

Community Safety Themed Meeting
Meeting notes – 7.00pm – 8.30pm
8th August 2013
Eric Atkinson Centre, Bramley

1.0 Introductions

- 1.1 Cllr Gruen welcomed everyone to the meeting and encouraged residents to suggest future agenda items.
- 1.2 Apologies were noted for Cllr Taggart, John Jose, Roland Cross, Sylvia Hawking and Keith Doughton.

2.0 Minutes and matters arising

- 2.1 The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
- 2.2 The Bramley Credit Union collection points are on:
Wednesday - Bramley Community Centre, Waterloo Lane (fortnightly)
10.45am – 12.15pm. Next date 21st August 2013

Thursday - Fairfield Community Centre, Fairfield Terrace (fortnightly)
10.45am – 12.15pm. Next date 22nd August 2013

Sunday - Christ the King R.C. Church, St John Fisher Annexe, Kings Approach
(1st Sunday of every month)
11.00am – 12.00pm. Next date 1st September 2013

- 2.3 Cllr Gruen asked the forum for their comments about the previous themed meetings. Overall residents felt the meetings worked well. Holding themed meetings allows more time to explore a topic. The residents who attended the Welfare Changes forum commented on how powerful Shontal's performance on money lending had been. It was agreed the forum needs to connect with younger residents in Bramley. West Leeds Debt forum have approached Bramley Primary School about Shontal holding a performance aimed at younger people. Bramley shopping Centre was suggested as a future agenda item. **ZT**
- 2.4 Two people have been arrested following all the work in the area to tackle loan sharks.

3.0 Recycling update – Rachel Charlton

- 3.1 RC presented the findings from the recycling and waste awareness survey for the Ward. The main points from the report were:
- Bramley is losing 20% of potential glass recycling. If glass is found in the green bin the paper cannot be sold on. Glass should be recycled in the glass bins across the city.
 - Envelopes with plastic windows can be put in the green bin.
 - Tetra cartons should not be put in to the green bin. There is a aluminum fold lining on the inside of the carton so they cannot be accepted.
 - Used (greasy) pizza boxes can be put in the green bin. Make sure any leftover food is emptied in to the black bin first.
 - Plastic bags and plastic bottles (shampoo and cleaning product bottles) can be disposed of in the green bin.
 - All metal food, drink cans and aerosols must be put in the green bin. Foil trays and aluminum paper can also be disposed in the green bin if put inside a metal can first.
 - 30% of residents still put garden waste in the black bin. There is a free collection of garden waste 13 times a year. Residents are allowed 10 bags on each collection.
 - 60% of residents are disposing textiles in the black bin. Textiles (however worn or

stained) should be disposed in the yellow Yorkshire Air Ambulance banks across the city.

- Over all the results for the Ward are in the lower 50% for Leeds.

3.2 The LCC green bin contract has been put out for tender. The final two companies left in the tendering process have offered to accept all plastic food packaging and cartons for recycling. An official announcement will be announced in September.

3.3 Q: Will Leeds offer a glass recycling service?

A: Leeds has over 400 glass banks across the city and recycles the same tonnage as a city (the same size) that offers a glass recycling service so currently there is no financial incentive to invest in a new service.

3.4 Q: How should medication be disposed of?

A: You can take medication to any pharmacy and they will dispose of it.

3.5 Q: How should Japanese Knot weed be disposed of?

A: The Council cannot dispose of Japanese knot weed. More information can be found at <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/wildlife/130079.aspx>

3.6 A resident complimented the staff at the Kirkstall Waste Recycling Centre for their level of service. RC will pass on their comments to the team. **RC**

4.0 PACT Update – Acting Inspector Steven Williamson

4.1 SW introduced himself to the forum and talked through his background. The main points were:

- He has been with West Yorkshire Police for over 10 years, spending the last 5 years as a NPT Sergeant in the Pudsey area.
- Until recently he lived on the Pudsey/Swinnow border so he knows the Bramley area well.
- He is based at Pudsey Police Station.

4.2 SW circulated a copy of the NPT crime figures and a leaflet on nuisance quad and motorbikes which explained what powers the Police have and listed relevant contact numbers.

4.3 Priority Crime update – 1st July – 31st July 2013 – there have been 7 house burglaries this year which is 2 down compared to the same period last year. Theft from motor vehicle is down by 8. There has been an increase in the number of theft of vehicles from 2 to 3. Robbery remains the same and there has been a reduction in damage from 31 to 23.

