

**Winslow Area  
Local Area Forum**

**Minutes from meeting held  
on 4 June 2008 between  
7pm-9pm**

**Present:**

Brenda Jennings	Local Member (Chairman for the meeting)
David Rowlands	Local Member
James Luck	Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue
Gary Williams	Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue
LLew Monger	Winslow Town Council
Gordon Wiseman	Winslow Town Council
Trish Cawte	Winslow Town Council
Ashley Bond	Weedon, AVDC
Andrew Pain	Whitchurch Parish Council
Richard King	Little Horwood Parish Council
David Hedley	Local Area Technician (Transportation)
Mike Trim	Little Horwood Parish Council
Neil Cocks	Mursley Parish Council
John Gilbey	Great Horwood Parish Council
Sylvie Eames	Newton Longville, Parish Council
Steven Goldensmith	Adult Social Care, Bucks CCI
Wendy Taylor	TVP PCSO Winslow area
Richard Maskell	Buckinghamshire Community Action
Louise Goll	Children & Young People's Services, Bucks CC
Freda Ackroyd	GC2C Local Area Co-ordinator
Simon Dudley	Team Leader Area Maintenance North (Transportation)
Ann-Marie Davies	Local Area Co-ordinator (Transportation)
Frank Yabsley	Trading Standards, Bucks CC
Liz Wheaton	Democratic Services, Bucks CC

**Apologies from:**

Tim Fowler	Transportation, Bucks CC
Sir Beville Stanier	Great Horwood, AVDC
Pam Pearce	Newton Longville, AVDC

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Pam Pearce, AVDC Newton Longville, Cllr Sir Breville Stainer, AVDC Great Horwood and Tim Fowler from Transportation at Bucks County Council.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Notes of last meeting held on 27 February 2008</b></p> <p>The notes were reviewed and agreed as a correct record.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda</b></p> <p><b>Transportation Update</b> – Simon Dudley, Local Area Team Leader, explained that an additional £3.25m funding has been made available. Work is due to start in the North of the County in September/October time. Community gangs will work in each area, linked in to what residents have been asking to be done. Simon introduced David Hedley who is the Local Area Technician for the Winslow area.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Home Safety checks</b></p> <p>James Luck and Gary Williams, two retained fire fighters from Winslow Fire station, explained that since 2004 the nature of their role as fire fighters has changed from pure fire fighting to “educating” people, with the aim of preventing house fires at the outset. At Winslow Fire Station, they have a crew of 13 retained fire fighters who have the same equipment as full-time crews (including full cutting gear, rescue pump, 14 gallons of water and GPS on the engine). The crew has just won an award for their work.</p> <p>There was a recent leaflet drop targeted at lower dependency households as they are at a higher risk of fires. Fire fighters will visit people in their own homes and assess the risks (eg. look at whether items have been left on the stairs, overloading sockets and escape routes). Smoke alarms are provided to homes which do not have one and they have a 10 year guarantee (with batteries which can not be taken out).</p> <p>The fire fighters explained that they attend a number of local events, including fetes, schools and libraries to reinforce the messages but it is difficult to cover all areas, especially as they are a retained crew and, therefore, have other commitments.</p> <p>In terms of trying to increase peoples’ general awareness, the fire fighters explained that they recently held a road safety night for young people where they showed them a</p>	<p><b>Please could a supply of the home checks leaflets be available at all the parish meetings.</b></p> <p><b>James Luck and Gary Williams to send copies of leaflets to Parish Clerks.</b></p>

