

## MEETING OF GARFORTH TRADERS ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY MAY 28<sup>th</sup> @ CIELO COFFEE SHOP

**PRESENT:** Christine Thom, Kevin Pease, Linda Castle, Peter Mudge Jane Anne Parsons, Robert Turner, Karen Best

**Speakers: - PCSO Graham Reeves and Sean Walker BACIL**

**APOLOGIES:** Anne Colly Joan Broughton Lesley Pepper

### **1. INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES**

All of the above plus Sean Walker Graham Reece (BACIL &Police)

### **2. BACIL Business Against Crime In Leeds [www.bacil.org](http://www.bacil.org) and leaflets available**

BACIL was introduced in 2006 re launched 2011 with 325 paying members and 379 radios in Leeds city centre. For £10 a week the whole of Garforth Main Street can join. More money would be needed for the radio. If we join we get the use of a data base of all known criminals including photographs with the help of the transport police BACIL get to know the movements of suspected shop lifters. If they are seen on a train coming to Garforth they can be met at the station and put back on another train home. The radio system in Pontefract had a dedicated PCSO on call unfortunately we are unable to have that luxury. We could join and use our phones but radios will contact everyone at the same time. CT asked KP if he would look into it further. JAP asked if Sainsbury's or the CO-OP being the people hardest hit could be asked to pay the £10 a month .KP said we don't want to catch them we want to stop them

### **3. POINTS FROM LAST MEETING 5.LETTER TO KUC AND IDEAS THAT CAME FROM THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

How can we benefit from a new supermarket and the 106 funding. funding goes direct to LCC and we request money from them PM and CT drafted a letter (for us to see soon on the Traders face book page) to be sent to David Jones (planner?) and KUC . PM suggested asking David Jones to make a note on any planning permission given for the supermarket Ideas from the extraordinary meeting included seasonal promotion . Santas Grotto if the garden centre is closing down. Christmas trees and lights on all shops . Covered area for markets A projector / DVD cinema for cinema nights in the welfare hall performance area/band stand Marketing and news letters to entice people and new business in to Main Street. Look on council website for the Grande depart flag/bunting pack

### **4. TOWN TEAM /TOWN TEAM ROLES TO BE DECIDED**

Need more people to attend meetings Speak to AC about taking minutes as JAP unable to attend again till September. KP to print out the minutes and people are needed to hand the minutes to shops

### **6 WORLD CUP FLAGS**

The idea for flags to brighten up main street was suggested at an earlier meeting . 32 teams play so if we have a draw for the flags and shop keepers pay £5 for a flag there once the flags have been paid for there will be a nice cash prize for the shop with the winning flag

### **7.GARFORTH ARTS FESTIVAL –WHAT WERE GOING TO DO**

Bands on Main Street Saturday morning? School bands on street on an afternoon before party in the playground as that is the last day CT to email Dave Evans/Judith Hunt

### **8. AOB**

PM spoke about the light night in Leeds and if we were interested in doing something similar would mean opening late and finding an interesting building to light up. JAP reminded people about the Garforth Forum drop in event on Saturday morning. Parking in Main Street signs should be changed when pavements renewed at top of the street latest date for the work June 1<sup>st</sup>. Council waiting to hear from land owner from top of Main Street regarding new car park

### **9 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

June 24<sup>th</sup> venue to be decided the library or The Bird in Hand

