

Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum

Date: 29th July 2011

Present: Stephen McBarron (chair), Cllr Ted Hanley, Cllr N Taggart, S May (Minutes), PC R Ishaq, PCSO R Bell, S White, L McDermott, A Shaw, M Millward, B Coutts, S Withers, B Doughton, P Simpson, J Jose, J Lockett, S Longley, B & K Miller, J Quimby, M Tyson, R Cross, P Marshall, S Marshall, B Hunt

Apologies: Cllr Atkinson, J Preston, K Ritchie, N Gibson, M Bell, J & M Houseman

1.0 WELCOME

- 1.1 Stephen McBarron welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 SMc explained that the Police feedback originally at agenda item 3 would be brought forward to be agenda item 2 as a specific issue had been added to the agenda at short notice and would be discussed first.

2.0 Police Feedback, combined PACT meeting

- 2.1 SMc started by requesting no names mentioned during discussions; names have already been passed to the Police and Housing Officers.
- 2.2 A resident of the Landseer Estate has been drug dealing openly on the estate. Residents reported that people and vehicles are coming and going, day and night. Lighting, locks and doors are being broken. The problem has gone on for at least 15 months.
- 2.3 Tesco Security do not stop the problem when incidents occur in their car park.
- 2.4 PCSO Bell will raise this issue with Sgt Glennon of the Leeds Anti Social Behaviour (LASBU), particularly as a resident noted that the issue had been reported but so far not dealt with.
- 2.5 NPT have investigated some previous reports in this area but need stronger intelligence to take further action such as search warrants. Residents were urged to speak to the Police if they have any information.
- 2.6 PC Ishaq asked those who are concerned about speaking to the Police, to call Crimestoppers anonymously, or speak to Housing Officers.
- 2.7 SMc asked for any further issues for the Police.
- 2.8 Moorside Community Centre thanked the Police particularly the Pudsey Police who have provided bicycles for use at the centre.
- 2.9 A resident reported that specific people have moved into the Henleys and ASB levels have risen. The Police asked for specific details.
- 2.10 Cllr Hanley noted that residents must ring the Police if they have an issue, ring 999 or the non emergency telephone number. The Police offer a good service but they do need information to be able to keep the service up. If residents do not want to contact the police, they can speak to Cllr Hanley or Cllr Taggart who will be able to help.
- 2.11 PCSO R Bell gave some crime statistics to the group for Bramley & Stanningley between 1st June – 28th July 2011.
- 2.12 Burglary – 58 – average 1 a day
 - Theft from motor vehicles – 15
 - Theft of motor vehicles – 7
 - Burglary others (sheds etc...) - 32
 - Theft from persons - 3
 - Drugs (warrants / Stop and Searches) - 13
 - Racial hate - 2

Action

**PC
Ishaq**

**PCSO
RB**

**PC
Ishaq**

2.13 Burglary is a key priority for this area. The Police are offering extra hours/overtime to officers, stop and searches are ongoing. However the trends seem to be that burglaries are going down. CASAC are working with the Police in specific streets throughout Bramley and Rodley. Sneak ins are the biggest problem, opportunist burglaries.

2.14 Q) Are Neighbourhood Watch Signs available?

A) They are short supply but it may be possible to acquire some and PCSO Bell will try.

PCSO
Bell

3.0 Election of the Second Co-Optee.

3.1 Each candidate briefly spoke to the group about what they felt they could bring to the role and a ballot was held.

3.2 Roland Cross was elected as Second Co-Optee to the Area Committee.

4.0 Youth Service

4.1 Vince Foster gave an update of the work of the Youth Service in the area between April and June.

4.2 The three priorities of Youth Service at present is focusing on Attendance, NEET young people (not in education, employment or training) and reducing the number of looked after children.

4.3 Enhanced provision at Bramley Community Centre is on a Tuesday, between 30 and 40 young people attend to do confidence and communication projects. At a recent Herd Farm residential at Eccup Reservoir NEET young people spent time doing courses which lead to qualifications enabling access to college courses.

4.4 A group of young people performed music at Bramley Carnival.

4.5 The mobile provision paid for by the Area Committee has been providing Young People with activities to stop them hanging around. Also a young club is held on a Friday at Bramley Community Centre and on Wednesday at the Fairfield Community Centre.

4.6 Q) Where is the mobile provision on the Ganners Estate?

A) VF will let the group know the exact location for the next meeting. It is on a Friday at 7pm – 9.30pm. The provision will move on if there are no young people present.