	<p>video of a high speed crash to illustrate the consequences of driving at speed. They also held a “Dr Bike” night where people were encouraged to bring their bike along for a general check to ensure they were safe on the road.</p> <p>There is a department within the Fire Service who deal with people who require specialist equipment (eg. those who are deaf or blind). Families are encouraged to work out a fire escape plan so that they would know what to do in an emergency. Winslow Town Council may organise a fire awareness event in the Public Hall.</p> <p>Drill night is every Thursday between 7.30-9.30pm at Winslow Fire Station and the contact number is <b>01296 712101</b>.</p> <p>The chairman thanked them for their presentation and congratulated them on their recent award.</p> <p>Future agenda item – young drivers.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Police issues</b></p> <p>Wendy Taylor, PCSO for the Winslow area, explained that Winslow Town Council has agreed to proceed with a designated area surrounding the town so that the Police can take alcohol away from anyone drinking within that zone. They will now go through a period of consultation.</p> <p>Wendy also explained that they are going into schools to try and “teach” young people how to be good citizens and how their actions can affect others.</p> <p>At a recent Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meeting they agreed the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speeding</li> <li>• Anti-social behaviour</li> <li>• Farm Theft (re-energising Country Watch).</li> </ul> <p>There was a discussion surrounding people parking too close to school gates and what could be done to demonstrate the consequences of parking on yellow lines or obstructing the school gates. Wendy explained that she would like to organise a photo shoot showing a fire engine unable to get to a school on fire due to cars obstructing the entrance. It was agreed that this would create a powerful image and strong message for people and, therefore, worth pursuing.</p> <p>The chairman thanked Wendy for her presentation.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Adult Social Care</b></p> <p>Steven Goldensmith, Community Development worker for</p>	

	<p>Bucks County Council, outlined his 3 main areas of responsibility.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There will be 19 GC2C representatives (one for each local area) and they will attend the local area forums to deliver short presentations on what adult social care does and to ask for feedback for the local areas. They will also provide a vital link between adult social care and the local community.</li> <li>b. Setting-up social care surgeries in the local community to provide help and guidance.</li> <li>c. Devising programmes to link communities and adult social care services. The aim is to raise awareness of the services provided by adult social care through its links with local communities to ensure people know where to go to for the support and services they need.</li> </ol> <p>Steven reported that to date there have been 24 referrals to adult social care which highlighted the need for people to know what the service can offer and who they needed to speak to. He also explained that there is an “in-touch” service which provides support to people over the telephone. They now have 4,000 signed up to the service which only started a year ago.</p> <p>The chairman thanked Steven for his presentation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The date of the Winslow social care surgery is 27 June 2008.</b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Rural transport</b></p> <p>Richard Maskell, Transport Officer for Bucks Community Action, provided an update on the main aims and objectives of the Buckinghamshire &amp; Rural Transport Partnership.</p> <p>These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enhance rural transport services</li> <li>• To reduce social exclusion</li> <li>• To secure long-term improvement with the accessibility to jobs, service and leisure</li> <li>• To develop a series of projects in line with the Local Transport Plan.</li> </ul> <p>Richard explained that it costs £600,000 to run the “Dial a Ride” transport scheme of which £450,000 has been funded by a Lottery grant. He also explained that there is a taxi/bus which can carry up to 8 people and can be used as either a taxi or a bus. There is also a scheme in place to help young people to get out and about whereby they have the loan of a moped for 6 months to allow them time to find the money to pay for the moped. There is a youth bus which can be hired to take young people out for day trips. It has proved very successful and the vehicles were out every day last half term.</p>	

<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>“No Door Step Selling Zones”</b></p> <p>Frank Yabsley reported that there has been a pilot study in Cambridgeshire where a neighbourhood put “No door step selling” signs in their street and there was a noticeable decrease in the number of burglaries in that area as a result. Luton also took-on the scheme and they linked it to neighbourhood watch.</p> <p>Frank explained that the request to put signs up in an area comes from the residents rather than the Council imposing it. Residents must seek permission from their parish council before putting the signs up. There is no limit on the size of the “zone” although the ideal size would be one sign per street. Frank said you can have as many signs as you want.</p> <p><b>For further information, contact Trading Standards on 0845 4040506.</b></p>	<p><b>Frank Yabsley to send a copy of the email newsletter to attach to the minutes.</b></p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Dates and venues of future meetings</b></p> <p>The dates and venues for the remaining meetings in 2008 have yet to be agreed.</p> <p>Suggested date for the next meeting – <b>Tuesday 16 September at 7.30pm at the Winslow Centre</b></p>	<p><b>Please advise Liz Wheaton by Tuesday 22 July if there are any clashes (ewheaton@buckscc.gov.uk)</b></p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>East/West rail will be on the agenda for the September meeting as there should be an update available by then.</p>	