

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OADBY RESIDENTS FORUM HELD AT  
THE BARNABAS CENTRE, ST PAULS CLOSE, OADBY ON THURSDAY  
12 JUNE 2014, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor D Carter – Chairman

Councillors L Kaufman, J Kaufman, S Dickinson, D Gamble, L Darr,  
R Kanabar

**Officers in Attendance:**

I Dobson (OWBC)  
M Smith (OWBC)  
K Parkes (OWBC)  
J Bhatha (OWBC)  
A Lennox (OWBC)  
D Hicks (SLM – Everyone Active)  
PC I Nadeem (Leicestershire Police)  
PCSO J Darby (Leicestershire Police)

**Residents in Attendance:** D Honeywell, L & D Harrison, R & K Turner, J Fabes, A Day, B Culpin, H Smith, D Wheeler, M Nichol, P & H Newman, K Ellis, J & A Sergeant, D Bromley, G Sutcliffe, M Ellis, P Ballard, P van der Willik, I Sibly, S Lucas, G Lamb, R Kotecha, Mr & Mrs Whitehead, M Worthington, K Solanki, D & M Rourton, H Moore, D Fletcher, J Dobney, I Ahmed, D Needham, S Gutteridge.

**Apologies:** R Thakor, B Dave, A Davies

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1.	<p><b><u>LOCAL POLICING ISSUES</u></b></p> <p>An update on crime figures for the period since the forum last met is summarised below:</p> <table data-bbox="320 1621 1050 1839"> <tr> <td>Theft from Shop:</td> <td>up by 6 to 42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Damage:</td> <td>down by 7 to 26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft in General:</td> <td>down by 2 to 31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary in Dwelling:</td> <td>down from 16 to 10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary Other than Dwelling:</td> <td>up to 20 from 14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft from Vehicle:</td> <td>down to 9 from 11</td> </tr> </table> <p>PCSO Jack Darby provided an update into action taken in respect of anti-social behaviour problems on Fludes Lane. Residents heard that numerous patrols of the area have been conducted since the previous residents forum, where no issues</p>	Theft from Shop:	up by 6 to 42	Criminal Damage:	down by 7 to 26	Theft in General:	down by 2 to 31	Burglary in Dwelling:	down from 16 to 10	Burglary Other than Dwelling:	up to 20 from 14	Theft from Vehicle:	down to 9 from 11	
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	<p>were encountered during the patrols. Contact has been made with the Council about getting some of the 'dens' blocked off by planting new trees in the area however this cannot be done till the autumn.</p> <p>Some residents raised issues regarding speeding near local schools. The Forum heard that some volunteers have been trained in the use of speedguns and it is expected that speedgun operations will be rolled out in the near future.</p> <p>It was reported that figures are still not available for collisions near Wakes Road roundabout so no further information could be provided.</p> <p>Residents heard that steps have been taken to secure Uplands park by closing the main gate at night. It is expected that this will reduce anti-social behaviour on the park.</p> <p>Residents raised concerns about the reduced street lighting scheme. This issue was discussed in relation to theft from motor vehicle crimes. The Police stated that an operation has been undertaken recently whereby over 700 vehicles in the area were checked regarding their security. Of those 700 over 50 were found to be insecure and crime prevention advice was given to those whose vehicles were insecure. At this moment in time there is no official evidence to suggest that the street lights being turned off has resulted in a rise in crime.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that anecdotal evidence may suggest that crime is increasing in areas where street lighting has been reduced. The Police were requested to monitor the situation and make official representations to the County Council if solid evidence becomes available.</p>	
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b><u>CHILDREN &amp; YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENTATION</u></b></p> <p>The Young Persons Co-ordinator made a presentation to the Forum about 'Early Years Help' in the Borough.</p> <p>The Forum heard that a total budget of over £44k was available for youth work provision that improves young people's wellbeing and leads to a reduction in demand for more specialist services in the future.</p> <p>The Young Persons Co-ordinator explained to the Forum that by increasing the value of projects, the Council is able to deliver the same level of service with a reduced budget. He went on to explain that this is achieved by targeting the projects in specific areas of need rather than processing applications on a first come, first serve basis.</p>	

