

Minutes of the Carholme Community Forum held on Tuesday 8th May 2018

in Lincoln City Hall, Committee Room 1, from 6.00 pm

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on Tuesday 20th March were accepted.

Rob Parker formally thanked Melanie Waldren for her contributions to previous meetings and wished her well.

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There had previously been a commitment to meet with the City Chief Executive regarding common problems in university towns. The meeting hadn't been able to take place yet.

Action: Rob Parker

It was reported by Sandra Lewis that despite assurances from the City Council, the problem with the garages on Hampton Street had still not been fixed.

Action: Neil Murray

Lucinda Preston reported that a large part of the organisation of the West End Arts Celebration (2nd June) had now been completed. Event plan and risk assessment was with the Council for its amendment/ approval. She had informed the police about the event. Advertising would begin that evening. She asked for volunteers to help steward the event on one hour shifts

Lucinda Preston reported that following the weather-related postponement, both community tidy-ups had taken place. Jon Davies had helped organised the Long Leys tidy-up. He reported that after dialogue with the hospital, patients would be invited to the next litter pick. There was support from the hospital following issues with rubbish left by patients. Alison Griffiths reported that the students had been very helpful with the Liquorice Park tidy-up. It was agreed how much help the students had been and grateful thanks were given to Jane Kilby and the university.

Neil Murray had arranged for the Head of Planning, Kieran Manning, to attend the next Forum meeting re: cycling.

It was reported that the damaged sign at the bottom of York Avenue had been taken away but had yet to be replaced.

Action: Rob Parker

Jon Davies reported that the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) would be discussed at the next LLRA AGM. There was a suggestion that two mobile devices be placed in the West End. One location suggested was outside the infant school; the other location suggested by Rob Parker and others was Hewson Road.

Action: Jon Davies

The issue of the short length of double yellow lines adjacent to schools continued.

Action: Rob Parker

There had previously been discussion regarding a potential Scout representative attending the Forum. David Mitchell reported that he had spoken to Anya Reynolds and it was likely she could attend. She has three children at the local school.

The Canals and Rivers Trust continues to monitor Brayford Pool/Foss Dyke. Lucinda Preston reported that she hadn't received any further complaints. Francesca Bell suggested that the problems might be cyclical.

Action: Lucinda Preston to monitor.

Connor Delaney had not heard anything further regarding Virgin Trains East Coast Community Fund. There was ongoing discussion about Section 106 money that might be available (for example to one-off projects such as the Children's Play Area).

Action: Connor Delaney to chase/Neil Murray to speak with Robert Parker

There was an ongoing issue with bus services to the St. George's/Long Leys area. 30th April had been the deadline for tenders: there had been three bids with one being promising. Rob Parker reported that he had been told that there was a good chance that the bus service would be maintained. There was general discussion around the poor usage of the service in the middle of the day. Rob Parker would ask a member of the Highways team to attend the next meeting.

Action: Rob Parker

There was continued concern about the planning application for a car wash on Carholme Road. It was reported that permission would not be given until an assessment was submitted regarding the potential or not of increased flooding on Carholme Road.

There was ongoing discussion regarding the desire for a good quality footpath from Albion Crescent to Whittons Park. It was reported that part of the issue was that the land was only part-owned by Lincoln City Council - the other half is owned by Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust.

Action: George Woolfenden advised of County contact.

Lucinda Preston reported that she had started on the gala event paperwork. Rob Parker noted that the Gala committee was looking at getting a marquee so that the weather wouldn't be an issue. The organisation of the event was going well.

Action: Gala meeting date agreed for 23rd May.

Flooding on Carholme Road

Matthew Moore from Anglian Water and Dave Underwood from Lincolnshire County Council had been invited to talk about what progress had been made in resolving the flooding issue on Carholme Road.

Matthew explained that in order to determine the exact origins of the flooding problem Anglian Water needed access to the Derwent Street garages. There was an ongoing issue there because the owner had died, as had the original executor. Anglian Water was unsure who was possibly renting the garages. Matthew outlined the step which might have to be taken next, namely serving legal notice for access to the garages. This would entail them sellotaping a notice to the garages, suggesting that if no one had got in touch with the company then there would be a forced entry.

Some members of the Forum had local knowledge regarding people renting the garages and passed that to Matthew.

Dave Underwood commented that Anglian Water and the County Council were working closely together on the issue; he said that more progress had been made in the last few months than in all the previous years.

Action: Anglian Water and LCC to feed back to Rob Parker

West End noise and ASB issues

The Forum once again agreed that there were clearly fewer incidents of noise and ASB since the university/council campaign last autumn. Sandra Lewis asked if a similar programme/campaign would be in place this year and Francesca Bell confirmed there would be. Francesca and Pete Davies had already agreed staffing levels for Freshers' Fortnight.

Policing

Pete Davies reported on the changes to staffing in local policing including the fact that Kay Rowntree would now be a full-time PCSO from September. He informed the Forum that there had been no serious incidents since the last meeting. Of note was that the police had dealt with a drunken/homeless man who had been loitering around outside Sainsbury's Local. He also said that thieves had targeted the Long Leys sheds again. In summary there had been five burglaries; a young man who had used to live in the area had been engaging in anti-social behaviour; there had been damage to the dog grooming shop. Sainsbury's Local had seen less theft but there had been more reports of thieving from the Co-op store/garage. Rob asked Pete if he could bring statistics to the Forum so that the group could review policing priorities.

Action: Pete Davies to bring policing statistics to the next meeting.

Community issues

Rev Julie Wearing thanked the university for the work the students had undertaken. They had painted the church hall in a project that was in conjunction with Lincolnshire Co-op.

She also confirmed that she was looking at extending the circulation of the Parish Focus.

George Woolfenden reported that he had seen two tents on the Common, near the entrance off Long Leys Road.

Action: Pete Davies to investigate

Street scene/Planning (City)

It was confirmed that the City Council was arranging to add further rubbish collections to coincide with the end of the academic year. This was in response to the issue of students leaving rubbish outside their houses when they moved out.

Sandra Lewis informed the Forum that WERA would once again be holding its Big Lunch. However, this year, it would take place at the beginning of July, in conjunction with a Carholme cricket match.

Rev Julie Wearing informed the Forum about the forthcoming Royal Big Breakfast.

David Mitchell reported that there were problems with weeds on Newland Street West.

Action: Lucinda Preston to ring City Council

Date of next meeting

This was agreed as Tuesday 3rd July 2018 at 5.30 pm. Laura McWilliams will take the minutes if Lucinda Preston's baby has arrived.

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Present:

Sandra Lewis	WERA
Rob Lewis	WERA
George Woolfenden	WERA/Open Spaces
Jon Davies	LLRA
Gary Stimson	LLRA
Pete Davies	Lincolnshire Police
Jacqueline Mayer	University of Lincoln
Jane Kilby	University of Lincoln
Connor Delaney	UL Students Union
Alison Griffiths	Liquorice Park
David Mitchell	Small Business Action Group
Rev Julie Wearing	St. Faith's
Laura McWilliams	City Councillor
Neil Murray	City Councillor
Lucinda Preston	City Councillor/Secretary
Robert Parker	County Councillor/Chair