

Clayton-Le-Woods North Area Forum

Thursday, 16 March 2006

at the Youth and Community Centre, Manor Road, Clayton-Le-Woods

Present: Councillor Alan Cullens (Chair),

Also present: Dennis Edgerley (Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Customers, Policy and Performance), Laura Lennox (Executive Member for Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal) and John Walker (Clayton-le-Woods and Whittle-le-Woods Ward Councillor)

Co-opted Members: County Councillor Mrs E Livesey (Lancashire County Council), Cindy Lowthian (Lancashire County Community Engagement Team), Inspector Janet Edmondson (Lancashire Constabulary Offices), Liz Easterbrook (Chorley and South Ribble PCT), Peter Wilson (Lindsay Hoyle MP), PS Christina Shorrock (Lancashire Constabulary), PC Trav Lawrence, PC Chris Brooks, Shelagh Garnett (Director of Public Health, Chorley and South Ribble PCT) and Stephen Fenn (Clayton-Le-Woods Parish Council)

Chorley Borough Officers: Donna Hall (Chief Executive), Gary Hall (Director of Finance), Keith Allen (Head of Public Space Services), John Lechmere (Head of Environmental Services), Lorraine Cross (Leisure Services Manager), Jim Wild (Senior Neighbourhood Warden) and Ruth Hawes (Assistant Democratic Services Officer)

25 residents of Clayton-Le-Woods

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Cullens welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the co-opted members and officers from Chorley Borough and Lancashire County Council.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Lindsay Hoyle MP, Anne Smith (Clayton Brook Primary School) and Councillor P Buckley.

3. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF AREA FORUM PILOT SCHEME

The meeting received, for information, the membership and terms of Reference of the Clayton North Area Forum.

Each attendee at the meeting had been provided with a copy of the membership details and terms of reference as part of the agenda package.

4. KEY ISSUES FOR CLAYTON-LE-WOODS NORTH - OPEN DISCUSSION

The Chair explained that a period of 30 minutes had been allocated to allow local residents to raise questions and express views on any matters relating to the provision of local services. Question cards were available to enable residents to document their questions and views.

Officers and Partner representatives responded directly to queries and issues where possible. Where this was not possible the details were noted and a written response was be sent to the resident.

The following list summarises the issues and questions that were raised directly or via question cards at the meeting:

Footpaths requiring sweeping for leaves and litter
Unsatisfactory recycling receptacles
The potential to collect recycling co-mingled
The impact of the textile recycling service
The area covered by the Area Forum Pilot Scheme
Traffic calming measures required in several locations
Roads being used as race tracks
Facilities for young people and youths congregating
The provision of a football field
Free bus fares for pensioners
Financial support for CCTV cameras
Secondary School provision
The inclusion of public transport to the terms of reference
Intermediate services provided outside of the hospital environment
Homestart funding issues

A question card was subsequently sent to the Council in relation to the provision of a speed camera.

5. CHORLEY COMMUNITY AGENDA

(a) Chorley Borough Council issues

Donna Hall, the Chief Executive of the Borough Council, reiterated that it had been agreed to enable plenty of time for the open discussion section of the meeting and not to have a presentation from the Borough Council at this first meeting.

(b) Lancashire County Council issues

County Councillor Livesey, representing the area, outlined some of the work undertaken by the County Council within the area, including traffic calming measures and the provision of facilities for young people.

(c) Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council issues

Parish Councillor Fenn, the Chair of the Parish Council, explained some of the projects implemented by the Parish Council. These included a skateboard park by the leisure centre and litter picking undertaken by Lisieux Hall. It was highlighted that there was a session during the Parish Council meetings for members of the public to raise questions and queries.

(d) Chorley & South Ribble Primary Care NHS Trust issues

Shelagh Garnett, the Director of Public Health at Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care Trust, explained that a huge emphasis was placed on involving people and giving them choices about their care. This included the provision of intermediate services such as dermatology and orthopaedics, outside the hospital environment. GP's could refer patients to these services.

Reference was made to a leaflet enclosing star ratings for services provided to enable patients to choose the hospital for their treatment.

(e) Lancashire Police issues

Inspector Janet Edmondson, from Lancashire Constabulary, attended the meeting with PS Christine Shorrocks, PC Trav Lawrence and PC Chris Brooks from the local Policing team.

Police Sergeant Christina Shorrock, the sergeant for the area, gave a brief presentation outlining Lancashire Constabulary's Neighbourhood Policing Policy. The Police were working with other agencies and local people to give people access and influence on decisions and the best methods to resolve issues.

The monthly Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings increased the accessibility and accountability of the Police and used community engagement to focus on problems. The Panel met straight after the PACT meeting to determine the policing priorities for the following month.

The next meeting would be held on Monday, 3 April at 7pm on Springfield Lane. Issues could be reported to the Police at any time and it was noted that if the Police were not aware of problems they could not resolve them.

6. FEEDBACK / ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Chair thanked everyone for their questions and queries and invited the attendees to complete a feedback card to comment on the format and arrangements of the meeting and to submit views for consideration at the next meeting.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was noted that future meetings of the Area Forum would be held on 21 June 2006 and 12 October 2006.

Chair