

**N1 London Borough of Waltham Forest
Community Council Meeting Evaluation Form 28.1.08**

How often have you attended Community Council meetings?

This is my first meeting	21% (4)	I have been a few times	42% (8)
I have attended once before	5% (1)	I have been to most meetings	32% (6)

Was the venue suitable?

Yes 79% (15) No 11% (2)

If no, please explain why the venue was unsuitable

Difficulties hearing the discussion groups, but good idea.
The venue was ok for forum, but unsuitable for table discussions. Far too much background noise.

Tell us why you attended the meeting this evening? Please tick all options that apply.

To raise an issue / ask a question	21% (4)	To meet other local residents	21% (4)
To meet your local councillors	11% (2)	To help improve your local area	58% (11)
To see a particular presentation	42% (8)	General interest	68% (13)
To meet your local police officers	5% (1)	To find out what is going on in your local area	79% (15)
To vote on spend options	16% (3)	Other	11% (2)

Were the written agenda and papers easy to read?

Yes 84% (16) No 0% (-)

If no, please give suggestions for improvement

Not sure if I received all the papers?

How satisfied were you with the responses to comments brought forward from the last meeting?

Very satisfied	16% (3)	Dissatisfied	11% (2)
Satisfied	37% (7)	Very dissatisfied	21% (4)

Suggestions for improvement..

My first meeting.
Minutes were censored! It is vital all issues are minuted as bullet points – detailed discussions need not be minuted. People/officer not attending need to know the issues that were raised.
Accurate minutes, good chairing
Cllr Reardon was not allowed to address the issues!
Answer points that I raised.
Unfortunately, rather "political" and evasive replies by a council officer.
Answers in some cases avoided the issues - I've noticed this before. Also I do not accept a council officer saying all issues are closed when questions have not even been addressed, let alone answered (ref: D. Fenwick's response re. Lorna Lee promotion).
Still getting bogged down on on-going issues (library, Ms Lee, etc). Need to be raised but briefly - not place for detailed arguments.
N/A did not attend last meeting.
Did not attend last meeting.

How satisfied were you with the presentation(s) this evening?

Very satisfied	26% (5)	Dissatisfied	0%
Satisfied	68% (13)	Very dissatisfied	0%

If dissatisfied, please give reasons

More Cliché ridden, patronising, platitudes. Over egotistical chair. His money should be shared with helpful council facilitators.

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about Community Councils?

	Agree	Partially agree	Disagree
They improve the communication link between yourself and the council	79% (15)	16% (3)	5% (1)
They inform you of local issues	74% (14)	21% (4)	0%
They enable you to raise local issues during the community forum	63% (12)	21% (4)	5% (1)

How satisfied are you with your Community Council?

Very satisfied	16% (3)	Dissatisfied	11% (2)
Satisfied	63% (12)	Very dissatisfied	5% (1)

If dissatisfied, please give reasons

Care needs to be taken that issues that the council is uncomfortable with are pushed into the long grass. Residents need to control the Agenda and votes like tonight's one on the council's recruitment procedure are healthy and to be encouraged even if those in power in the Town Hall don't like it! This is really democracy.

Awkward questions are avoided. Not enough time for community to speak. Most importantly they are an inadequate excuse for local democracy.

They are poorly attended. The ethnic groups who live in the area are poorly represented. I wonder what efforts are made to interest all groups.

Are you likely to attend a future Community Council meeting?

Yes	95% (18)	No	0%
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If no, please tell us why?

0%

How did you find out about this meeting?

Leaflet dropped through your door	11% (2)	Poster on council notice board	11% (2)
Advertisement in local newspaper	5% (1)	WFM (council magazine)	26% (5)
Letter and agenda posted	32% (6)	Email	21% (4)
Council web site	0% (0)	Word of mouth	11% (2)

EQUALITIES MONITORING INFORMATION

White

British	68% (13)	Irish	5% (1)
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Do you consider yourself to have a disability as defined in the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. The Act defines disability as: "a physical or mental impairment which has substantial and long term effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities".

Yes	42% (8)	No	16% (3)
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If 'YES' please identify which type of disability from the options below

Hearing disability	5% (1)	Physical disability	11% (2)
Learning disability	5% (1)	Visual disability	0% (0)

Do you have a mental health issue or are you a user of mental health services?

Yes	16% (3)	No	37% (7)
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Are you ? Please tick one box

Female	26% (5)	Male	47% (9)
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To which one of the following age groups do you belong?

18 - 24.....	0%	55 - 64	16% (3)
25 - 34.....	0%	65 - 74.....	32% (6)
35 - 44.....	16% (3)	75+.....	0%
45 - 54.....	16% (3)		

What is your religion?

Christian	53% (10)	None	32%
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Q24 What is your sexual orientation?

<i>Bisexual</i>	0%	<i>Lesbian</i>	0%
<i>Gay man</i>	0%	<i>Prefer not to say</i>	5% (1)
<i>Heterosexual</i>	53% (10)		