

Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum
Eric Atkinson Centre, Wellington Gardens. Bramley, Leeds

Date: Thursday 27th November 2008

Present: (21 including) S McBarron, P Miles, Insp Bownass, CO Carroll, E+B Rayworth, A Silson, S Withers, K+ B Doughton, S Longley, T + D Maynard, C Way, P Farrar, S Fothergill, Joan Lockett, Cllr Hanley, Cllr Taggart, A Jones, G Forster, A Iqbal

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1.00 WELCOME

1.01 **APOLOGIES** – Mr Lockett, Cllr Atkinson, M Tyson, M Pryce, J Upton
All of our thoughts again go to Cllr Atkinson who is unfortunately ill, we hope to see her fit and well at the next meeting.

2.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – agreed.
Cllr Hanley and G Forster were missed off the attendees

3.00 Matters Arising –

3.01 Bramley Park – Guy Smithson update email - We have removed the loose barbed wire which the gentleman requested at the meeting. We have a new Head Gardener in place. We have now half mooned the footpaths on the main drive down to the rose garden. Unfortunately we do not have the funds to buy any benches or bins in this financial year. I have actually counted the litter bins on site and there are 7 in total, there are 7 dog bins and 15 Park benches. I hope this helps.

3.02 Thanks to Cllr Hanley from resident for his prompt response to concerns over Swinnow Lane and its condition.

4.00 Fuelsavers – Alan Jones (moved forward on the agenda)

4.01 Our team:

- Is able to provide impartial information on home energy efficiency due to our status as an independent, not for profit organisation
- Have a good knowledge of your area and understand the local housing stock, for example, we can help you find out whether or not your house has cavity walls
- Can advise you on any grants and offers that may be available to help towards the costs of installing measures
- Have experience of helping people like you take effective energy saving actions from the start of the process to the end
- 1 in 4 people in Leeds can't afford to heat their homes.

We want to improve energy efficiency in Leeds homes; but there is a lot that residents can do to help themselves

For further information please call **0800 512 012**

- Fuelsavers work with Warm front and act as a broker between the public

and the agency.

- If anyone is interested please call the number or email fuelsavers@leeds.gov.uk for further information

4.00 Policing Issues – Police / PCSOs – Insp. Bownass, CO Carroll

4.01 Apologies from Chief Superintendent Ian Whitehouse who is obviously involved in the planning process for the arrival of the cabinet to Leeds. But he will hopefully be available to come to a future meeting.

4.02 Speeding – Officers from the traffic division were unable to attend this meeting but will hopefully be able to attend soon.

4.03 Ring of steel – this initiative works cross border in to Bradford, Kirkless and other districts to focus on coordinating staff to maximise the impact on issues that effect more than one force. For example some of the burglaries in west Leeds have been traced to Bradford. This initiative will hopefully have a dramatic impact on this type of crime. Specially trained officers have been made available to support the scheme so hopefully an effect will be seen soon.

4.04 Police pledge - to tie in with the visit of the cabinet to Leeds, West Yorkshire police will be announcing their Policing pledge

(<http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/section-item.asp?sid=12&iid=6189>)

This will outline the strategy for future working.

4.05 The Capture house which was in Armley has moved to Bramley, hopefully the success seen in its last location will be the same when it is up and running. The capture car + cycle will be in NW this month but returning again next month.

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- The teams are out working hard, the new shift patterns are slowly getting sorted so hopefully everyone has met their local team. If not get on the website to see who covers your area:

<http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/npt/Division.asp?id=11>

- www.beatcime.info

- Request from the floor to attend the next Moorside TARA meeting
- Currently developing an email list of community members to send out information to promote good working practices.
- Each PC and PCSO will be getting a Blackberry (mobile phone) the numbers will all be available on the website so the community can contact then directly.
- If anyone is interested in a neighbourhood watch group please contact your local police officer and the scheme can be initiated.
- On the whole crime in west Leeds is going down
- 2 very successful arrests in the last couple of weeks with addition to another 35 crimes in the area.
- SW thanked the police for their work in finding a elderly gentleman who had gone missing. He was returned home safe and sound.
- If you don't have computer access at home you can access the internet at the local library or at the Bramley housing office
- **Please make sure that you report all crimes to the police to allow them to react**

4.07 New text service – 078950080240 start text with NPTWI

<http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/section-item.asp?sid=12&iid=5280>

5.00 Highways – Chris Way, Traffic Management West – Bramley Officer

5.01 Currently 3 schemes underway at the moment:

- Hough Lane – near the school
- Intake Lane – near the school
- 20mph zone – Broadleas and Landseers

Looking into a number of other projects put forward from the floor.

