

Armley Community Forum

Date: 15th September 2009

Present: Cllr Janet Harper, Sarah Charlton (WNWAMT), H Boutle, E Bowes, W Anderson, A Paul, Simon Clark, B Holmes, D Smith, F Smythe, B & S Richmond, I Penman, C Way, B & M Guthrie, P Kempster, C Bateson, Erik Egan, E & B Rayworth, J Ramell, A Willis, M Bruce, D Stead, M Stead, B & K Draper, Gary Atack, Morgan Pugh, Emma Bearman, Gayle Elvidge, John Battle MP.

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| 1.00 | Welcome | |
| 1.01 | Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting | |
| 2.00 | Apologies | |
| 2.01 | Jean Holdsworth, Bill Gregg, Cllr McKenna. | |
| 3.00 | Minutes of the last meeting | |
| 3.01 | The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record. By way of correction, point 5.06 should have read "alcohol is seized", not "ceased". | |
| 4.00 | Matters arising | |
| 4.01 | Heather Halliwell to provide feedback at the next forum on the drama project that she had secured a place on. | |
| 4.02 | Armley Leisure Centre: Simon Clark to continue attending forums. The old end should be demolished within the next 4 weeks. The wall backing onto the apartments and binyard will be taken down by hand to avoid damage. The houses in the Cedars area are getting a lot of dust. Unfortunately, not a great deal can be done to minimise this and so residents are pre-warned that this may get worse over the next couple of weeks. | |
| 4.03 | Litter issues were raised on Armley Town Street, Councillor Harper informed members that the bin strike is still ongoing. John Battle MP raised concerns about the bin strike, e.g. rat problems if the issue is not resolved soon. | |
| 4.04 | A resident raised the issue of noise on Station Road again – taxi's and buses are revving their engines late in the evening. Rollinson's sent their apologies and said they have spoken to their drivers. The resident stated these issues are still ongoing and has been keeping a diary of events. Councillor Harper agreed to take this further. | Cllr Harper |
| 5.00 | Police update | |
| 5.01 | Points discussed were Pudsey Open Day, the Armley PACT meeting, and the current shortage of sergeants. Helen Sergeant will shortly be replaced and a further sergeant will be joining the team. | |
| 5.02 | Operation Alphamstone has seen alcohol being confiscated from young people on Friday and Saturday nights, the idea being to prevent them from becoming drunk and disorderly and causing vandalism etc. | |
| 5.03 | A further operation has seen off-road bikes and mounted officers working with local people to help combat burglary with such measures as ensuring keys are not left visible downstairs. The operation is also linked to Armley Prison and issues surrounding drugs being smuggled into the facility. | |
| 5.04 | Operation Allport is another burglary initiative targeting the top ten nominals. Recorded burglaries have gone down this week from 25 to 7. | |
| 5.05 | The Dispersal Order has come to an end for the moment but will hopefully be re- | |

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| | commencing shortly. The Friday Night youth scheme will be continuing to deliver its provision from the LAZER Centre until the sports centre opens. | |
| 5.06 | Residents were urged to report any issues to the police and Inspector Bownass encouraged anyone who would like to volunteer as a Special in the Neighbourhood Police Team to contact himself. | |
| 5.07 | There is an Armley Day Of Action on 16 th September. | |
| 5.08 | Off licences will be shop checked. | |
| 5.09 | Quad bikes have been a problem and residents need to get registration numbers when reporting them. There is a team of off-road bike police on the case and a direct phone number that residents can ring to report incidents (noted on the list of useful numbers circulated). | |
| 5.10 | Other issues were speeding cars at night and burnt out cars on Ley Lane. Speed bumps were requested for the Nancrofts. | |
| 5.11 | It was noted that Strawberry Lane open space is currently on alcohol watch. | |
| 5.12 | Posters of the police team will be distributed to local facilities like doctors, dentists, library etc. | |
| 5.13 | Alcohol issues among young people were also raised, and police will be liaising with the Youth Service on health awareness work for young people, with alcohol awareness taking place on 19 th September. One resident raised the issue of alcohol and young people around Christ Church. | |
| 5.14 | One resident asked whether the DPPO covers Mistress Lane. Residents also requested more signs. | |
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| 6.00 | Bake, Make and Grow Festival – Emma Bearman | |
| 6.01 | This festival takes place on Sunday 4 th October. Also, the Armley Calendar is back this year. The young people's project is funded by the Armley Tourist Board to encourage young people into diversionary activities off the streets and engage them in making, baking and growing food. | |
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| 7.00 | Safety Central – Gayle Elvidge | |
| 7.01 | Safety Central is intended to aid co-working between agencies on fire awareness issues, and increase fire safety messages. It is led by West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, working in partnership with local agencies, organisations and communities. The Safety Central building is being developed on the grounds of the disused Bramley Fire Station in Leeds, re-using the station shell in its construction, and incorporating a variety of sustainable features. The centre will offer a range of facilities and services to support the delivery of safety awareness initiatives across West Yorkshire including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A state of the art training facility • Flexible conference facilities • Accessible meeting rooms • Space for exhibitions, events and activities | |
| 7.02 | There will be a launch on 19 th October. Young people in the locality are doing artwork for the launch and learning about fire safety and road safety. Residents are welcome to contact Safety Central to arrange evening tours of the new facilities. | |
| 7.03 | The building is also available for groups involved in the health, safety and wellbeing agenda and high risk groups. | |
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| 8.00 | Town Centre Heritage Meeting – Cllr Harper | |
| 8.01 | Councillor Harper asked for people to come forward to represent this group. Eric | |

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| | Bowes put himself forward to represent Armley Forum on this group. The next meeting is 20 th October 6.00pm. | |
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| 9.00 | AOB | |
| 9.01 | John Battle MP addressed members of the forum and opened debate. | |
| 9.02 | There is a Macmillan Nurses event on 25 th September 7.00pm. | |
| 9.03 | Regarding the Stanningley Road pedestrian crossing near Christ Church, Highways have said they will do the survey. | |
| 9.04 | Construction of speed bumps on Theaker Lane should begin 5 th October. | |
| 9.05 | Regarding the crossings on Canal Road, a scheme has been identified and funding is being sought. | |
| 9.06 | The Whingate 20mph zone is now in effect. | |
| 9.07 | There is a public meeting at Armley Grange on 24 th September. | |
| 9.08 | Anyone with street lighting issues is to email them to Janet Harper. | |
| 9.09 | Regarding alert boxes, there has been a 40% drop in crime on Armley Town St. | |