

YARBOROUGH COMMUNITY MEETING – 11.02.10

INTRODUCTION

The meeting was opened by Councillor Peter Bailey who thanked everyone for attending and explained what the purpose of the meeting was to provide a two way flow of information. Residents could raise issues and concerns that they had in their local area (Yarborough ward) with service providers e.g. Health; Shoreline; NELC; Humberside Police; and Humberside Fire and Rescue. By everyone working in partnership potential possible solutions could be identified and supported by all

Service Providers Introductions

Each representative took a few minutes to explain the service that they represented and to give examples of what support they could give local residents especially by working together with other service providers across the neighbourhood

NELC – Assistant Chief Executive - Colin Bulger (CB)

CB explained how pleased he was to be here and to be given the opportunity to tell those present about how different services working together could respond to local peoples concerns and needs. In particular he could advise about the role of community wardens and neighbourhood working

Shoreline Housing Partnership – Chief Executive - Tony Bramley (TB)

TB advised that he was the representative for Shoreline which had taken over the councils housing stock in 2005. He was here to talk about issues related to improving neighbourhoods and also as the interim chair of the Area Action Group. This is a new group that will not replace any existing structures but seek to draw out and resolve any local concerns that have not been resolved by existing means

North East Lincolnshire Care Trust Plus – Public Health Directorate - Annie Derby (AB)

AD advised that health is an important issue that affects everyone, and as the Care Trust is such a big organisation she was happy to be available to tell people about the wide range of services that are provided

Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) – Chair – Paula Grant (PG)

PG explained her roles both as chair of the LSP and Chief Officer of VANEL. (VANEL is the local umbrella group for all community/voluntary groups and charities etc and provides a range of support and services for them). The LSP is a partnership made up of service providers and other representatives. They meet to look at local strategic decisions and how they impact on local communities, one issue of which is the Neighbourhood Management agenda, with the overall aim of making North East Lincolnshire a better place for us to live and work in

Humberside Fire and Rescue Service – Pete Holmes (PH)

PH introduced himself as Community Risk Manager. He explained that the role of the service as its name suggests has changed and expanded. It covers

a range of preventative services i.e. home safety checks, school curriculum activities etc as well as attending incidents including fires, floods etc. He emphasised the value of partnership working as encouraged by the LSP in neighbourhood management

Humberside Police – Insp Will Jenks (Insp WJ)

Insp WJ explained his role as the Inspector for the Neighbourhood Grimsby Central Policing Team. He explained the resources that were dedicated to the area, including himself, a sergeant (Jamie Steel) and others. He explained how the Policing team were working on priorities that were available on the internet site. They included burglary; Anti Social Behaviour especially related to the Green Bridge and Gunners Watch; and interaction of the local population with the Police. He said that although his team were currently focussing on these issues he welcomed the opportunity of meetings like these to raise or change local priorities. Again he praised the value of partnership working to help resolve local concerns

Interactive session for residents

There then followed a session where each official sat at a table and residents went to them to discuss issues specific and relevant to their roles

NELC (Colin Bulger) - Flooding

- Flooding into peoples gardens from Kingston Gardens leading to potential health hazards of smells, rats etc and general impact on property sales
- Flooding in Kingston Woods leading to killing of 50+ trees
- Possibility of contamination from previously located petrol station at Toot Hill
- Possible issue of linkage with Waterworks building as belief that once pumping stopped (possibly 6 yrs ago) flooding started
- Issue also raised in LSP and Humberside Fire and Rescue Services sessions

ACTION – NELC would look into issue and get background; current position and a statement on potential action for the future

Pot Holes

- Concern raised over poor state of the roads.
- CB advised how this happens due to the ice/snow etc filling in cracks/holes etc and expanding, then when there is a thaw, holes etc are left

ACTION – NELC to find out programme of planned repairs etc and report back to next meeting of progress

Dog fouling

- Concern raised by residents of this happening in a structured pattern
- CB advised ref role of community wardens and fines etc

- Also mentioned in Humberside Police session with a specific emphasis on Nelson Way

ACTION - NELC to advise wardens of issue and to plan for specific patrols at relevant times + in relevant locations, although there is a time element present before the wardens start their new roles and report back to next meeting of progress.

General Litter

- Issue raised as one for overall area
- CB advised NELC have zero tolerance for littering

ACTION – NELC to contact relevant community wardens so that it can be included within their tasked areas once roles sorted out and report back to next meeting

LSP (Paula Grant) - WNF

- Concern raised as per article in the paper that the programme has not yet made a visible impact on the number out of work

ACTION – PG had replied that North East Lincolnshire has a long term strategic measured approach, based on partnership working to ensure that the money is used to support employment options. Updates will be provided at future meetings

Health/NELCTP (Annie Derby) – queries over care packages/assessments for older people

- Concern raised over the length of time that older people are waiting for assessments and specific packages of care

ACTION - AD advised that would look into examples given individually herself. She advised that this was an example of the need for lots of health related pieces of information to be more widely available using the positive example of the Collaboratives.

Housing/Environmental issues - Shoreline Housing Partnership (Tony Bramley)

- Issue raised of roads not gritted near the new Health Centre on Freshney Green
- TB advised well pointed out and due to development issues of site which will resolve over time
- TB also advised those that have not already done so to go and look at the new properties there. They have excellent environmental

standards. The new estate is also hopefully going to provide local employment opportunities with a special tasking team being set up

ACTION - TB is happy to receive future enquiries about Shoreline and related environmental issues

Humberside Police

- Issues of poor parking leading to access difficulties
- Speeding especially in Nelson Way area
- Dog fouling especially in Nelson Way area

- Anti social behaviour, especially in relation to perception of lack of visible police presence; concerns over the licensing of the Gunners Watch; and pedal cyclists

ACTION - Insp WJ will look at these issues and use them to inform his neighbourhood policing resources. He stressed the need to get as accurate information as possible so that specific geographical areas could be targeted at specific times to achieve the best results as an ongoing process. Updates will be given at future meetings

Humberside Fire and Rescue Service (PH)

- Issue of access for fire appliances especially due to parking issues, and Orion Way specifically mentioned
- General issue of flooding raised and response of service when this happened
- Dumping/refuse accumulation leading to fear of dangerous conditions including fire risk
- Issue of prevention advice for local home owners including possible supply of smoke detectors

ACTION - PH will look at parking issues in conjunction with partners from Police and NELC; flooding already being tasked to NELC to investigate and ref responses to incidents was able to reassure residents of processes in place to tackle this; ref refuse collection would work in partnership with NELC to look at this; finally was able to advise residents of the availability of the free home safety check service

Conclusion

Cllr Bailey thanked everyone for attending and concluded that it had been a really positive meeting that had given local people the opportunity to raise a number of local issues and matters of concern. The next meeting will be held on Thursday April 1st at 6.30pm at the same venue as before, the Community Room, Cambridge Park when all the service providers etc will be on hand to give an update on these issues etc