- Whitecote Primary School – already investigating a TRO for limited parking to ease on street parking at certain times. The question was asked about permit parking on the street but this is a difficult time to implement such an activity as a resident’s parking permit policy is being finalised; in addition there may be a charge levied for parking permits in the future.
 - Ganners Grove was highlighted as an issue as people not from the area are parking there all day causing problems to the residents. This is a difficult issue as Ganners Grove is adopted highway rather than private.
 - Cars as a result of the small car park at the railway station are using Elder road and causing problems
 - Could further parking be found?
 - Could something be done as part of the Rail review that is currently being worked on? (Cllr Taggart to investigate)
 - GF to look at waste land that could be looked at to create a new car park.
- 5.02
- Zebra crossing at the Globe Pub
 - The crossing is very much needed but its current location is not working, in the past there has been a serious accident there.
 - A pelican crossing would be safer
 - Chris to look at the location of the crossings and investigate any potential to convert to pelican.
 - The one at Vets for Pets on Town Street is also in need of investigation
- 5.03
- Cllr Hanley –
 - Can a 20mph zone be looked at for the Fairfields and Westovers?
 - Bramley was promised a ‘Box Junction’ at the cross roads of Hough lane and Bramley Town Street, Chris to investigate
 - Broadleas traffic calming, lots of questions but all been dealt with by Highways.
 - Issues raised over the actual delivery of the letters as some people got the wrong ones. Issue to be investigated
 - Some concerns raised around some specific streets, Chris confirmed that these are only outline plans and they will change in light of the consultation so if anyone has any concerns please raise them and the plans can be changed accordingly
 - Pollard Lane – can the group have an update on what is happening with the scheme as there is a worry that the houses will all be filled but the road improvements will not be in place. Hopefully an update can be given at the next meeting.
- 5.04
- Cllr Taggart –
 - The local ward Councillors are committed to supporting the communities views
 - Final schemes will take in to account suggestions
 - No road markings in the Ganners? CW to look in to it
 - Leeds and Bradford road no 30 signs on entering any of the estates?
 - Crossing on L/B road near Bramley Fall Woods park to be investigated
 - Cllr Hanley gave an overview of the Pollard lane scheme
- 5.05
- Chris Way’s details: Tel. 0113 395 1392
 - email christopher.way@leeds.gov.uk
 - Traffic Management West, City Development, Selectapost 6, Ring Road Middleton, LS10 4AX

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- Cllr Taggert
- Rail Review – concerns raised over loss of a train from Bramley.
- Discussion on leads to Shipley line
- Promotion of the over 60’s free buses round the uk -

If you are aged 60 or over, the English National Concessionary Pass entitles you to free, off-peak local bus travel throughout England after 9.30am on Mondays to Fridays and all day at weekend and bank holidays.

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How to apply

You can apply for a Pass at any Post Office in West Yorkshire or at any Bus Station Travel Centre. Remember to take with you:

- a recent, full-face, colour, passport-size photograph,
- proof of your identity (like a birth certificate, passport or driving licence)
- proof of residency (such as a council tax bill, bank statement or recent utility bill)

You can apply up to three weeks before your 60th birthday.

You must go along in person. Possession of an old Pass is not proof for a new Pass, you must bring your documents with you.

- Access bus info -

You can find more information about the AccessBus on [Metro's](#) website or contact the AccessBus enquiry line on 0113 348 1903.

AccessBus
Wellington House
40/50 Wellington Street
Leeds
LS1 2DE

6.02 Cllr Hanley –

- The cabinet are in Leeds on Friday
- Financial crisis – very serious at the moment but we do have support
- Need to take stock of finances
- Promotion of fuelsavers
- 2.5% VAT will help
- The government want to help people in need

6.03 Merry Christmas to everyone

7.00 Dates of meetings in 2008 - 29th January 2009
26th March 2009
28th May 2009