Equipment for the home
 - Advice on domestic help
 - Support for carers
 - Help after being in hospital
 - Housing advice
 - Information about residential care
 - Information about the protection of vulnerable adults
 - Advice about disabled car badge applications
 - Guidance on homelessness and child protection issues
 - Signposting to other agencies including Age Concern, Red Cross, Shop mobility, Social workers, benefits advisors at the Council and York Warden Call

7:30pm – NHS Foundation Trust

Patrick Crowley (Chief Executive of the NHS Foundation Trust) spoke about what the Trust has been doing and where it hopes to go in the future, encouraging residents of the ward to become members.

- The NHS Foundation Trust has just completed it's first 18 months and is now looking to the public to give more guidance as to what the organisation should focus on in the future.
- One of the main objectives of the Trust is to focus on the patient, including their safety and general experience when in hospital.
- The Trust hopes to bring the hospital up to modern standards.
- One of the main priorities highlighted by the NHS Foundation Trust is to increase bed numbers, which they hope to achieve by December.
- Other priorities include making the hospital environment safe, improve staffing and reduce waiting times.

- The building of the car park that is to help with the Wigginton Road traffic problems, should soon be underway.
- The main aim of the Trust is to improve communication with the public and engage with the community, as well as working with the Primary Care Trust and City of York Council to best effect.

7:50pm – Local Improvement Schemes

This was an opportunity for residents to discuss the local improvement schemes put forward for 2009/2010 ward committee funding:

- Cllr. Keith Aspden declared a non-prejudicial personal interest as a member of Fulford Parish Council and as a member of York Credit Union.
- Support was given for the following schemes:
 - No. 8 – Free compost bins for residents
 - No. 9 - Free water butts for residents
 - No. 24 – York Citizens Advice Bureau and York Credit Union
 - No. 20 – Active York
 - No. 25 – Older Citizens Advocacy York
 - No. 19 – Fulford Sports Club
 - No.s 17, 18 and 22 – Fulford Youth Centre
 - No. 16 – Global York
- Other issues raised by residents were:
 - Is the tree planting (no. 5) not the university's responsibility?
 - They would be planted on the verge, which is council land. Other suggestions for their location can be made if the scheme is approved.
 - Planting more trees in this location might restrict street lighting.
 - Trees help to prevent flooding, reduce noise and make it look nicer, which could help to reduce vandalism.
 - Why does strimming grass (No. 4) cost so much?
 - It costs more than spraying (which the council funds) but residents have shown a preference for strimming instead of spraying.
 - Residents opinions on this subject are divided.
 - Vehicle Activated Signs (No. 12) are a waste of money because nobody takes any notice of them.
 - They do tend to have only a short term impact, but they can be moved to new locations. If approved, the feasibility study could also look at other ways of reducing speeding in the area.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Keith Aspden.

[The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 8.20 pm].