

St James' & Waterhead Community Council

Date: Monday 9 July 2007

Time: Immediately following the
Waterhead Community Council

Venue: Greenacres Congregational Church
Gallant Street, Greenacres

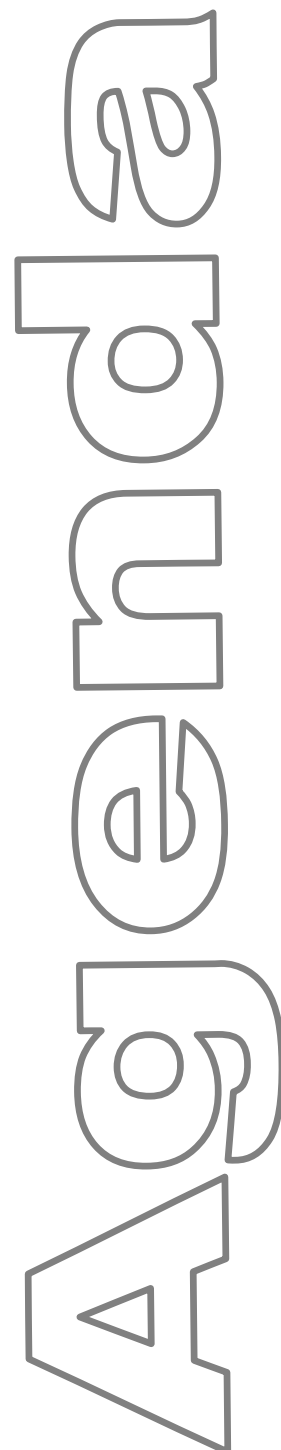
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2. Introduction of Community Councils and Area Action Team
3. To note the Minutes of the East Oldham Area Committee dated
28 March 2007
4. Explanation of the budget and its use
5. Co-optee presentation and selection
6. Brief presentations from Youth Service, Police and Community Safety
and Street Scene
7. Workshop sessions with agencies
8. Public questions
9. Date and time of future meetings:

Wednesday 26 September 2007 at 7pm, Hodge Clough School
Thursday 6 December 2007, venue to be confirmed
Tuesday 18 March 2008 at 7pm, Watersheddings School



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Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Greenacres Congregational Church Galland Street, Greenacres

Present: Councillors: Anchor, Hindle, Knox, McArdle, Thompson
In attendance: Jenny Hollamby, Karen MacDonald
& Mark Reynolds

Apologies: Councillor: Stanton

1. Introduction of Community Councils and Area Action Team

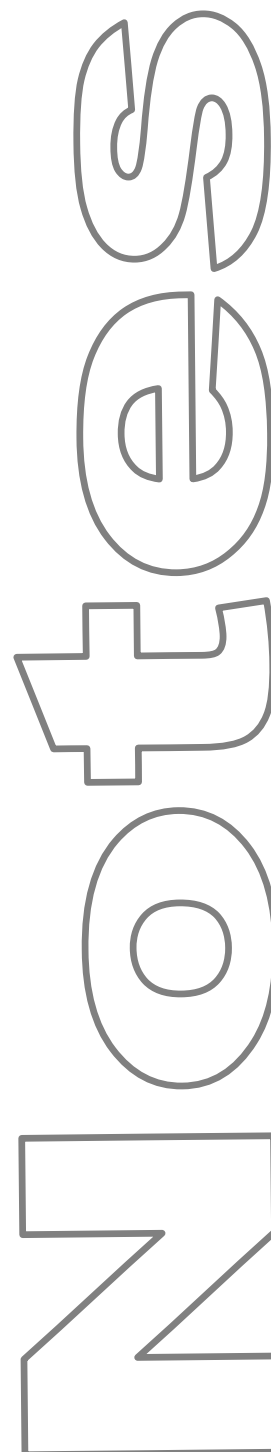
- The Area Manager explained the role and purpose of the Community Council. She explained the use of workshops, the Community Council budget, Community Calls for Action, how issues from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Panel could be addressed and how people could manage local facilities.
- It was explained that the Area Action Team had a multi-agency approach to solving problems and issues in the area and was made up from different Agencies, which were in attendance at the meeting.

3. To note the Minutes of the East Oldham Area Committee dated 28 March 2007

- The East Oldham Area Committee Minutes dated 28 March 2007 were brought to the meeting to bring forward and resolve any issues, which people had raised at the meeting. The minutes were noted.

4. Urgent business

- The Community Council discussed the closure of Stu's News and Post Office on Ripponden Road following disturbing newspaper reports.
- The Local Residents Committee of Higher Counthill complained of anti-social youth behaviour in their area since the opening of Counthill Sports Centre. Residents asked for preventative and pro-active action from the Police and suggested dispersal orders, an alcohol free zone and closure of some footpaths. Inspector Clarke welcomed the suggestions and was looking at research to back up a dispersal order by mid July targeting Waterhead Park.



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- Residents expressed their disappointment at the Police response to their reported incidents and informed Inspector Clarke they had a diary of incidents to support their claims. Inspector Clarke agreed to attend the Residents meeting.
- Discussions took place regarding dispersal orders and the Police explained what they were, their use, failure to comply and resources.

