
MEETING	HUNTINGTON & NEW EARSWICK WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	2 FEBRUARY 2011
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS HYMAN, ORRELL AND RUNCIMAN 25 LOCAL RESIDENTS CLAIRE TAYLOR, NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT UNIT, CYC IAIN DUNN, STREET ENVIRONMENT SERVICE, CYC PC'S BROCKEN AND THOMPSON, NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE CLLRS REVELL AND CRAWFORD, NEW EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL GORDON LOFTUS, GROUP RESPONSE

1. 7PM - DROP IN SURGERY

1.1 Residents had the opportunity to speak to Councillors Hyman, Orrell and Runciman, Claire Taylor, Iain Dunn, PC Andy Thompson, PC Mike Brocken and Parish Councillors Richard Revell and Don Crawford.

2. 7.30PM MAIN MEETING

2.1 Cllr Carol Runciman welcomed residents to the meeting.

2.2 The minutes of the last meeting on 19th October 2010 were agreed and signed.

3. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

PC's Mike Brocken and Andy Thompson from the Heworth Safer Neighbourhood Team explained that they were attending on behalf of the Huntington SNT who were on a rest day. They gave an overview of crime and community safety issues in the ward. The following points were noted:

3.1 The Safer Neighbourhood Teams across the city are being restructured as of 21st March. This ward will have a new Inspector, Sergeant and PC. PCSO Katie Milner is moving to Heworth ward and is being replaced by PCSO Richard Parry. Response teams are being localised alongside the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

3.2 Overall crime in the ward has increased by 1.5% compared to last year. In January 2011 there were 37 crimes reported in Huntington and 13 in New Earswick. There has been an increase in sneak in home burglaries and residents were advised to ensure their home is secure when they are out, in the garden or upstairs.

- 3.3 Cycle theft continues to be a problem in this ward and across the city. The team are still doing free cycle security marking as part of Operation Spoke. Residents should contact the team on 0845 6060247 to arrange an appointment.

The following questions and comments were noted:

a) Can something be done about the motorists speeding down Kettlestring Lane whilst talking on their mobile phones.
Response was given that this is in Skelton, Clifton Without and Rawcliffe ward and this would be passed onto to the team for that area.

b) Parents are parking on the yellow lines on Garth Road and the zig zag lines outside Huntington Primary School when they are picking up/dropping off their children.
Response was given that this will be passed onto the parking enforcement team. If the vehicles are causing an obstruction to property then residents should contact the police on 0845 60 60 247.

4. 2010-11 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME UPDATES

This was an opportunity for local community groups to give feedback on how the ward committee grants received in 2010/11 had been spent. The following points were noted:

- 4.1 Huntington Parish Council thanked the ward committee for the grant of £2500 for their community gardening scheme. This enabled the parish council to help over 100 elderly and disabled residents to maintain their gardens.
- 4.2 A representative from Huntington Community Centre thanked the ward committee for the grant of £1000 towards the modernisation of the kitchen/café area. The work to install suspended ceilings and modern lighting is now complete and this has helped to greatly reduce the energy bills.
- 4.3 New Earswick Community Association thanked the ward committee for the grants totalling £5000 for the community gardening scheme, the summer scheme for 8-17 year olds and the junior club for 8-11 year olds. The gardening scheme has helped 91 residents in New Earswick to maintain their gardens. Unfortunately, the interest in the Junior Club has dwindled so it has been suspended as of January 2011 and the future of this group is being reviewed. The summer scheme has been a success although some events were better attended than others. The association is reviewing the format of the scheme for 2011.
- 4.4 Cllr Keith Hyman stated that the ward committee has funded additional salt bins in the ward and reminded residents that these are for anyone to use.

5. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

- 5.1 Cllr Keith Hyman invited residents to make any comments on the provisional list of ward committee schemes for 2011-12 published in the January Your Ward.

