

## Minutes of the Carholme Community Forum held on Tuesday 16th October 2018

in Lincoln City Hall, Committee Room 2 from 5.30 pm

### Apologies

Laura McWilliams had sent her apologies.

### Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on Tuesday 30th August were accepted.

### Brayford environment: university presentation

Lucinda Preston introduced Alexandra Foxley-Johnson and Rebecca Forster from the university. She had invited them to the Forum to discuss the university's environmental policies, ethos and strategy, following a meeting she and Laura had with the Estates Department. Alexandra is a Communications officer in the Estates Department and Rebecca Forster is an Environment Manager.

To summarise, Rebecca outlined the three strands of her role which include a focus on 1) Campus work including looking at energy use and carbon emissions; waste management; biodiversity 2) Creating a sustainable culture involving making students more environmentally aware 3) Collaboration including work with the Wildlife Trusts and projects such as creating a regional seed bank. She noted that an environmental aim for the new medical school was that it was carbon neutral. Alexandra discussed projects such as the kitchen garden.

Robert Parker asked about how they thought that they could embed environmental awareness into the everyday lives of students. Jacqueline Mayer noted the crossover with some of the work that she, Sandra Lewis and Lucinda had discussed and set out. Jane Kilby noted the newly recruited street wardens, BHF recycling, the Eco Society, a car boot sale being set up for the end of term 2, a housing fayre including messages about bins and a 'RAGS for RAG week' initiative to encourage students to recycle. Julie Wearing noted that Cats Protection were keen to take secondhand duvets.

Rebecca informed the Forum that the university had produced a poster setting out which items could be recycled. David Mitchell asked if the university was disseminating information to the Lincolnshire Echo.

Jacqueline suggested including some of the key recycling/environmental messages via the WERA booklet. There was also discussion about greater use of the university's website.

Jane underlined the work of the Eco Society, which had formed last year. David Mitchell asked whether there was a university league table for environmental issues: Rebecca confirmed that there was and Lincoln came in at 42nd.

There was then discussion around the 'disappearance' of the swans from the Brayford. To summarise, Rebecca discussed work on the issue by academics; work with the Brayford Trust; the fact that an area near to the Swan Bar had been left 'wild', making it a suitable habitat for wildlife. Neil Murray noted that there was a family of swans down near Foster Street and Sincil Drain.

George Woolfenden raised a query regarding the footpath by the university campus: Alexandra assured the Forum it was being reinstated.

Rev Julie Wearing offered the university a space in the Parish Focus.

Alexandra and Rebecca agreed to stay in touch and to report back re: the swans and to keep the forum informed of other environmental matters.

#### Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Neil Murray reported again that the Hampton Street garage issue had been fixed. However, Sandra reported that the post was still broken. Neil said he was happy to come down and look at it again.

Action: Neil Murray

Carholme Road flooding continues to be an issue. Robert highlighted the e-mail trail since March and the relative inaction by Anglian Water. In March he had been informed by AW that individual land entry notices would be issued so that they could access the manhole from which exploratory assessment could be undertaken; this month he was informed that they were now being prepared. So in seven months nothing had happened.

George commented that there were no manholes in the garages so accessing them would not lead to a solution to the flooding anyway. Robert noted this but said that it was difficult to query official analysis.

George had received a letter regarding work on a drain on Carholme Road. There was once again discussion around the potential impact of the new car wash. Neil said he would investigate the plans.

Action: Rob Parker/Neil Murray

There had previously been discussions around the damaged sign at the bottom of York Avenue. Sandra said it had still not been fixed.

Action: Neil Murray/Robert Parker

Rob Parker had contacted the relevant department about the weeds in the West End. The season for work on eliminating weeds was over. He had received assurances about the work next year.

The issue of the parking around the hospital on Long Leys was discussed. An e-mail and a letter had been sent by LLRA to the hospital. There had been no update re: Benbow Way.

The agreed strategy/actions had been put in place re: West End rubbish. Sandra felt that the disposal of rubbish had improved. Lucinda had requested money (£1800) for an additional bin collection. Jacqueline reported discussions around whether that was the best use of £1800 and whether the money could be used in a different way. This will be looked into over the next few months.

In relation to West End noise, Francesca reported that the dedicated teams had been out over six nights during Freshers Week. It was felt that overall there were fewer problems than in previous years. Francesca would report back more in a future meeting.

Action: Francesca Bell

The issue of fast cycling was discussed again. it was noted that despite being a Carholme policing priority it was not considered a city-wide priority by police at the highest level.

Jon had asked for advice for people if they saw someone who appeared to be under the effects of drugs but they weren't dealing or actually taking them at that point. Kay Rowntree had requested and received official advice: she read this out but Lucinda would e-mail it out to the Forum.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Francesca noted that the City Council had employed an AddAction worker as part of their team to help those people on the streets with drug taking problems. The council had also produced a leaflet. Francesca said she would circulate the leaflet to Forum members.

Action: Francesca Bell

In the previous meeting Lucinda had agreed to write a letter to the City Council about getting work done on the entrances to the West Common. Lucinda reported that she had done this and the issue had been discussed at the Commons Advisory Panel; Neil noted that the work was going to be carried out, using money from Lincoln City Football Club (money from the car parking fees charged to people using the Malandry Closes for parking).

### Highways (County)

Robert informed the Forum about upcoming road and pavement disruption at the corner of Newland and The Avenue. The building of the new student accommodation building had already necessitated the closing off of the left hand left turn lane; it was now proposed that the left hand lane to the corner for straight over the flyover should be temporarily closed off in order to aid construction. Highways proposed to do this for three weeks at the end of November into early December, re-open it for a few weeks and then close it off again for a few weeks in January. There was general consternation around the room regarding this proposal and the potential impact on traffic. But Sandra and Lucinda pointed out that this would be at a busy time of year (Christmas Market and late night shopping) which would put off people in the West End and, indeed, across the city going shopping. Julie Wearing pointed out the impact of closing off the footpath on elderly and less able bodied people. Robert said he would take back these concerns to County Highways.

### West End noise

Francesca reported that the ASB team, university and police had been out for six nights over Freshers Week. Francesca suggested it might be useful to meet with Nigel Manders of WERA to discuss how residents thought that the week had gone. There was a sense that perhaps there had been more problems/reported complaints with house parties rather than ASB in the street. Francesca said she would report back on her meeting.

Action: Francesca Bell

### Policing

Kay reported that there had been two burglaries - one on West Parade and one on Carholme Road, three cycle thefts and three thefts from motor vehicles. Julie said she had spoken to the owners of the motor cycle shop on Carholme Road which had been suffering issues with ASB and who had apparently been told that there was no one from the police available to come out and speak to them. Kay said she would go to see the owners.

Action: Kay Rowntree

### Community issues

Neil reported that he had arranged a residents' meeting regarding Alexandra Terrace and the stability of the hill.

Neil also notified the Forum that he had invited two people from Lincoln Horse Association and two people from Derek Miller Court to start attending the meetings. Lucinda asked for their e-mail addresses, which Neil said he'd pass to her.

Julie mentioned that there had been issues with people not shutting the fire exit door.

### Street scene/gala

Robert said that the new Play Area was now complete. Lucinda commented on how good it looked and that it would be a great resource. Robert reported that there was to be a meeting of the Friends of the Play Area to plan its opening.

As the Carholme Gala had been cancelled, Sandra had written to the Dawber Trust regarding the leftover money. She had still heard nothing from the Lottery regarding its money that hadn't been used.

Rob commented that a meeting of the gala committee had been called for November to discuss the next steps, especially in the light of the fact the last gala had just had to be cancelled.

### Bank account

Sandra reported that on closing the old Co-operative account, £1,336.99 had been transferred to the new Yorkshire Bank account. The £300 from the university for the marquee had subsequently been paid in (although there would need to be a discussion at the next gala meeting about how that should be used).

The signatories for the new account are Rob Lewis, Rob Parker, Neil and Lucinda.

### Any Other Business

Jon had learnt that WERA and LLRA had to be treated as separate entities with regard to the SIDs. The new device could cope with 20 mph speeds.

Sandra raised the issue of 1 Ashlin Grove and questioned why no councillors had raised objections. Neil replied that they don't have to because of Article 4.

Lucinda thanked Alison and the other Liquorice Park trustees for the work that had gone into the Open Day. She urged other people to spend time in the park.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th November 2018

Carholme Community Forum, Tuesday 16th October 2018

Present:

Sandra Lewis	WERA
George Woolfenden	WERA/Open Spaces
Jon Davies	LLRA
Gary Stimson	LLRA
Kay Rowntree	Lincolnshire Police
Jacqueline Mayer	University of Lincoln
Jane Kilby	University of Lincoln
Grace Corn	University of Lincoln
Alison Griffiths	Liquorice Park
David Mitchell	WERA/Small Business Action Group
Rev Julie Wearing	St. Faith's Church
Francesca Bell	Lincoln City Council
Rob Parker	County Councillor/Chair
Neil Murray	City Councillor
Lucinda Preston	City Councillor/Secretary

Alexandra Foxley-Johnson University of Lincoln (first agenda item)

Rebecca Forster University of Lincoln (first agenda item)

