

LITTLE WOODHOUSE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Notes on LWCA Forum 7pm 4 April 2006 at the Civic Hall

1. **Attendance:** Freda Matthews (Chair), Patrick Hall, N Cairnduff, A Cairnduff, Karen Greenwood (Streetscene) B.P.D Dorton-Scott, Christa Smith (North West Area Management Team) Bill McKinnon, Nigel Arthurs (Learning & Leisure) Mary Walsh, May Davies, Rob Davies, David Green, Howard Lawson, Cllr Penny Ewens, Cllr Kabeer Hussain, Garance Rawinsky, Andrew Crates (Community Planning Officer)
2. **Apologies:** Richard Witt
3. **Minutes of last meeting** 10/1/06 accepted
4. **Matters Arising**

PLANNING PE said re Cross Chancellor St proposal that we had learnt our lesson after what happened on Burley Road. She said she did not want Meanwood Road to become another Burley Road. PE said the Unipol say that next year there will be 5000 excess student bedspaces in Leeds. PE said nobody knows who owns the area of greenspace next to the telephone exchange on Burley Street. FM said there are already 5000 student bedspaces built or planned in Little Woodhouse and there are likely to be another 3 tower blocks to be approved. AC said that there is no news at present on the three pre-applications in Little Woodhouse. AC said re St Anne's school site that that consent to demolish has been granted and that the site now needs to be cleared by Mr Rahman. It's full of needles He said HSBC are shown as landowner. PE said Daljit Singh thinks we shouldn't have to pay for building to be cleared. PE said it needs to be declared unsafe on health grounds. AC said it could possibly be demolished for structural reason. PE said we'd find out if we can do work and give Mr Rahman the bill. FM said 39 Clarendon Road was cleared under planning regs rather than health. AC said re Hostel OF Resurrection and Fairburn House that there has been no approach from Leeds University. DS has contacted them to find out what their plans are. FM said they've no plans. Stuart Raviader said they'd be selling Hostel of Resurrection and and Fairburn House. Hostel of Resurrection was going on market as of last week. FM said SR said Hostel of Resurrection has been knocked about bit but it hasn't been. AC said re Tetley Hall – a development brief is to be put together but that site has now been put on market. FM. Fairburn House will be fully employed until 2008. In 2008 it comes on market with St Michael's. Their land adjoins at the back. Could council consider what they'd like to see there? AC said they only do briefs for council properties. FM asked what about high school. AC said it was done by an independent company and endorsed by council. FM said this involves a listed building and another that might be plus a lot of land. AC said re 37 Hanover Sq that there's a change of use application to 5 flats. It will be a similar approach to no 46. FM said there will be no major alterations to exterior. PM said that the tiles are Moroccans brought over in 1890s. Tiles are in both entrances. AC said re Century House that he has nothing to say. Re no 33, originally a house was there. They want to extend 32 into infill. PE said somebody is applying for a bungalow in that space. Land was sold for garden purposes. Land becomes more valuable if permission given. FM said the land has same owner as mosque. Idea is to have a block of flats with a similar frontage. It will extend the square. FM asked if anything heard from Park Lane College about other end of row. They were wanting to build flats and a crèche.. AC said nothing yet. BM Asked why city centre panel decides on proposals outside city centre. DH lady said she sent email and got response from council that they can't contact landlords. Supplied name

and address Tangent Investments. She(?) was trying to buy. So did a search. They were threatening to sell to somebody else but they still do own it. FM said they did cut down some substantial trees. DH lady said Daljit Singh said Beverley Hall is pushing it through. Bloke from DH asked if university do student accommodation blocks. PE said re tower blocks that Unipol say it's development led. She wants it to be demand led. PE doesn't want a Burley Road on Meanwood Road. PE asked if Andrew Crates could go. FM asked re Property Licensing if somebody come next time. People are selling up. University is selling small properties.. PE said licences go to a property or the area which gets licensed. You don't get an occasional licence. It's for all time.. FM said most will come into it as they have three or four storeys. There's a big fine if you don't comply. People are unloading properties. PE said there are going to be smaller houses with accommodation unsuitable for students. BD said it will apply where there are four or more unrelated tenants and three or more storeys

