

LAKES NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Summary of meeting held on 16 January 2008 in the Kelsick Centre

County Councillor Brian Barton introduced himself, welcomed everyone to the Forum, and took apologies.

FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND UPDATES ON LOCAL PROJECTS

Town Centre Manager - Paul Holdsworth reported on:

- A **grants scheme** available for local businesses. Up to 50% of the cost of a new shop front can be granted. Paul added that this scheme finishes this financial year.
- **Community information** – Paul mentioned a Windermere area community newsletter 'The Hub' – a publication which is full of lots of local information; stories and updates. Paul is looking into producing a similar publication for the Lakes.
- **The Ambleside & Waterhead Masterplan** – a feasibility study has been undertaken and a steering group set up.

For more details, call Paul on 015394 40020.

Chapel Stile – Debbie reported that there had been problems with people putting inappropriate items on the bonfire and also some suspected commercial tipping. Debbie added that the rumours about the bonfire being banned were unfounded.

Clive Wickham – National Park Authority

Clive reported that Cumbria County Council is leading on the Lake District's bid to become a World Heritage Site. Roadshows will be held on 11 April 2008 in Ambleside and on 10 May in Grasmere.

Clive also reported that the Local Development Framework is putting together new planning policies which will be going out for public consultation in the Spring.

A meeting about the upkeep of paths – 'Fix the Fells' will be held on 1 March at the Old Dungeon Ghyll.

Clive added that Steve Gaskell and other south Lakeland rangers are moving from Brockhole to the National Park's main offices at Murley Moss, Kendal.

For more details, call Clive on 01539 724555.

Blocked drains – entrance to Miller Field Car Park

Councillor Barton explained that the problem is in hand - he has contacted the District Council's Environment Officer and Brian will also look into getting help from the County Council to resolve this.

Police update - Constable Paul Burke and PCSO Laura Jackson reported on a new 'Headcam' which is a small camera attached to the officer's headgear which records everything the officer sees and also stores the information onto a hard disk recorder. This is mainly used in instances of anti-social behaviour; and can also act as a deterrent.

There is one unit used in Windermere/Ambleside, but the Police are hoping to obtain more.

Ambleside Campus Community Liaison Group update

Cllr Barton reported that it would be good to foster links with the university and the local community. Anyone wishing to join this group should contact Alison Otto (Chief Assistant to the Principal), Tel. 015394 30300.

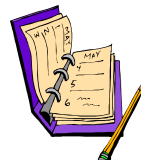
Ambleside Climate Change Group – on agenda for the Forum on 17 March.

Jam and Jerusalem

Gillian Price gave a brief history of the Women's Institute organisation which has been in existence for over 90 years. It is the largest voluntary organisation for women in England – there are 7,000 W.I. groups in England; 81 of those being in Cumbria. Gillian explained that the groups hold debates; have consultative panels to discuss resolutions put forward, but most importantly fun and friendship will always be at the heart of the W.I.!

The president of Ambleside W.I. explained that their group meet on the first Tuesday of each month – they have a walking group on a Monday, and lots of trips out, including lunches out once a month – she added that the Ambleside group seem to have a great liking of food!

Rydal W.I. meet on the second Tuesday of each month, and they often join together with the Ambleside group.



DIARY DATE

The next Lakes Neighbourhood Forum will be held on St Patrick's Day, Monday 17th March 2008, 7.30pm at Grasmere Village Hall

LAKES CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Roger Aitken who manages Barnardos in South Lakeland explained that there are going to be significant changes in how Cumbria County Council work with their partners to deliver the 'Every Child Matters' initiative. Children's Centres are being set up across the county. The aim is to offer better local access to services for children and their families when they need them. Some are already open in Cumbria and others are being set up. Roger explained that there will be six in South Lakeland, and Barnardos will be managing three of them (including Ambleside). The Lakes Children's Centre area will cover a vast area (from Ambleside down to Penny Bridge) and will be developed to provide services for pre-birth to the age of 19. In reply to a question Roger said the Children's Centre is not a building – it is government terminology to describe all services coming together in a more effective way to provide the best services for children. A number of different locations will be used.

Regarding children who need accommodation Roger said that Barnados will be working very closely with the providers who arrange accommodation.

For more details, call Roger on 015394 43500.

AMBLESIDE HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING SITE

Dr Francis Obale Ebanga from Cumbria County Council explained the proposals for improving the site at Ambleside.

There are plans for an improved new entrance to the site, and the internal road will have two lanes to reduce waiting time. The exit point will remain the same.

Items that can be recycled at Ambleside include washers/cookers/ fridges/freezers etc. Fluorescent tubes can also be taken there – all these items are then taken to an Approved Treatment Facility.

Francis thanked the residents of Ambleside for their continued recycling efforts.

GRANT APPLICATION

The following grant was awarded:

Langdale Village Hall - £800

Towards the cost of new blinds for the hall

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



15/16 March –
Ambleside Daffodil
and Spring Flower
Show:
12 noon – 5pm, Sat.
10am-4.30pm Sun.
at the Kelsick Centre,
Ambleside.

The Grasmere Players will be putting on a performance of 'Dangerous Obsession' on the 14, 15 & 16 February at 8.00pm in Grasmere Village Hall.

Debbie reported that the County Council's 'Climate Change Strategy' is on the website –

www.cumbria.gov.uk/consultation/climatechange

– Debbie also has copies.

The issue of light pollution was raised. Susannah Bleakley from Morecambe Bay Partnership had forwarded some information about the value of dark, star filled nights. It mentioned the need to look at how outside lighting contributes to light pollution.

For more details call Debbie Binch on 01539 773180.

