

**Armley Community Forum**

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

**Present:**

Cllr Janet Harper (Chair), D Boutle, Hazel Boutle, B Holmes, B Davies, X Chevillard, Cllr J McKenna, W Anderson, M Pugh, E Bowes, H Gardiner, D Peck, B & K Draper, F Smyth, S Richmond, MT & MS Hogg, Cllr Alison Lowe, E Hey, E Meadowcroft, E & B Rayworth, M Robinson, R & M Bruce, H ShieldsT Maynard, K Lemm, Claire Copley (WNW Locality), B Mason, G ShawJ Mistry, J Ramell, R Pecker, A Horsley, J Parkinson, D & M Stead, Sohail Effendi (WNW Area Management)

**Apologies:**

None

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.00</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
1.01	Cllr Janet Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>2.00</b>	<b>Previous minutes / matters arising</b>	
2.1	Previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	
<b>3.00</b>	<b>Police - Crime update – Inspector Mark Bownass</b>	
3.1	MB attended the meeting and stated that letters been sent out informing of a survey to be carried out by the police to improve the police service in the area.	
3.2	An environmental audit has been carried out in the area and target hardening will be carried out through CASAC.	
3.3	Mounted Police have been out doing rounds in the area	
3.4	Complaints about street drinking by some eastern Europeans have been dealt with and individuals cautioned.	
3.5	Burglaries have gone down in Armley compared to last year, however, unfortunately the problem has moved on to other areas.	
3.6	Responding to the off road motor bikes issue raised by a resident, MB stated that 85 bikes were confiscated crushed last year.	
3.7	<b>Future PACT meeting dates.</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2011 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2011 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2012 Meetings are held at Armley One Stop Centre, Stocks Hill, Armley. From 7:00.p.m.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Environmental Services – Claire Copley</b>	
4.1	CC attended from the West North West Locality Team to explain about recent changes.	
4.2	The team dealing with enforcement of environmental issues and the street scene services that covers the West North West area are now one team, called West North West Locality team. The head of the West North West Locality is Jason Singh (locality manager). Working along side Jason, Rachel McCormack is the Service Manger for the area and Claire Copley Team Manager.	
4.3	The Councillors and the Department are working on a service level agreement that will set out what level of service the area can expect from this new service.	
4.4	These changes will hopefully allow the team to respond, in a more stream line manner to environmental concerns. They are also hoping to engage more with the Armley community to focus the work of the regulatory team on their environmental concerns. There will be a named officer for the area who will take a lead on environmental issues for the Armley ward. The team look forward to working with the community and if anyone would like to discuss any issues please call 0113 2476519.	

<b>5.0</b>	<b>Transport Planning Update – Mark Robinson</b>	
5.1	The Leeds Core Cycle Network (LCCN) is a network of 17 routes designed to help encourage cycling to work and for leisure purposes. Four routes are now complete and funding has now been allocated for a further route between Ledgard Way on the A647 and The Headrow in Leeds City Centre.	
5.2	Consultation on outline designs took place in June 2009 and an amended outline drawing is printed overleaf. Detailed designs are also nearing completion and will be available later in the summer.	
5.3	Given that the Armley Forum does not meet again until the Autumn the officer want to highlight the existence of these proposals now and invite comments. Anybody wishing to have further input can also be added to a mailing list to receive detailed designs when available.	
5.4	Time pressures associated with deadlines to spend external funding mean that construction will need to commence in late Autumn. Therefore it is important to identify issues as early as possible.	
5.5	<b>Right turn onto Armley Road (see A on drawing)</b> There is currently no legal way for cyclists travelling westbound on Armley Road (east of the railway bridge) to turn right onto A647 Armley Road. This would enable westbound cyclists to avoid Armley Gyratory. It is therefore proposed to widen a short section of the footway on the A647 (shown light blue on the drawing) enough to enable westbound cyclists to share the footway with pedestrians as far as a safe crossing point. A cut-through in the central island on the A647 is also proposed so that cyclists can cross it in two stages.	
5.6	<b>Shared-use footway on Wellington Road (see B on drawing)</b> This wide section of footway is already well used by cyclists to link between the canal and city centre. The proposal is to legitimise this use. Currently sight-lines at junctions with the side roads are bad for both pedestrians and cyclists and this scheme proposes to build-out the footways at the junctions to both improve sight-lines and reduce the speed of vehicles turning left off Wellington Road. In addition there will some footway widening and repositioning of sign poles. This will form part of the link between Armley and the City Centre and provide access to the Towpath Cycle Route.	
5.7	Other sections of the route are to be used largely without change. Once complete the route will be signed and promotional leaflets produced.	
5.8	If you would like to make comments or be sent further information please email <a href="mailto:mark.x.robinson@leeds.gov.uk">mark.x.robinson@leeds.gov.uk</a> or call 0113 3951470 or write to Mark Robinson, City Development, The Leonardo Building, 2 Rossington Street, Leeds, LS2 8HD	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
6.1	It was reported that the wall at the back of Aviary Road (mentioned in previous minutes) has now collapsed. SE to follow up with Chris Way	SE / CW
6.2	A resident reported that a gate on Station Road put up to stop people parking in front of the garage has collapsed. Cllr Harper agreed to visit the site	Cllr Harper
6.3	David Boutle gave the good news that the Theaker Lane pot holes (raised at previous meetings) have been repaired.	
6.4	Cllr McKenna asked for Town Centre Managers telephone number to be included at the back of the forum Agenda. SE to action this.	SE
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Dates of Meetings in 2011</b>	
7.1	20th September 18 <sup>th</sup> October 15 <sup>th</sup> November 20 <sup>th</sup> December	