

Notes of: BACUP NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Venue: Stacksteads Methodist Church

Date of Meeting 9th July 2009

**Present: Councillor W Challinor (Chair)
Councillors Driver, Eaton, Haworth, Lamb, P Steen
Karen Derbyshire, Lancashire Link
Anne Storah, Principal Forward Planning Officer
Julie Jackson, Area Manager, Communities Team
Joanne Smith, Elections Manager
Inspector Sean Graves, Lancashire Constabulary
PCSO Neil Stratton, Lancashire Constabulary**

**Also Present: 19 members of the Public
1 Member of the Press**

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor H Steen and Inspector Neil Wilkinson.

3. NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2009

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record.

a) Action Sheet:

The Action sheet was discussed and noted. It was agreed that an action had been missed off the previous meeting and would be added for the next meeting

- Safety issues on Acre Lane / Cutler Lane with lorries turning (Cllr Eaton agreed to take up these issues)

4. LOCAL INVOLVEMENT NETWORKS (LINKs)

Karen Derbyshire outlined the Lancashire LINKs project and explained how residents could become involved. She stated that the project had a wide remit ranging from advising individuals where to obtain specific help

from within the health service to their role in inspecting health premises. Karen distributed information and registration forms for residents to use.

The Chair thanked Karen for attending.

5. POLICE UPDATE

Inspector Graves provided an update on crime rates and policing in the area.

	April – June 2008	April to June 2009
Criminal Damage	118	127
Burglary	58	48
Vehicle Crime	51	56
Anti- Social Behaviour Incidents	597	553

Inspector Graves also answered questions from members of the public and encouraged them to attend PACT meetings.

6. CORE STRATEGY – DRAFT AREA VISION

Anne Storah, Senior Forward Planning Officer, provided the Forum with a report on the Draft Area Vision for Stacksteads, Britannia and Weir.

It was noted that there were no residents from Weir in attendance.

Anne asked members of the public to read the copies of the Draft Area Vision which had been circulated at the meeting and encouraged them to fill in the feedback and questionnaire section by 27th July.

The Chair further stressed the need for people to give their views on the content of the document, as it would be used in future planning of the area.

7. AREA MANAGER COMMUNITIES UPDATE

The Chair informed the group of changes to the Neighbourhood Forum and explained that for the next 12 months half of future meetings would be held in closed board meetings. The Area Manager explained that the board meetings would be made up of elected Borough Councillors, community representatives as well as representatives from other service providers, such as the police and health authority. The Communities Team were seeking nominations from community representatives wanting to be involved in the meetings and a form was distributed at the meeting.

Several members of the public present did not agree with the changes as they thought the current system worked well.

The Area Manager also reported that dog control orders would be coming into force in September and fixed penalty notices would then be able to be issued.

8. DETERMINING OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Chair informed the Forum that the Council had received a thank you letter Edgemoor Baptist Church following funding of two sporting events for young people.

It was agreed that the following funds be allocated:-

£750 for Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale Young Carers' project.

£250 for Acre Mill Baptist Church for a portable sound system to be used by the Children's Group.

Starting balance	£4330.95
Funds allocated at this meeting	£1000.00
Remaining in budget	£3330.95

The Chair explained that there was now an additional £4,000 available for events and one application had been received and the following funds allocated: -

£750 for Bacup and Stacksteads Carnival

Starting balance	£4320.00
Funds allocated at this meeting	£ 750.00
Remaining in budget	£3570.00

Grant forms could be obtained from Communities Team on 01706 252551 or email communitiesteam@rossendalebc.gov.uk

9. OPEN FORUM

Members of the public raised the following issues:-

- The placing of unnecessary 'Pride in Rossendale' signs
- The possible duplication of work by Lancashire County Council and Rossendale Borough Council when litter picking in parks
- Possible location of a waste transfer station now that Henrietta Street was not an option

The meeting commenced at 7pm and finished at 9.35pm

Signed: (Chair).....

Date: