
MEETING	DERWENT, HEWORTH WITHOUT & OSBALDWICK WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	21 OCTOBER 2009
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS AYRE AND BROOKS SALLY BURNS, DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES ANGUS YOUNG, STREET ENVIRONMENT RACHEL SMITH, YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE VIRGINIA SHAW AND TOBY KNIGHT, NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT UNIT CARL SHEPHERD, STREET SPORT YORK JO GILLILAND, ACTIVE YORK SGT ANDY DUFFIELD, PCSO CAROLINE WARD AND PCSO MARTIN ROBERTS, SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM HOLLY FIRTH-DAVIS, INDEPENDENT COMPLAINTS ADVOCACY SERVICE SUSAN DANIEL, YORK OWNER OCCUPIER FLOATING SUPPORT SERVICE THIRTY FOUR RESIDENTS
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR MORLEY

1. 7PM SURGERY

1.1 Residents had the opportunity to speak with councillors Jenny Brooks and Nigel Ayre, the Street Environment Officer, a representative from York Young People's Service, representatives from the Neighbourhood Management Unit, Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team, Independent Complaints and Advocacy Service and York Owner Occupier Floating Support Service

2. YORK ROTTERS

2.1 Members of the Little Rotters Group from the 10th York and 73rd Osbaldwick Brownies performed "Compost – the mini-musical", using compost bins as percussion instruments. Cllr Brooks thanked them on behalf of the ward committee.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- 3.1 Cllr. Jenny Brooks welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 3.2 She introduced residents to the ward committee and reminded them that it is a formal meeting of the city council. She

indicated the location of the fire exists and toilets and asked all those attending to switch off their mobile phones and complete the attendance sheet.

- 3.3 Cllr. Brooks asked that all those speaking at the meeting use the public address and hearing loop system to enable everyone, including those who are deaf or hard of hearing, to participate in the meeting.
- 3.4 She also drew attention to the Your Ward newsletters on chairs, including the agenda, the July ward committee meeting minutes and evaluation sheets for feedback on the meeting.

4. MINUTES

- 9.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 July were agreed and signed.
- 9.2 John Yates from York Older People's Assembly remarked that the York Fifty Plus Festival had been a success. A question was asked with reference to the point about travellers gaining access to the Sustrans track at Metcalfe Lane, Osbaldwick. This will be passed on.

5. POLICE REPORT

- 10.1 Sgt Andy Duffield gave a report making the following points:
 - There had been changes in the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team that meant that they are back up to strength
 - The base at Derwent School is working well, reducing travel time and maximising time in the Rural East (covering Derwent, Heworth Without and Osbaldwick ward) area
 - Reported crime in the area has been continuously down over the last 3 years, so any recorded crime will show as an increase. The October issue of Your Ward highlights the achievements of the team in the ward area, their consultation methods and areas of current activity
 - Various Operations continue to target particular types of crime such as auto-crime and pedal cycle theft
 - The vigilance of Dunnington residents had recently identified suspicious individuals and led to their arrest soon after their offences
 - Police surgeries are advertised by poster
 - The team has good links with the five primary schools and secondary school in the area and is successful in encouraging pupils to come forward to report relevant incidents

- Finally, with Halloween, Bonfire and Mischief Nights coming up, the team has changed their shifts to address any potential problems
- 10.2 Residents asked the following questions/made the following comments:
- C: Impressed by police presence in Tang Hall, who greeted and were approachable
- Response: PCSO recruitment and induction much improved since early days, including assessment and feedback
- Q: Incidents of alcohol related anti-social behaviour in Heworth Without during fine weather. Would like to set up an alcohol free zone. Did not report because had poor response in past.
- A: Please persist in calling in to report and get incident number. Possible to get a zone but have to have evidence based on recorded incidents.
- Q: What about speeding in the ward?
- A: Please use the 95 Alive forms

6. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

- 11.1 Cllr. Jenny Brooks referred to the scheme suggestions list on the insert with the October Your Ward newsletter; explained that she would go through the list as it appeared and invited those present to speak to the suggestions if they wished.
- 11.2 Scheme suggestion 2: Funding to provide Community Ranger service in the ward. Group Response have provided this service in the ward for 5 years until the current year. This is not an alternative to the police, it is complementary. The Rangers operate in high visibility vehicles and patrol agreed "hot spots" 365 days a year between 6pm and 1am. If residents call them, they will attend.
- 11.3 Scheme suggestion 3: Funding to carry out a feasibility study into a pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Church Street, Dunnington. Cllr. Brooks commented she had received several e-mails in support of this scheme.
- 11.4 Scheme suggestion 18: a resident queried which area is being considered for Play builder provision? Residents are not keen because of anti-social behaviour and vandalism on the Stray (examples given of dog bin being removed and the notice board at the Stockton Lane end of the Stray being vandalised). They wished to keep the area as open space. The answer was given that Monk Stray is a possible site and no decision has been made: there will be full consultation, including with the Straymasters.
- 11.5 Scheme suggestion 22: Funding to increase the number of trees in the Meadlands area, subject to feasibility of individual

locations. The proposer spoke to this suggestion to the effect that it was meant to cover all areas in the ward and to be restricted to native tree species. The cost (of £175 per tree) was queried. The response was that this was the figure quoted by the council officer responsible and referred to relatively mature trees.

- 11.6 Scheme suggestion 23: a grant application from Murton Parish Council to improve the pond at Murton. The proposer spoke to this suggestion, referring to Ryedale Council's decision over 20 years ago to renovate the pond. Since that time, it had become overgrown and had been given to the parish council by a local farmer. The sum of £500 was an estimate of the cost of dredging and re-planting.
- 11.7 Scheme suggestion 28: a grant application from Street Sport York. Carl Shepherd from Street Sport referred to their best increase yet so far in numbers attending the sessions, there having been 12,000 children reached.
- 11.8 Scheme suggestion 29: funding for Active York to run Fund for the Gifted. Jo Gilliland from Active York referred to their aim to ensure people keep active and their work in partnership, including the voluntary and statutory sector. Fund for the Gifted exists to help the most talented young athletes and their families defray the expenses of participating. A gold medallist from the ward had taken part in the Special Olympics in Nottingham. Those present were requested to take an application form if they knew of any young people in the ward who might be eligible. A question was asked about other gifts such as music? The response was given that this is important too and Lifelong Leisure and Learning are supporting other activities such as dance and the arts. However, Fund for the Gifted is about sport.
- 11.9 Scheme suggestion 30: a grant application from Older Citizens Advocacy York. A resident referred to this as one of the few older people's projects.
- 11.10 Scheme suggestion 31: a grant application from York Rotters to teach "Compost – the mini-musical". Cllr. Brooks referred to how they had spoken eloquently for themselves.
- 11.11 Scheme suggestion 32: a grant application from Young People's Service for continued provision of URBIE sessions within the wards. Rachel Smith spoke on behalf of the application, referring to the intention of continuing sessions in Ashley Park and Osbaldwick and moving to the Dunnington area.
- 11.12 Scheme suggestion 34: a grant application from Dunnington Activity Park Committee. A representative had been unable to attend. The application was needed to carry out vital maintenance and safety work.

- 11.13 Scheme suggestion 36: a grant application from Heworth Without Parish Council to replace 2 existing seats in play area with a gala seat and picnic table. The cost should be £500 not £1,500 as stated in the insert
- 11.14 Scheme suggestion 37: a grant application from Heworth Christ Church to fund the provision of equipment and resources for use in the newly provided Youth Centre in the hut adjacent to the church buildings. The application was for £3,000, not £1,000 as in the insert.

7. HAVE YOUR SAY!

- 12.1 A grant of £4,500 to Christ Church for computer equipment, games and other resources to set up a new meeting place for young people in the ward. This sum is made possible by under-spend in other areas of the ward committee budget.
- 12.2 There being no further queries, the Chair encouraged residents to respond to the scheme suggestions insert in Your Ward, thanked them for their attendance and gave notice of the next ward committee meeting as Wednesday 3 February 2010.

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[The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 8.40 pm].