

# Notes from Hyde Park Interim Forum Meeting

## Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014

### 7pm, Cardigan Centre

### Attendance

**Present:** Cllr Walshaw, Howard Eaglestone, Marian Charlton, Jill Settington, Mary Osborne, Amanda Jackson, Adele Beeson, Pravin Dayalji, Dawn Carey Jones, John Davison. **Apologies:** Jenna Riley (Community Planner), Janet Bailey, Mick Jolley, Ian Harker, Sue Buckle, Pav Akhtar, Lydia Blundell, Aaron Christie, Wendy Cook, Faith Bonner, Tanis Belsham-Wray, Shafiq Sheikh, Nathan Clarke, Amit Roy, Mavis Whitbread, George Bradley, Lily Feasby,

### Intro and Update

Cllr Walshaw chaired the meeting and began by saying we needed to discuss two things: October Launch Event; Little Woodhouse Neighbourhood Plan.

For those who hadn't been before he said a little bit about what Neighbourhood Plans are and the stage ours and neighbouring plans are at: NPs about planning, also about community and how we'd like our area to function, including its council services; Headingley, Hyde Park and Little Woodhouse Neighbourhood Areas have all finished their consultation periods and decision about boundaries and designations of all three will be announced by Ian Mackay after meeting of local councillors on 12<sup>th</sup> September.

### Launch Event

**When and Where:** 2<sup>nd</sup> October, in the evening, at Wrangthorn Church Hall if poss, or at Cardigan Centre if not (following discussion about acoustics at various venues including Left Bank).

**What:** Launch Event/Getting Things Done Event. People at event to say what they'd like to see happen in our area and in what places, for example sustainable housing. Different tables

focusing on different things, with people moving from table to table.

**Who:** As many people as possible, including those who don't usually get involved.

**How to promote event:** AJ will promote event amongst students but perhaps too early in term but engagement will be ongoing. LB & AJ are thinking of providing a post for student representation at the Forum and are generally looking at ways of increasing student participation. AJ has discussed having a page about NPs in student literature. Having a stall at Freshers' Fair was discussed but decided against (if not giving things away for free freshers might not be interested at this point!) Publicity of launch event needed – posters (shops, noticeboards, schools and lamp-posts), flyers, FB page, twitter. Postcards would be a good and cost effective way to advertise the NP long term.

DCJ	to organise posters and flyers
DCJ	to check with AC about setting up a FB page
Cllr Walshaw	to set up a twitter account
DCJ	to ask SB if she'd put posters up
AB	to supply details of postcard printer to DCJ
Cllr Walshaw	to contact mosques
Cllr Walshaw	to contact Brudenell Primary School
Cllr Walshaw	to book venue
Jenna Riley	to bring maps, pens etc

**Refreshments:** All that will be needed is tea/coffee/juice, milk and biscuits. There were 70 or 80 people at Headingley's launch.

DCJ/AJ/MC	Sort out refreshments
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### Little Woodhouse

Cllr Walshaw told us that he and Cllr Harper will be meeting members of Little Woodhouse Interim Forum tomorrow (3<sup>rd</sup> Sept) to talk about overlap of proposed boundaries and that the council is trying to keep local centres within one plan, not split between two:

Woodsley Road has shops on both sides; Ian Mackay is of the opinion that Moorland Road is more Little Woodhouse than Hyde Park. There was then discussion about people living in the Moorland Road area who would almost certainly consider themselves to be living in Hyde Park, such as Andy Beresford, Victoria Jaquiss and Amit Roy. There was general agreement that the residential area of the overlap with Little Woodhouse was important to the Hyde Park Plan but the shopping centre less so and that it should definitely not be split and that it's been hard to find a distinctive boundary between the two plans in this area.

Cllr Walshaw asked whether anyone at the meeting would object to merging the Hyde Park Neighbourhood Area with the Little Woodhouse Neighbourhood Area because it's hard to define the natural boundary. Also, LW Area takes in some brown field development sites and CIL money from their development would be available to HP Area as well if there was a merger and there is not much space for development in HP Area – this would bring a certain amount of fairness. CIL decisions are made by Community Committee (formerly known as Area Committee) and 25% has to be spent within the Neighbourhood Area in which the CIL is generated. Also, a merger would mean mosque catchments would not be divided. As things currently stand and inspector could rule that LW people need to vote on Hyde Park Plan and vice-versa.

DCJ said that last year South Headingley and Little Woodhouse had started working on a joint plan but Little Woodhouse decided to go it alone and it was at that point that the idea of the Hyde Park Plan came into being, also, with regards to CIL, one of the reasons for not going in with Headingley was so that any CIL generated in Hyde Park remained in Hyde Park. It seems unfair on Little Woodhouse for CIL generated in their area to be spent in a different area.

HE said that we should be considering imaginative development of our area – not building from scratch on brownfield sites we don't have, but refurbishing existing and marketing it as a "walk to work" area; in terms of our future as a NP we can build here, but not new-build, re-build.

The general feeling of the meeting was: combining plans would be good though there would be problems to iron out; a central point of HP Plan was HP identity and it would be important for both areas to keep and promote their individual identities; the two areas do have a lot of similarities. With so many people not at the meeting we realised we couldn't make a decision but agreed it was OK for Cllr Walshaw to ask LW what they thought of his idea.

Agreement to carry on with launch event as already planned and worry about practicalities of joining with Little Woodhouse if it happened.

Discussion about difference between federation and affiliation and that to share ideas and be neighbourly while keeping separate identities had been discussed in the past; that affiliation doesn't work in planning terms; that having a Hyde Park & Little Woodhouse Plan that retained the two names would still keep the two identities and that the most important thing in terms of identity was to be separate from Headingley.

## **Any Other Business**

**Hyde Park Corner:** Cllr Walshaw was asked if the decision about HPC had been made yet. The group was told, yes, but the decision won't be signed off till 12<sup>th</sup> September. There is no way to appeal following the decision - there can be further discussion.

**Woodhouse:** Cllr Walshaw was asked if Woodhouse was putting a Plan together. he said that there isn't a community group there and so it hasn't been possible to kickstart a plan. There was discussion about it being a distinct community in the same way as Hyde Park and Little Woodhouse are; that it has been harmed by studentification and there are now lots of empty properties; that it has a high level of poverty; also a lot of asylum seekers. There was agreement that maybe Woodhouse could join our plan later if people there wanted to.

## **Next Meeting**

Not arranged and not needed before launch – people to communicate via email/phone etc.