



Warley Ward Forum

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Date: 6th March 2019

Venue: Pellon Baptist Church, Long Lover Lane. Pellon. Halifax.

Meeting Notes

Present: Cllr J Baker, Tony King (NE Halifax Neighbourhood Team), Phil Haigh (WYPF) Rachael Henry (OMI) and 10 residents.

Apologies; Cllr Amanda Parsons-Hulse, Cllr A Evans

1 Welcome and introductions

1.1 Councillor Baker welcomed everyone attending the forum and Tony King, Phil Haigh and the residents introduced themselves.

2 Last minutes & matters arising.

2.1 A resident raised concern that the multi million pound refurbishment of Together Housing has still not started and informed the forum that he had contacted Together Housing and was informed that the refurbishment may take up to two years due to the deterioration of a majority of properties. Cllr J Baker said he would look into this.

2.2 A resident commented that the overgrown privets on the estate have now been dealt with.

2.3 Cllr Baker informed the forum that the speed gun was available to be loaned out to community groups. Residents have requested that speed initiatives are carried out during various times of the day. Cllr J Baker agreed to arrange some speed gun sessions and proposed a request for additional speed limit signs. Cllr J Baker also informed the forum that the new flashing speed signs collect data. Phil Haigh has noted areas of concern for Operation Hawmill.

2.4 A resident again complained that no action has been taken regarding the fact that Together Housing residents were informed that untidy gardens will not be tolerated in the future and action may be taken against that tenant who does not look after their property. Cllr J Baker informed the resident that he is still bringing the issue up at council meetings and that he had limited power as Together Housing is under government control but will continue to do what he can.

3 Tackling Poverty in Calderdale – Mr Budgen

Mr Budgen introduced himself and explained to the Forum about his charity Big Change Halifax and the charity's vision of feeding the Kids this summer. (Please contact Mr Budgen at Fountain Head Pub for further information).

4 Police update.

4.1 Phil Haigh;

Warley ward has the lowest rate of crime increase.

Figures are showing that crime rates in all wards have increased mainly due to the statistical reporting of Domestic Violence which has risen by 90%.

There has been a slight increase in Transphobic hate related crime; however the Warley Ward isn't included in this figure.

Phil informed the forum that now if a garage or shed is broken into it is classed as a Dwelling Burglary.

Thefts of motor vehicles have dropped by 33% from 21-14.

Thefts from a motor vehicle have dropped by 44% from 76-42

Due to its ongoing success Operation Hawmill has been extended for a further 12 months.

Phil advised residents to be vigilant and not to leave valuables in plain sight and handed out the latest WYPT newsletter.

4.2 SCG Update

West View Park

Residents raised the issue of full dog bags being thrown at properties surrounding the park, bark being ripped off of trees by dogs and drug dealing.

Phil Haigh to report the issues and also reported to the residents of 3 arrests last week for drug related offences.

Cllr J Baker informed residents that railings would be erected around the memorial and that he would look into the possibility of CCTV.

Residents thanked Cllr Baker and Phil Haigh for their efforts with patrolling and involvement of the youth service to try and help tackle ASB in the area.

A Resident offered to look into various grants that may be available to help with funding to protect the memorial.

SCG PRIORITIES

DRUG DEALING

ROAD SAFETY

FLY TIPPING

5. Residents Feedback on Neighbourhood Issues

- 5.1 Fountain Head Village are currently having issues with ASB particularly around Maltings College. Police are aware and will continue to investigate.
- 5.2 A resident raised the issue of a rough sleeper in the woods of Fountain Head Village – Phil Haigh to pass this on.
- 5.3 Resident asked Cllr Baker to enquire about the costs of fly tipping and the increase in bulky waste removal and charges at the recycling centre. Cllr baker informed the resident that he is currently pursuing a petition regarding the matter. Tony King will contact SCG members for their input.
- 5.4 A resident told the forum of the recent altercations between a group of Kosovans and another group on Sandal Green. Phil Haigh to look into this as well as reports of teens loitering in the off license.

6. Community Planning session

6.1 Cllr J Baker asked the forum to list both positive things they wish to see and negative things in the community they wish to eradicate.

Positive

Neighbourhood Watch Groups
Community Groups
Council Support on commercial area at Tabor Cross Roads
Friends of Roils Head Moor Tree Planting
Wild Flower Planting
Organise a clean up
Micro Parks on patches of grass
Possibility of merging smaller community groups
West View Award Grant to finish memorial restoration
Funding for defibrillators across the ward
History plaque for war memorial.

Negative

Speeding and aggressive driving at night
Litter
Fly tipping at Heath Hill

Speeding on all roads around Mount Tabor

Fly Tipping
Speeding at Roils Head Road late at night between Stock Lane and Grace Baptist Church.
Will the restoration of the Memorial at West View Park get done in 2019
Street Lighting

From Cllr A Parsons-Hulce.

E.g. Types of Activities in a Community Centre? More for children and young people.

Mother & Baby Group

A library service?

Type of Library service

Would they be willing help to help renovate a back alley? - The video I sent you.

Environmental Project for young people

7. Ward Forum Grants.

Tony King updated the forum on the Grants that have been applied for in the area and that all monies have now been awarded, He also informed the residents about the speed gun that has been funded from all wards.

Tony also asked the forum if they wanted any changes made to the panel or if anyone would like to be considered. No changes will be made.

8. AOB.

8.1 Resident informed the Forum that there will be an article in the Courier regarding West View Park.

9. Next Meeting;



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