STREETSCENE KG said she covers the whole wedge to Farnley and Armley. Took post of Steven Weatherill. Had a walkabout. PH said main concern last time was enforcement.. Mr Clifton says he has to cover whole area. They were going to concentrate on certain areas within our area. PH said his street is bad with people not putting bins out and not taking them in. Other issue is tenant changeover in June. Council always seems to be taken unawares. It's the responsibility of tenants and landlords. We were told leaf clearing would be done quite soon. But leaf remnants are still lying around. Can we implement system that revolves around the student year. Like welcome notices. How can this be followed up. KG said you've covered a number of services, Streetscene, Enforcement and Education. Lyndon serves notices from Enforcement. Karen said she does initial letters. If they don't comply it goes to Lyndon. Bulk collection service can be booked. They put additional resources into Headingley in June. They want to be able to pick up bulky items within 14 days. CA said the they have set up a strategy to deal with student changeover. They are looking at enforcement across Hyde Park, Little London and Little Woodhouse. FM said re enforcement that we've had two notices in Claremonts and Hanover Square. Students won't put bins out because they say they're not binmen. FM said she clears leaves in her back street. Bins should go back in yards. This year we'll start all over again. How much must it cost to clear up students rubbish. Government does not reimburse council adequately for it and yet they complain about travellers. PE said there was a meeting about how to tackle this problem via freshers' week. BD said it can't be landlords' fault. They suffer from this problem. Universities withhold degrees if damage is done to their halls. You could hold up planning applications for universities. Universities don't put out leaflets to students about how to look after accommodation. You could insist they give booklets to people leaving halls for flats. Guy with specs behind Freda who lives opposite St Michael's said bins from Belle Vue Court are left out on the road. St Michael's pupils knock them over. BD said enforcement should be dead easy if you pursued them like you pursue cars. You could walk along street and see which houses have bins outside. PH said it is all the same department. It's just sections of one department. It was done to make a coordinated body – City Services. Could we have someone from Enforcement at these meetings? Enforcement is key. Headingley Enforcement Scheme would be rolled out across city but no money. They said in Autumn possibility of allocating more resources to certain areas. Nothing gets done at these meetings. Can we have a timescale? Can we have a blitz for a month? CA said they are looking at enforcement. Said they've attracted NRF funding. Said they want neighbourhood plans. Said we've only had it for a month. Said will report back at next meeting. They've started with Little London. PE said they should approach head teachers re school kids. CA said they're talking with police. FM said we've £1000 for these two binyards & HP will give extra money for kids to do work.

GREEN SPACES. Council bloke Re Woodhouse Square railings said we didn't need planning permission. Contract for fencing awarded. Material ordered. Awaiting delivery.

Due in next three weeks. Then he'll do preparation like clearing privet. PE said re drinkers in Woodhouse Sq. In Lambeth they made a drinkers den in a park near where they used to drink. Said these people are alcoholics and if we say they can't drink in Woodhouse Sq we have to provide somewhere else for them to drink. FM said people can't sit out in Woodhouse Sq because of drinkers Gate has been stolen Suggested a triangle of land on Clarendon Road for the drinking den. PE asked if we'd identified possible pocket parks. FM said there's one near telephone exchange.

Woodhouse Moor Car Park Proposal

PE said it's due up for planning. Said they'd not done a consultation but that the suggestion was made. Was well received by some people. Denise Preston provided a consultation on parks in general. She's not happy that people are calling Denise Preston untruthful. FM said she was concerned that Parks Renaissance Money is used and yet we can never get any money. KH said it has already gone to planning. Said it has been submitted. FM said Monument Moor is very pleasant and green. The car park is for people in town, not Moor users. PE asked where people could go that parked on Moor. Said we can all make our objections at planning. BM said it would have been nice if we had been consulted.

ROADS FM said re Clarendon Road crossing that Andy Merkel is out of office. Asked if there will be a bus bay where city bus goes. PE said free bus will continue per Andrew Carter. BD said it's very overcrowded. PE Residents parking permits just push the problem further out. Said they have de-regulated Metro bus monopoly. Buses can go where they like. KH said re parking that they are looking at whole area. Somebody had heart attack in little London and ambulance couldn't get through because of parked cars. MW said same situation at Burley Willows. Been chasing parking permits for 5 years. There's one road in and out. PH said re highways he believes council can adopt private roads. PE said nearly half private roads have been taken over and improved. PH asked who do we write to about private roads. PE said it's a fiddly thing that has been neglected for a long time. BD said he is part owner of a private road. KH We've been doing it and private owners don't have to pay for it. We're spending a lot of money this year and last year.

PLANNING AUDIT FM said we've been meeting every week. We got enough back from 2000 surveys to plot across area. Done three headings and put comments down in columns. Everybody likes living here. Bad things – rubbish. PE said it's a city wide problem but particularly in your area. FM said we also have a transient population. PE said Becketts Park is being bought by Headingley (?). We want family friendly housing. PE referred to exhibition in Victoria Quarter for Eastgate development. She was talking to John Thorp.. There's talk of schools. FM said good things were mentioned and interesting suggestions and we are going to get back to people. Report will start with virtual tour. It will be like a Pevsner Guide. Hopes there'll be photos. There'll be a list of features. List of buildings, cobbled streets, ALMOs etc. We're going to do it on a map. PE We need to improve Westfield Road shops. FM 48% OF people in area are between 19 and 29. We will work out quick hits, medium term aims and long term aims. PE said crime has dropped since PCOs. KH said two safety cameras are to be installed for Royal Park Road and Morland Road. FM said we'd like money from the Wellbeing fund to publish it.. We've got a map and statistics done through Area Management a year ago. We want permission to use map. CA said it may have come off internet. FM said we want £500 at least.

AOB PH said he wants monitoring of refuse collection. He suggested he monitor it for next couple of weeks and send email to Lyndon Clifton. CA said and to send it to her too. FM said re Rosebank informal pay area.that she has seen equipment that you can put on such sites. Steps only are covered by council. PE said we need a play worker and not equipment. DH lady said Leeds Met have a group called Playwork who run a course on play work.

Next meeting July 4th 7pm Civic Hall