

Minutes of the Carholme Community Forum held on Tuesday 27th October 2020

via Zoom at 5.30pm

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Laura McWilliams, Mark Wrigley, Kay Rowntree, Jon Davies, Gary Stimson, Kayleigh Teague and Susie Parry.

Presentation by Investors in Lincoln regarding proposals to redevelop the police station on West Parade

The meeting thanked Nick Pettit (Lincoln College) Steve Kemp (Open Plan), Caroline Killeavy (YMCA) and David Rossington for attending the meeting.

There was a short presentation on the proposals. This included some discussion of the external appearance of the building and some of the intended uses. Caroline Killeavy emphasised the importance of "mind, body and spirit" in relation to the development.

Following the presentation there were some questions from Forum members.

- Rob Lewis asked about value for money for taxpayers. David Rossington said that this would be looked at as part of the forthcoming report. Rob suggested that report should be made public.
- A question was asked about who the first time buyer homes would be available to. Caroline Killeavy said the small number of homes to buy in the project would be part-buy/part-rent.
- Rob Lewis asked about the key worker homes. Steve replied that it would actually be a broader definition of key workers than the traditional meaning of key worker.
- Sandra Lewis asked what would happen if any properties weren't let: what would they be used for? Caroline said this wouldn't be an issue as they would be in demand.
- Rob Lewis requested a timescale for the proposed project but David Rossington said they couldn't give one.

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Laura had previously said that work looking at the streetlighting issue was developing with a meeting arranged with one of the Police and Crime Commissioner candidates and the Students' Union. This item was moved to the next meeting.

Action: Laura McWilliams

Lucinda Preston was still pursuing a route to collecting more detailed data about pollution in the area. George Woolfenden had offered to record data from his home on Carholme Road

It was agreed that this item would be rolled over to the next meeting.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Lucinda said she would email the Forum about 136 West Parade. She would find out more about the Ashlin Grove property.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Neil was arranging a sub-group of the Commons Advisory Panel which, amongst other things, would look at the Friends of Lincoln Commons plan. Lucinda reported that there had not yet been a Commons Advisory Panel meeting.

There was some discussion about issues relating to the Golf Club and the treatment of the Commons.

Action: Neil Murray

The tap at Liquorice Park had been established. Lucinda was continuing to chase issues in relation to one of the allotments near the Park.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Jacqueline Mayer reported that she had been involved with two joint COVID scenario exercises and one internal university exercise. All key procedures were in place.

There had previously been some discussion about the ongoing issue of fly tipping near Long Leys. Laura had suggested a meeting of community representatives, council officers, police and other relevant parties. Francesca had given Laura some dates. Steve Bird, Assistant Director, had said that some ideas wouldn't be able to be pursued.

Francesca had noted that there was scope for looking at other funding for measures. She said that she and Steve would look at hotspots around the city.

Action: Francesca Bell/Laura McWilliams

Community issues

Lucy Krogdahl said that the SU was still looking at running a community campaign. There was a lot of support for it.

Actions: Lucy Krogdahl and Jacqueline Mayer

David Mitchell and Sandra had previously noted that lorries were entering the Rudgard Lane site at 7 am - earlier than originally set out.

Rob Parker said that he would need dates and registration numbers as well as the names of companies so that he could take these complaints further. Neil said he'd been contacted by residents.

Action: WERA/Rob Parker

George had previously raised the issue of the work on the West Parade gate to the West Common and why it hadn't commenced yet.

Lucinda had been told that the work was going to planning and if it was approved then work would commence in November.

George was concerned that the ground was already breaking up and that starting work in the autumn might make it worse. He said he would prefer to see it done in the spring. Neil said he would look into this.

Action: Neil Murray

Policing

Lucinda read out an email from Kay that contained some information regarding crime statistics for the Forum. Robert said it might be helpful to have official statistics and the period they related to. There were some official statistics produced by Lincolnshire Police. Lucinda said she would ask for these.

Action: Lucinda Preston

ASB

Sandra said it had not been quiet but incidents had been dealt with. There had been several parties on West Parade and on Richmond Road. There had been three parties at the bottom of York Avenue.

Francesca gave an overview of statistics for the Forum which suggested that incident levels were 'stable', at least for the period 01/09 - 27/10 (date of the Forum meeting). Incidents in comparison to other years:

| 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
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| 49 | 40 | 39 |

Long Leys

Jon Davies and Gary Stimson were unfortunately unable to attend the meeting but Lucinda had circulated Jon's comprehensive update. There was some discussion of the daffodil planting.

Community Issues

Lucinda had been contacted by the university and was keen to involve the West End in the university's hedgehog project.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Neil discussed some live planning applications in the area.

Street Scene

Sandra noted that there was an ongoing problem with bins on the streets. She asked if the university could contact students about this. Jacqueline said that something could be sent virtually. Lucy drew attention to the SU's housing accreditation scheme and said that guidance included information about bins.

Action: Jacqueline Bell

Sandra noted that there was still a large skip in a garden on Carholme Road. The Tennyson Street skip had gone. Francesca said she had raised the issue but would get an update.

Action: Francesca Bell

There was a discussion about road safety around the primary schools. Rob said that at the governors' meeting there had been an agreement to look at parking enforcement. However he emphasised that the County Council wouldn't look at a new scheme.

There was discussion around the ongoing issue of blocked drains on Hewson Road. Neil said he would look into this.

Action: Neil Murray

Alison Griffith asked about the collapsed pavement on Alexander Terrace and noted that the building site looked a mess. Rob Parker confirmed that work was due to start in the third week of November: there would be a road closure for a few days whilst the repair was carried out.

There was some discussion around homeless people camping around the ward. Two cases were flagged up: a tent in the grounds of The Lawn and someone sleeping on the Grandstand site. Francesca made a note and said she would look into this.

Action: Francesca Bell

There was some discussion around electric points and where the council was on this. Lucinda said she would send the latest email.

Action: Lucinda Preston

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Present:

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| Francesca Bell | Lincoln City Council |
| Sandra Lewis | WERA |
| Rob Lewis | WERA |
| George Woolfenden | WERA/Open Spaces |
| Jacqueline Mayer | University of Lincoln |
| Lucy Krogdahl | UoL Union |
| Alison Griffiths | Liquorice Park |
| Neil Murray | City Councillor |
| Lucinda Preston | City Councillor/Secretary |