

Armley Community Forum
Date: 17th February 2009

Present:

Cllr Harper(Chair), Cllr A Lowe, Cllr McKenna, A Pickering, A Paul, E Bowes, H & D Boutle, H Shields, C Way, M Stead, B & K Draper, J Grainger, R & M E Bruce, A Willis, J K & J P Newsome, W Gregg, D Maynard, T Maynard, J gill, J Ramell, J Ford, H Gardiner, I Penman, B & M Guthrie, P Kempster, K Lemm, D Peck, B Holmes, S Hellewell, R Edwards, J Hopkins, G Litherland & M Litherland.

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1.00	Welcome	
1.01	Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting	
2.00	Apologies	
2.01	P Ellis, D Newsome, E Rayworth, & B Nelson.	
3.00	Minutes of the last meeting	
3.01	The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record, with an amendment to 4.01.	
4.00	Matters arising	
4.01	Councillor Harper noted that the first meeting of the West Leeds Gateway Stakeholder Advisory Group had taken place and was well attended. At the first meeting a presentation was given to provide the context for the physical and social and economic improvements in the West Leeds Gateway area and enabled partners to make contributions on the draft priorities. Armley Forum was represented at this meeting.	
5.00	Community Safety Update and Tension Monitoring – Local Policing Team	
5.01	<p>Inspector Bownass attended the meeting and gave an update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Police Pledge, PACT (Police and Communities Together) –The Pledge will be used across the division to build on strong partnerships between the police and the local community. The nationally agreed Policing Pledge sets out in clear terms the minimum standards of service people can expect from West Yorkshire Police. And every Neighbourhood Policing Team across the Force will be adding three pledges specific to their patch. A poster was distributed about forthcoming PACT meetings, at these meetings residents will identify three priorities which they would like the Neighbourhood Policing Team to concentrate on. The team will report daily about progress towards these priorities via the Force's NPT website and email. Councillors requested information on the PACT meetings covering the Wythers area. Work in the Aviaries has been undertaken, tackling issues relating to drugs. Disposal Order in the Cedars area – A Disposal Order is being sought for the Cedar area, the final approval is being sought from Safer Leeds. Notices will then be advertised in the local press. Mounted officers and operational support officers trained in disposal orders will be operating in the area to launch the dispersal order. 	Police
6.00	Planning Update	
6.01	Sarah Hellewell, Planning, attended the meeting and reported that planning applications are down at the moment.	
6.02	With regard to 2 Branch Road, LCC have issued three enforcement notices.	
6.03	There is a new number for planning, the local number for Armley is: 2224409.	

6.04	A query was raised regarding Roscoe Terrace, as to whether any flats have been built. Sarah Hellewell will investigate and feedback to the forum.	SH
7.00	Jobs and Skills	
7.01	<p>Jane Hopkins attended the meeting from Jobs and Skills Service, Leeds City Council, who work with partners to provide learning, training and employment opportunities to people city wide.</p> <p>JH informed Armley Forum members that Job Shops are located across Armley, in Armley One Stop Centre, Strawberry Lane community centre and New Wortley community centre, with a further one planned for the Wyther House. They provide support to people who find it difficult to access training and employment. The number to contact to access this service is: 2633333.</p> <p>They work with those people 18 plus out of work, providing information, advice, support to get back into work, for example what jobs are available, help with applications and interview skills, skills, and opportunities for learning. They also offer services to support people with mental health issues, physical disabilities and offenders leaving the prison, to get back into work.</p> <p>Councillor McKenna noted the need to improve the outputs for young people particularly in the area of apprenticeships.</p> <p>Councillor Harper raised the need to encourage volunteering as a good way of getting people back into work.</p>	
8.00	Canal Clearance Volunteers	
	<p>Alison Pickering, Area Management Team circulated posters publicising a canal tidy up, which is taking place on the 10/11/12th March along the Leeds Liverpool Canal. The canal tidy up is being organised by BTCV, a conservation charity.</p> <p>Alison Pickering urged anyone interested in volunteering to help with the tidy up to call: 2742335, and go to Hollybush on the morning of the days for 9.30am (Broadlane, Kirkstall, LS5 3BP). If people can't come for the whole day, they can meet BTCV along the canal throughout the day. They will be the ones with the big green tabards on. They are looking for as many volunteers as possible, from young people aged 16 and over upwards.</p>	
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9.01	<p>A number of Highways queries were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One resident raised a suggestion relating to the design of A647 HOV Lane, the Highways officer present agreed to pass this on. • Issues were raised relating to Tong Road, including speeding cars; this has caused significant damage to parked cars a number of times. Highways have been looking into this, and ways in which to resolve the issues. To be updated on at the next meeting. • A further issue was raised relating to Tong Road and the state of the pavements, Councillor Lowe is going to look into this. • A number of residents raised issues regarding the lack of gritting on the pavements. Councillor Harper said that she had asked Highways to grit some areas around older peoples housing in Armley where it was bad. As a rule Highways do not grit public footpaths. • A resident raised issues relating to the A647 road, near Greenhill Road, in that traffic is always backed up every evening. Chris Way, Highways explained that they are looking into this, and are designing a scheme. Updates will be brought to future 	<p>Highways, CW</p> <p>Highways, CW</p> <p>Cllr Lowe</p> <p>Highways, CW</p>

	<p>meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A survey has been done on Canal Road to consider the need for a crossing. It did not meet the criteria for a crossing; however they are looking into the possibility and resources for something more informal. • Enforcement of the HOV - Local people feel that this isn't being enforced. Councillor Harper will raise this at the next meeting with the Police. 	Cllr Harper
10.00	Date & time of next meeting	
10.01	Tuesday 17th March 2009, 7.00pm, Armley One Stop Centre	