	<p>The Forum heard that most early help projects are Borough wide with nearly £9k in funding for projects that are specifically for Oadby.</p> <p>The Young Persons Co-ordinator told the Forum that partnership working and further consultation with young people would be key to continuing to deliver in the future.</p> <p>In response to questions by residents, the Young Persons Co-ordinator told the Forum that projects are promoted through social media and a revitalised Youth Council. He gave an example of the work done at Oadby Boys Club as to successful youth work provision that caters for many categories of young people.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>RECYCLING PRESENTATION</u></b></p> <p>The Forum heard that cases of contamination of recycling with plastic carrier bags and hard plastics were becoming more frequent so the Council was publicising a reminder of what can be recycled.</p> <p>The Recycling Co-ordinator and Waste Promotions Officer made a presentation to the Forum about what can and cannot be recycled, which is summarised below.</p> <p>In the green recycling bag you can place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yoghurt pots, margarine tubes, plastic food trays without the film cover, plastic egg cartons and plastic cups</li> <li>• Plastic detergent bottles such as washing up liquid, shampoo and conditioner bottles</li> <li>• Aluminium cans, clean food tins and pet food tins</li> <li>• Washed aluminium trays and wrapping foil</li> <li>• Empty aerosol cans that have not been pierced</li> <li>• Empty juice and milk cartons</li> </ul> <p>In the brown recycling bag you can place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper, junk mail (always tear off the bit that contains your personal information) envelopes, cardboard and greeting cards</li> <li>• Newspapers, magazines, catalogues, telephone directories and shredded paper</li> </ul> <p>In a separate brown recycling bag you can also place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean clothes</li> <li>• Paired shoes</li> <li>• Handbags</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leather belts</li> <li>• Scarves, hats and gloves</li> <li>• Bed sheets, pillowcases and blankets</li> </ul> <p>In response to questions by residents, the Officers said:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That in addition to presenting at the Forums, this information is promoted through the Council’s magazine (Letterbox), the website, newsletters and personal letters to residents that contaminate their recycling.</li> <li>• That current recycling rates are 64% which brings in funds for the provision of services.</li> <li>• That green bags for gardeners cannot currently take any surplus vegetation at allotments as there needs to be a single system throughout the Borough.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b><u>LEISURE CONTRACT PRESENTATION</u></b></p> <p>Dan Hicks of Everyone Active made a presentation to the Forum about the provision of new leisure facilities within the Borough.</p> <p>The Forum heard that the Wigston site will see new facilities from around April 2015 which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 lane 25m pool</li> <li>• Spectator seating for 150</li> <li>• Sauna</li> <li>• 60 station gym</li> <li>• Dedicated changing rooms for gym and swim</li> </ul> <p>The Forum heard that Oadby will see new facilities at Parklands which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phased development</li> <li>• 6 lane 25m pool</li> <li>• Dedicated changing rooms for gym and swim</li> <li>• 120 station gym</li> <li>• 2 exercise studios plus Cedar Suite classes</li> <li>• Outdoor training zone</li> <li>• Refurbished Cedar Suite with wooden sprung floor</li> <li>• Refurbished café</li> <li>• Refurbished reception and foyer</li> </ul> <p>Residents sought assurance that good disabled facilities and car parking will be available, which was confirmed by the presenter.</p> <p>A Resident asked for confirmation of timescales for the building works. The presenter confirmed that planning permissions were</p>	

	<p>in place and a schedule of works would be drafted shortly which would provide detail of works to be completed. Residents were re-assured that in any case it was estimated that both sites would be complete around April 2015.</p> <p>In response to questions, the presenter confirmed that the facilities in each centre had been based on a borough wide consultation and that programmes of activities would be set following further consultation with the Council.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b><u>CHAIRMAN'S UPDATES</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman provided an update on items contained within the Chairman's Updates document that was circulated at the meeting, which should be read in conjunction with these notes as a composite document.</p> <p>Residents were advised that requests for repairs or replacements to items of street furniture would feed into a wider audit of existing furniture.</p> <p>A resident commented that cigarette extinguishers on bins would be welcomed to prevent fires.</p> <p><b><u>Requests for spending:</u></b></p> <p><b>Festive Lights</b></p> <p>The Chairman of the Oadby Town Centre Association made a presentation to the Forum which provided various options available to supplement the festive lights display in Oadby. The options ranged from £1290 to £17135 for various items. It was requested that the Forum make a contribution to the project to improve the display and make Oadby town centre more attractive over the festive period.</p> <p>Concerns were raised by the Forum about an apparent lack of contribution to the display from the businesses within Oadby town centre. It was suggested that funding be allocated on a match basis to encourage a contribution from businesses, particularly the national businesses.</p> <p>The Forum heard that attempts have been made to get a contribution from the national businesses which had resulted in no contribution, which in turn led to a reluctance of independent businesses to contribute.</p> <p>A resident offered to assist Oadby Town Centre Association in negotiating a contribution from the national businesses.</p>	

	<p>The Forum was divided on this issue with some residents feeling that the benefits to the town centre would be beneficial to all and that match funding was not necessary.</p> <p>The discussion ended in a proposal by a resident to contribute £5k without conditions to the project, which upon being put to the vote was approved by the Forum. It was noted that additional attempts would be made to gain further contributions from businesses.</p> <p><b>World War 1 Commemoration Banners</b></p> <p>Nigel Atter of the group Oadby Remembers 1914-1918 made a request for £380 for two banners with artwork to commemorate the sacrifice of over 60 men who lost their lives during World War 1. The Forum heard that the artwork will be used as part of exhibitions in various public centres in Oadby. The funding was unanimously approved by the Forum.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS</u></b></p> <p>Residents raised a number of issues in relation to matters which the County Council are responsible for, which are summarised below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage on the A6 from Ash Tree Road to the entrance to The Parade is insufficient</li> <li>• Puddles on Fludes Lane are an obstruction. Can it be resurfaced?</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Other Items</u></b></p> <p>A resident requested an update on the recent Urgent Care Consultation.</p> <p>The Chairman informed residents that following the consultation highlighted by the Clinical Commissioning Group on the future of urgent care at a previous meeting, some minor amendments to opening hours had been made with the centre opening from 8am-9pm Monday – Friday and 9am -7pm at weekends and bank holidays. It was also reported that urgent care services are likely to remain in the current location although providers will be able propose changes for when the Clinical Commissioning Group takes control of urgent care from April 2015.</p>	

A resident informed the Forum that the Pride of the Borough membership card could be used to get discount from local shops and encouraged residents to contact the Group if they wished to obtain a card.
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**The Meeting Closed at 21:04**