4.7 The Youth Service would like any feedback for the best use of the mobile provision so please do feedback to Vince (vince.foster@leeds.gov.uk; 0113 247 5656).

4.8 The LAZER Centre has an extensive programme of activities for young people aged 8 plus (usually the provision is 11 – 19) please let any young people know about it. The details are all on the Breeze website; including a youth café, an allotments project, a motorbike programme and lots more.

4.9 Q) Could you tell us more about the allotments project at the LAZER centre and can residents volunteer?

A) This is a project working with Groundwork looking at raised flowerbeds, vegetable patches and a community garden. Volunteers are always welcome to share knowledge about gardening etc... Please contact Vince if you would like to volunteer for this, or any project.

VF

5.0 20 mile per hour zone

5.1 Gurdip Bahi spoke to the group about the 20mph zone.

5.2 The area identified were the Ganners and Landseers; there was some consultation in the past but funding was had been cut. DfT have put forward relaxed requirements for these types of schemes meaning that costs can come down and schemes will progress. Schemes can use speed limit reductions and not be as reliant on features on the roads. This will be fully confirmed in September 2011. If the relaxation of DfT is delayed then it will delay LCC.

- 5.3 All schemes have been prioritised and zones identified, plans of the zone areas were shown and are available by contacting Gurdip (Gurdip.bahi@leeds.gov.uk).
- 5.4 Q) What if residents don't want the 20mph?
A) 80% of residents consulted were in favour of the schemes as a whole. Individual features may not have been wanted. It is particularly wanted round schools. With the relaxed approach to this from DfT, features will only be used where wanted such as at the site of accidents and outside schools.
- 5.5 Q) Can any of this money be used on potholes?
A) This is specifically money for reducing casualties and making speed reductions using speed limits rather than features.
- 5.6 Q) Will there be more consultation?
A) Yes there will, following the official confirmation of the relaxation from DfT) first to members at Area Committee and then to residents.
- 5.7 A resident pointed out that at a previous consultation there were mistakes made about the leaflet drop. GB agreed this should not happen again.
- 5.8 Q) How are the areas chosen?
A) Leeds City Council and the Police keep a 5 year rolling record of accidents in residential areas throughout the whole of Leeds. This information is then used to determine the areas which are targeted initially.
- 5.9 Cllr Taggart noted that this scheme is about safety and sending a strong message to motorists.

6.0 A O B

- 6.1 There are now plants in Rodley Park as discussed at previous meetings however they are quite disappointing. Cllr Hanley is trying for more plants.
- 6.2 Cllr Hanley is looking into the planning application on Horton Rise.
- 6.3 Funding for 8 additional grit bins was approved by the Area Committee, Locations agreed for these additional grit bins area as follows.
 1. Westover View, Bramley (outside house no 2)
 2. Beecroft Close Bramley
 3. Horsford View Bramley
 4. Newlay Lane – near Leeds/Bradford junction
 5. Garages directly behind TESCO park
 6. Coal Hill Green (between no 63 & 88)
 7. Ivy Gardens (outside no 19)
 8. Coal Hill Gardens
- 6.4 St Margaret's Church at Moorside on the junction with Ganners Way there is a pot hole which has been reported. SMay to look into progress.
- 6.5 A resident asked if the grit bin at Ganners Shops could be padlocked with the key held at the Residents Committee? There are children using the grit as a sand, Cllr Hanley agreed to look into it.
- 6.6 Moorside Community Centre are holding a Community Together event. The idea came from a 9 year old. The event will have biking, barbecue, a Bouncey Castle etc.. 6th August 1 – 5pm
- 6.7 There is a new group the Friends of Bramley Park set up. The group is open to all, please join us! The next meeting is on Wednesday 10th August at 7.30 at the Bowling Pavilion in the park off Moorfield. Contact Marie Millward for further information, email beautifulbramley@gmail.com or via telephone 07773384372. A facebook page is coming in the future and there is currently a weblog, information is on the Bramleydom web forum also.
- 6.8 The meeting about the War Memorial held a few weeks ago was poorly attended by Cllr's, unfortunately there was an issue with invitations. Cllr Hanley noted that the issue of the war memorial has been going on for 3 years. Norah Gibson will be able to update the group.

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SMay

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6.9 Kirkstall Forge Railway is not ended, an announcement about funding is likely this year.

7.0 Next meeting

29th September 2011

Eric Atkinson Centre, Wellington Gardens,
off Waterloo Lane,
Bramley