

Woodthorpe York Community Group (WYCG) AGM Minutes

Date	01 st March 2016
Time	7-9pm
Place	The Dick Turpin Inn, Moorcroft Road, Woodthorpe, York
Invited	Open public meeting to all interested, emailed invite to all contacts from survey, advertised on WYCG Facebook, website and a poster in the council noticeboard on Moorcroft Road. 1 months' notice.
Present	Sarah Brown, Kevin Baker, Liz Atkinson, Betty Nankivell, Carole Johnson, Michal Czekajlo, Brian Frodsham, Cllr Ann Reid, Bill Nankivell, Nick Preece, Joanne Preece, Michael Cattle, Liza Shaw, Christine and John Dowell, Steven Fenton.
Apologies	Daniel Furby, Lucy Smithies, Sarah Thompson, Ashley Mason

1. Chairpersons report

Kevin Baker (acting chairperson) presented the chairpersons report, which included an introduction to the website and Facebook group and results from the survey that had been available on the website and a paper copy delivered to all homes in the Woodthorpe area.

It was suggested that we standardise the group's name to "Woodthorpe York Community group" as due to Woodthorpe Nottingham appearing on searches etc. the website has been named Woodthorpe York. It would be useful to add a link to the councillors ward page.

Action: KB/SB to update media

Daniel Furby is also creating a twitter account for the group.

The survey results are available in full on a link from the website (www.woodthorpeyork.com). It was agreed at the meeting that the group did not support any derogatory or rude comments that could cause offense, and therefore they should be deleted from the report that is available to the public. **Action: KB to remove any offensive comments from the report.**

Approximately 150 surveys were completed. The results are shown in percentages.

A few of the most popular comments regarding improvements to the area were discussed:

- a) The state of the grounds outside the Moorcroft Road shopping area.

Following a meeting with the Coop estate manager, Cllr Stephen Fenton and Sarah Brown, the Coop facilities team have attended to the area to replace broken bollards, level the concrete flags, trim the trees and unblock the drains. It was suggested that we invite a

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representative from the Coop to a future committee meeting. **Action: To be arranged at the next committee meeting.**

- b) The reputation of the primary school and prevents local parents from using it, although parents that do are very happy and the OFSTED report is good.

The group and the new headmaster are both interested in working together to improve the situation and hopefully encourage local Woodthorpe families to attend. The headmaster cannot attend the evening committee meetings but is in contact with Liza Shaw (committee member). **Action: To be arranged at the next committee meeting.**

- c) The play area and Woodthorpe Green litter and dog fouling.

The council and Woodthorpe Primary school are involved in a 'dog fouling' poster competition which will hopefully appear around the area once a winner has been announced.

The councillors have included in their funding to replace the bin at the end of the green by the play area, and are also looking at stickers to make people aware that bins can be used for both litter and dog bags. Also litter picking sticks and bags will soon be available for volunteers to use in the Coop.

There may be council funding available or lottery grants that we could apply for to update the play area. **Action: Treasurer and Ann Reid to look into possibilities for future funding.**

- d) Shortage of noticeboards around the area to inform residents of events in the area.

The councillors have arranged to install an extra noticeboard at the end of Girvan close. A key for the board on Moorcroft Road board was issued to the Chairperson of the group. There is also an unused space on the wall of the Dick Turpin facing the Coop; this was used by the previous Woodthorpe residents association. **Action: SB to discuss with the Landlord the possibility of using the board for the community group.**

- e) The lack of a community centre for the area.

The church has a community hall that is available to groups, there are already many groups that use the room, there is a hall booking diary on the church website and the cost is around £13 per hour. Both the hall and the groups may need promoting which is something

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the group could help with. The Moor lane youth centre is usually fully booked on an evening. The pub offers the lounge as a free function room for events / parties.

The interest in activities and events was high, the few discussed were:

- a) The interest in health and fitness clubs – there are government run schemes such as walk for health run by sustrans, and there are council funding opportunities for health benefits, including mental health. The group can look into these schemes in future.
- b) The group are looking to start arranging Theatre trips in the future. A member of the dramatics group at the church has previously arranged such trips and maybe able to help / advice.
- c) There was a lot of interest for a barbecue / picnic / fair on the green. It was highlighted that if we arranged it for the Queen's birthday it would only give us 2 months to arrange which will not be enough to do it well. **Action: agree on a date at next committee meeting.**

2. Treasurers report

Although there is no current acting treasurer Sarah Brown (acting secretary) presented the financial status.

The money is currently held by the friends of Chapmans pond due to the lack of a formal committee for this group.

A grant of £383.00 was awarded to the group to run a Christmas carol event outside of the Moorcroft Rd shops, unfortunately the event was cancelled due to the lack of public liability insurance as the land is privately owned by the Coop. The ward team have agreed that the group can utilise the funding for other requirements, but they must be approved by the ward team prior to spending.

A total of £70 has been spent on printing / advertising and lanterns for the Christmas carol event that we ran outside of the Love to eat café.

A suggestion was given that we could create a '200 club'. It was a scheme that the original Woodthorpe residents association held, whereby 200 volunteers put £1 per month into a prize draw to win £50.

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3. Election of committee

As an impartial member of the meeting Michal Czekajlo, community involvement officer at York Council, coordinated the election of the committee.

The following committee members were elected, via nomination and a second:

Chairperson:	Kevin Baker
Secretary:	Joanne Preece
Treasurer:	Sarah Brown
Committee Member:	Brian Frodsham
Committee Member:	Liza Shaw
Committee Member:	Andy Cuthbert

Due to their absence the following maybe elected as committee members at the next committee meeting:

Daniel Furby

Sarah Thompson

The committee shall meet monthly, in the Dick Turpin Lounge. Date and time to be confirmed but suggested 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm. **Action: SB to confirm with all committee members and the landlord.**

Suggestions were made for future:

- An eye catching poster should be created and put in all available notice boards around the area, including Tesco.
- A photo of each member is put onto the website. **Action: KB/SB to update website.**
- Local PCO's, business people and other group representatives should be invited to meetings