4. Explanation of the budget and its use

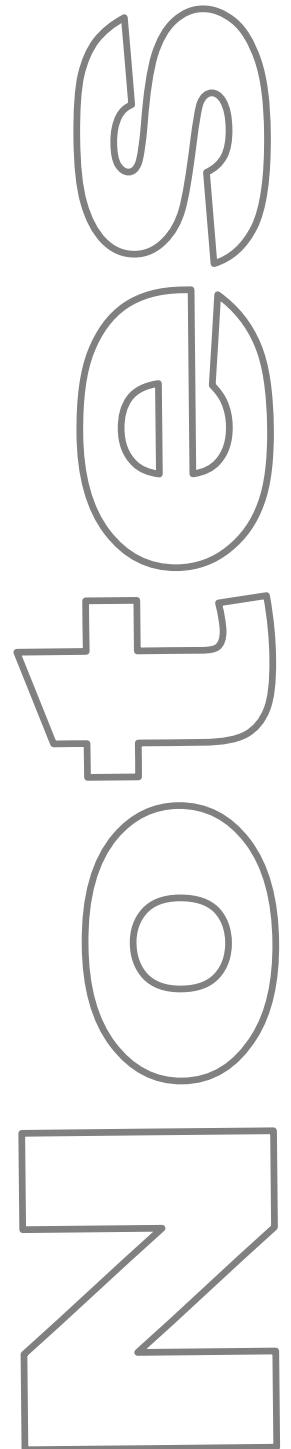
- The Area Manager explained that a £3,000 budget was available per ward totalling £6,000 for the St James' and Waterhead Community Council, which was earmarked for events and marketing. In addition, each Councillor had a budget of £3,000.
- The Area Manager would monitor the budget and suggested that a delegated budget sub-group could be established to consider funding ideas.

5. Co-optee presentation and selection

- A two-minute presentation on why the applicants wanted to be a co-optee was received from:

Patricia Gray
Valerie Smith
Eugenia Alexander
Angela Cosgrove
Kevin Dawson
Stephen Fairbrother
Mohammed Masud
Rob Trueblood
Myra Wyres

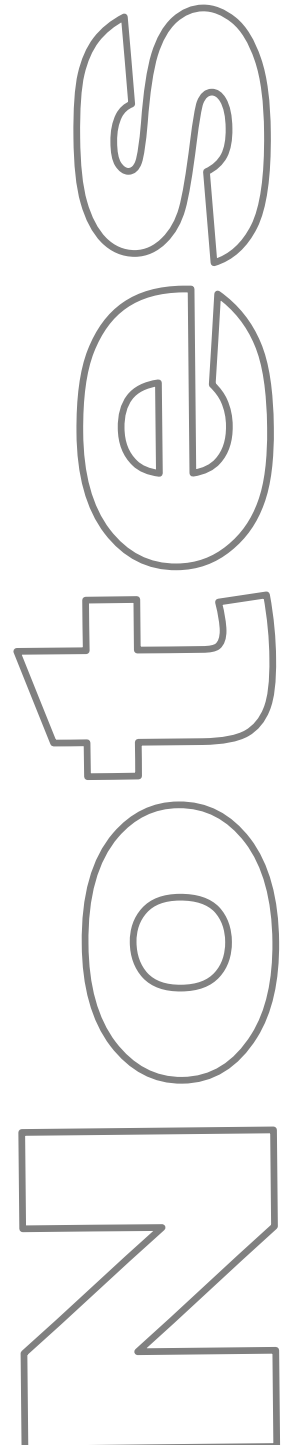
- Following unanimous voting by the Elected Members, each applicant was appointed as a co-optee of the St James' and Waterhead Community Council for the 2007-08 Municipal Year. Each applicant noted that they would be required to sign a Code of Conduct and the Area Manager agreed to post it to them.
- The Area Manager agreed to help members of the public complete the co-optee application form should it prove difficult.



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- A member of the public asked how much time was involved in being a co-optee? The Councillor Hindle explained that there were four meetings of the Community Council per year but co-optees could be asked to be a member of a sub-committee, which would make recommendations to the full Community Council.
- 6. Brief presentations from Youth Service, Police & Community Safety and Street Scene**
- Presentations were received from:

Joanne Bentley – First Choice Homes
Lynda Winrow – Youth Work Manager
Inspector Jonathan Clarke – GM Police
John Norris – Anti-social Behaviour Officer
Will Wills & Paul Griffiths – St Scene
Peter Brierley – Highways and Maintenance
 - Each service provided the Community Council with a short description of the services they offered and how they could help solve problems in the area.
- 7. Workshop sessions with agencies**
- It was noted that the workshop sessions would take place following the meeting, giving attendees the opportunity to directly address the agencies with their concerns.
- 8. Public questions**
- A member of the public raised her concerns regarding a letter a member of her family received regarding Stoneleigh School reducing their staff and mixed aged classes. She asked Councillor Hindle and McArdle how this would work and felt it was a disgrace that the children of the area were loosing out. Councillor Hindle replied that Stoneleigh School had serious budgetary issues and the School felt it was the only way forward. He agreed to raise the issue with the Education Department and report back. A teacher from Hodge Clough School supported the move towards mixed classes whereas others felt the poor education and drop in standards was due to the regeneration of the area.
 - A member of the public asked how the Agenda was agreed. In response the Area Manager explained that members of the community could approach the Champion, Chair or Area Manager with a request to place an item on the Agenda to be addressed by the Community Council. The next meeting would cover further co-optee applications



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and the appointment of a Chair who would be a co-optee and help co-ordinate the Agenda.

9. Date and time of future meetings

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The meeting opened at 7.45pm and closed at 9.00pm.

