

Pudsey & Swinnow Forum

Date: 21st September 2009

Present: Cllr Jarosz (Chair), John Rider, Denise Rider, Nigel Conder (town centre manager), PCSO Mick Cox, PCSO Kelly Simister, J Stardy, W Adams, T Naughton, M Key, R Bennett, C Stevens, N Carr, M Gregory, B Young, A Prince, Gavin Forster (WNWAMT), Cllr Coulson, C Myers

1.0 Welcome & Apologies

Action

1.1 Cllr Jarosz welcomed everyone to the meeting, Apologies received from Cllr Lewis & J Prince

2.0 Minutes & Matters Arising

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising included:

- Bus station to begin on site at the end of October
- The play area at Swinnow moor is progressing well

3.0 Nigel Conder – Town Centre Manager (TCM)

3.1 Currently there are a few different TCM related schemes running in Pudsey, the main one being the Shop local reward card scheme that works around the premise that for each participating shop in Pudsey you purchase, you get a stamp, once you get 6 stamps you get entered in to a monthly draw for £50 vouchers to be used in Pudsey shops.

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- Currently aware of issues around kids in and around the shops, the police are aware and trying to deal with it.
 - Looking to develop a 'Keep Pudsey tidy campaign'.
 - The teddy bears picnic that was set up in the park was a great success and hopefully the attendance can be mirrored at future events.
 - The market seems to have reduced in the number of attending stall holders, NC and Cllr Coulson are investigating this with LCC markets team.
 - The Christmas celebration event is planned for the 20th November, this will include the lights switch-on, based in the leisure centre car park
 - Nigel is busy trying to increase the footfall of people in to the area through marketing in a wider area.
 - 7 new businesses have been set up in Pudsey in the last 2 months, now only 2-3 empty units

Questions:

- Parking issues raised in light of the changes to the bus station. Nigel and Cllr Coulson confirmed that there would be some changes to the available parking to restrict the amount of people using the local car parks as a cheap way of getting in to Leeds. This will mean that some of the parking in the leisure centre will become shorter stay.
- Church lane is an issue, so need to bring the plans to a future meeting to show that this has been addressed GF
- Bargain City is a major problem in the way that it is pushing the boundary of what is classed as their land. Nigel has investigated it and the issue is being addressed by LCC. Updates at a future meeting. NC
- Nigel confirmed that the majority of the traders own 40cm in front of each of their properties. This mean that there can be some leakage on to the pavement but not to the levels that Bargain City is currently doing. Some of this leakage is a good thing for the area and makes the area feel more vibrant.
- Crawshaw school was highlighted as a major problem with regards to road safety. GF to email LCC Highways about the Problem, also need to contact the school about a potential education project to minimise the risk of accidents. GF
- Currently a scheme running around primary schools to reduce the speed limit down to 20mph, is this same idea being looked at for high schools? GF to investigate GF
- PCSO Cox to look at he potential of patrols and fixed penalty notices for parking infringements around the school at peak times.

3.3 Apparently the moor used to have a football pitch on it but there were a number of complaints from local residents and the goal ends were removed. Phil confirmed that the consultations suggest that a mini soccer pitch would be a good idea.

4.0 Pudsey Parking Strategy – Tim Dixon

4.1 Unfortunately Tim was unable to attend the meeting so the information he was going to hand out will be posted out to all on the mailing list in the interim before the next meeting.

5.0 Crime and Community Safety Update – PCSO's Cox & Simister

5.1 In the past month the crime figures are as follows:

- 9 damage to motor vehicles, 7 linked and 1 person was arrested for it along with assault
- 9 criminal damage – the Pudsey area is very large and this figure is relatively low. 2 people were arrested .
- Arson – 2 street bins, couple of names but no arrests
- Burglary – 7 2 sneak ins through open windows and doors. Will reduce when the weather changing. 3 arrests, staff have moved shifts to allow

for full coverage 24hrs, and also going round low key ie with hats but not Hi-vis jackets.

- 8 bogus call attempts. 1 old lady got burgled by using 'can I test our water'. Make sure that if someone comes to your door they show id if you are not sure if legitimate, call the police 999 rather than 0845 60 60 606 as it is a crime in progress.

- 4 sheds have been broken in to but will reduce in the coming months as the weather is changing and no-one wants to buy a lawn-mower in November.

- 7 theft from motor vehicles , 2 of which were unlocked.

- 3 theft of motor vehicles, 2 arrested as were sitting in the vehicle.

5.2 - The black bull is going to re-open, it took 2 years to get it shut, the reapplication has very tight guidelines, no sport, no back door, no music, no live events, no outside drinking, on a thurs, fri & sat security staff have to be present onsite

- The supervisor has to be vetted by the police and confirming the expectations of the future running of the establishment.

- There will be a zero tolerance approach to under 21's, no ID no in.

- looking for it to be a real ale pub not an 'offers' bar.

- it was the first pub in Leeds to be closed down in this way so the process will be much faster than the first time round.

5.3 - Purses are being targeted in the Pudsey centre area. But no one is reporting the crime so it is not showing up as a hotspot and the at this time. Please get the message out as reports need to come in to allow the police to action things.

- currently some issues of thefts from Boots and B&M, the shops are not reporting them either due to small value of each item, Nigel asked if the police could attend the business forum to advise the shops on what should be done to help them.

- kids know that its difficult to prosecute so they try and get away with more and more.

- Dinner times are a problem and PCSO's looking to engage more effectively with the parents to try and minimise the effects at the moment

- The park was raised as a problem due to the way that the kids are damaging the surfacing under the play equipment, CCTV not a direct option due to costings but being looked at as part of the bus station development

- Armley has shop alert boxes, Nigel hoping to get some of these in Pudsey too but the scheme needs to be proven in Armley first

- A resident asked if it was still a legal requirement to have lights on bicycles? PCSO Cox confirmed it is under - Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989

- PACT meetings still ongoing and engaging with a range of communitiy members. Raising issues about cars been broken into for 20p and a big spate of blue disabled drivers passes which can fetch up to £500.

6.0 AOB

6.1 The bin strike is in to its 3rd week and not really any sign of stopping.

6.2 Parking strategy will be discussed by leaflet and responses by post

6.3 Community and city pride awards information was handed out

7.0 Time and Date of Next Meeting

7.1 The next meeting will take place Monday 9th November, 7.30pm at Swinnow Community Centre.

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