5.2 No comments were noted.

5.3 The following scheme were formally agreed subject to them being legal, feasible and within budget.

Ref	Scheme	Cost
Increased Community Safety		
H&-11-01	Funding to continue the Community Rangers patrols in the ward. This is currently provided by Group Response who carry out evening patrols at 'hotspots' identified by the ward team and residents.	£4,750
H&-11-02	Funding for additional salt bins across the ward	£1,000
A well maintained ward		
H&-11-04	A grant to New Earswick Community Association to continue providing financial support to the New Earswick Gardening Scheme. The scheme provides gardeners to older and/or disabled people who have difficulty keeping their gardens tidy	£3,500
H&-11-05	A grant to Huntington Parish Council to develop the community gardening scheme which was started in 2006. The scheme is for use by those members of the community who, for whatever reason, are unable to manage the maintenance of their garden.	£4,000
H&-11-06	A grant to Huntington Community Centre for a rolling programme of improvements and renovation to keep the building up to date.	£2,894
H&-11-07	A contribution to the ongoing maintenance of the off road cycle network within the ward.	£1,000
H&-11-08	A general pot for benches, suggested locations include New Lane.	£1,000
H&-11-09	Install a seat in the bus shelter on Strensall Road next to Avon Drive towards town.	£600
Opportunities for Young People		
H&-11-10	A grant to Active York for the 'Fund for the Gifted' scheme that helps talented young sports people and their families with the cost of training, travel and equipment.	£300
H&-11-11	A grant to York Youth Council towards the set up of a city centre youth café where young people can hang out and find out about issues affecting them.	£1,000
H&-11-12	A grant to Street Sports York to fund ten two hour sessions at venues in the ward such as a mobile skate park and a climbing tower.	£2,000
H&-11-13	A grant to York Playspace to support the continued work at the 68 Centre Chill Out Zone. The zone provides the children and young people with a much needed distraction and activities once a week. Many children from the ward use this facility.	£1,250

H&-11-14	Funding for ten mobile play sessions at various locations in the ward over the summer. The sessions run by York Playspace are aimed at children aged 5-13 years.	£2,100
H&-11-15	A grant to New Earswick Tennis Club to provide coaching sessions for their junior members and to contribute towards the purchase of tennis balls.	£250
H&-11-16	A grant to New Earswick Community Association to continue financial support to the New Earswick Junior Club. The club is open year round to New Earswick children aged 8-11 years.	£500
H&-11-17	A grant to New Earswick Community Association to continue financial support for the New Earswick summer scheme for 8-17 year olds. The scheme offers many activities over the summer holidays including trips away from York	£1,000
H&-11-18	A grant to Newy Youth Centre (NYC) to fund the installation of a new kitchen in the youth centre. This would enable the young people to hold community events and they would also be able to learn basic hygiene, budgeting and cooking skills to help build their confidence and life skills.	£2,520
H&-11-20	A grant to Momentum on Two Wheels, a project that offers young people the experience of riding a motorcycle in a safe environment. Funding is needed to buy a new bike trailer and staff costs.	£1,500
H&-11-21	A grant to Older Citizens Advocacy York (OCAY) to support the ongoing work of OCAY and to enable them to continue offering outreach sessions at venues in the ward.	£2,000
H&-11-22	A grant to Age Concern York to fund room hire for sessions of their Simple Nail Cutting Service for elderly people which would be provided at community venues throughout the ward.	£500
Other		
H&-11-23	Community Pot for projects which may come up during the year	£9,000
		£42,664

6. HAVE YOUR SAY

The following questions and comments were noted:

6.1 Are there any plans for the village to hold an event to celebrate the royal wedding?

Response was given that residents should contact their parish councils who may be organising something.

6.2 The ward committee is supporting the 68 centre in 2011/12. Is this in the ward?

Response was given that although technically it is in the Heworth ward, it is on the boundary of Huntington & New Earswick and is accessed by a lot of young people in the ward.

6.3 I would like to say thanks to the people that cleared the paths of snow during the bad weather.

6.4 What has happened to the street sweeper on Whenby Grove? **Action – CT to investigate.**

Cllr Carol Runciman explained that due to the 'purdah' period in the run up to the local elections in May, there would not be a ward committee meeting in April. The next meeting would be in July 2011.

Cllr's Hyman, Orrell and Runciman, Chair's
[The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 8.40 pm].