

**Combined Armley Community Forum and PACT meeting minutes**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

**Chair:** Cllr Janet Harper

Action

**1.0 Welcome**

1.1 Cllr Harper welcomed 34 residents to the meeting. A list of apologies was read out. Members expressed their condolences to Mr Draper on passing away of Mrs Draper.

**2.0 Elections of Chair, vice chair, treasurer and Area Committee Co-optees**

2.1 Sohail Effendi assumed the position of chair to conduct the annual elections of the above mentioned posts.

2.2 As there was only one candidate for each of the posts available, following candidates were duly elected un-opposed by show of hands.

**Chair Cllr Janet Harper**

**Vice chair Hazel Boutle**

**Treasurer Morgan Pugh**

**Co-optee 1 Hazel Boutle**

**Co-optee 2 Eric Bowes**

**2.0 Previous minutes / matters arising**

2.1 Previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record, Bin yard issue at Brooklyn Street was raised by one of the residents, Cllr McKenna stated that he has taken the matter up with the relevant department and a meeting with Cllr Dobson and Jason Singh to discuss the matter further has been arranged, the progress will be reported back at the next forum.

2.2 Pot holes in the Brooklyn Street were also reported.

This issue was picked up by Cllr Lowe and was reported resolved through an e-mail to Sohail on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012.

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**3.0 Police**

3.1 Inspector Mark Wheeler attended and asked everyone interested in weekly update on crime to provide their e-mail address.

3.2 Having police officers at the right place at the right time through crime reducing initiative Operation Optimum is making a big difference.

3.3 22 more car theft incidents compared to last years figures means everyone needs to be a lot more cautious in ensuring that no valuables are left on display no matter how briefly you are away from your car.

3.4 A 19 year old man was charged with the car theft offence; he has now been bailed but put on night time curfew. He is back in court in June 2012.

3.5 A 13 year old girl admitted to breaking into a car, but pardoned by the court.

3.6 70 young people are now attending youth service session, which means 70 less youngsters in the street.

3.7 It was pointed out that useful numbers list at the back of the agenda still has the old police non emergency number which needs amending, furthermore there is no number to report off road bikes.

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New police non emergency number 101 and Off Road Bike hotline number 0113 239 2092 been added to the useful numbers list at the back to the agenda

**4.0 First Bus Service**

4.1 Chris Goldthorpe from Bramley Depot Operations Manager attended the meeting to speak about service 16 and answer some other queries about the bus service in the area.

4.2 Chris informed the meeting that a survey was carried out about the service 16 going

passed St. James's Hospital, an overwhelming majority was in favour resulting in a couple of extra trips being added to the service and the scheme has been very successful.

4.3 A question and answer session ensued

Q. 42, 16, 4 and 86 all come down Tong Road nearly at the same time, can they be spread about a bit to benefit the customers more?

A. CG replied that number 42 is on the list for a review, the bus service is trying different initiatives 'Better Journey for Life' is a new booklet produced detailing five pillars of the service including staff and customers.

Q. why ticket machines are always broken?

A. £30,000 been spent on new machines and these will soon be on the buses.

Q. Why number 86 has stopped running on Sunday's?

A. this is all down to funding cuts.

Replying to a query regarding the need to issue tickets to old age pensioners, CG replied that Metro insists on issuing tickets to OAP's so they can record the use of a bus service by OAP's.

## 5.0 A O B

5.1 Sohail informed the meeting that the middle bill board at the bottom of Branch Road currently advertising the jubilee and usually has the hand drawn Armley Shopping poster, now falls under the responsibility of Area Support Team and ward members have the final say on what goes on the board.

To generate a small income to support our free posters, the Armley Mills Museum and Breeze pay for a couple of posters over the summer.

There is nothing planned from September onward so all ideas for events to publicise are welcome.

5.2 Issue of Aviary Road wall was raised again, this issue been going on for a long time and the resolution has been very slow in coming. While the wall has now been demolished it needs to be rebuilt.

Cllr Lowe stated that the wall has been demolished as a result of consultation with the residents by Nigel Cook, further consultation with the residents is on going as well as the search for some funding to address the issue

5.3 A resident reported that some mattresses have been left in the Cedar Place bin yard, young boys been seen climbing on the wall and jumping on these mattresses. The concern is that there is a real danger of someone getting injured.

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## 6.0 Date of next meeting

6.1 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012, 7pm Armley One Stop Centre.