4.4 The Police are adopting the same principles as operation Optimal to tackle the increase in the theft from motor vehicles.

4.5 When the Police are made aware of a major ASB issue they record a POPI (Problem Orientated Policing/Partnership Initiative) occurrence – a log. All partners working in the area will be made aware of the issue and asked to keep the log updated on a daily basis. The Sergeant and Inspector will then put together an action plan to tackle the problem.

4.6 A resident reported a nuisance bike on Coal Hill Lane in Rodley. SW informed the forum the Police had already been informed of the problem and the Off Road Bike Team are working in the area. Ideally the Police need to witness the nuisance bike in action so they can issue a warning.

4.7 A: Can people take pictures of a crime taking place/speeding vehicles/or something suspicious?

Q: A picture of a speeding vehicle will only capture the car registration number but cannot prove a vehicle was speeding. It is ok to take pictures of illegal parking or someone causing damage but people should not take photos in to people's private property. SW asked residents not to put themselves at risk whilst taking photographs.

5.0 Trading Standards – Lanson Moore

5.1 LM is involved with the SAFER initiatives (Scams and Frauds Education for Residents) which has been set up to support and empower residents over 55 who have been victims or are potential targets for scams.

5.2 If residents have been affected by a scam they should contact either the Police or Citizens Advice

who will contact Trading Standards.

5.3 Trading Standards are holding workshops to educate people on the potential scams and frauds and are looking to work with community groups in the area. If residents want to attend or hold a session they should contact Carrie Wilson - SAFER Community Project Officer on 0113 393 9809 or email cwilson@wyjs.org.uk. If residents are unable to attend a workshop, self-help packs are available which contain useful contact numbers and vetted trader schemes etc.

5.4 Q: Are the Trades people recommended by Age Concern vetted?

A: Yes. CASAC also have a list of vetted trades people. LM recommended residents check the companies a tradesman is affiliated to.

5.5 Information on how to set up a No Cold Calling Zone can be found on the flow chart – see attached. Trading Standards need to review the current zones in the area. Please see attached the list of streets.

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6.0 LASB Team (Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team) - Nikki Woolveridge and Matthew Martin

6.1 The LASB Team is a multi agency team who work in Partnership with the Police, Fire Service, Victim Support and LCC to tackle ASB which can range from youth nuisance to violence, prostitution and drugs.

6.2 To report ASB you can call 0113 222 4402, email LASBT@Leeds.gov.uk or by visit your local housing office or One Stop Centre. If it is an emergency you will be contacted the same day. If it is classed as a non-emergency call you will be contacted within 48 hrs.

6.3 The ASB team can deal with private landlords, owner occupiers as well as Council Tenants and have the powers to take owner occupiers to court and carry out closure orders to close down properties.

6.4 The out of hours van is currently operated by the ASB team but as from September will be transferred to ALMO staff. It is currently a limited service.

6.5 A resident asked how many arrests and definitive enforcement actions have been taken in the area. NW & MM to report back.

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6.6 Nuisance quads and bikes are a problem on the Fairfield Estate so the ASB team are working closely with the Police and Parks and Countryside team to tackle the issue. The Estate has a warning notice up that states any bikes caught can be seized straight away without being issued a S59 notice.

6.7 A resident complained about the lack of victim support offered when she was attacked 3 years ago. LASBT was been brought to together to tackle ASB and offer support and well as enforcement. Previously different parts of the Council – ALMO, Legal and Environmental dealt with the problem separately so there was no cohesion. LASB is proving to be very success due to the partnership working.

6.8 Cllr Gruen asked if NM & MM could take back to senior management the service need to revise how they tackle low level ASB issues.

6.9 Q: Is swearing classed as ASB?

A: Over excessive use of language can be classed as ASB which can be enforced in private properties.

7.0 Housing Update

7.1 No housing issues were raised.

7.2 ZT updated residents on the Oasis program happening in the area in Partnership with Groundwork Leeds. See attached for further information.

8.0 Area Committee Update

8.1 Cllr Gruen read out a summary of the Area Committee update. The full report will be circulated with the minutes. **ZT**

8.2 Cllr Gruen thanked Karen Smales and Kevin Ritchie for their role as co-optees to the forum and Kevin for submitting a report in his absence.

9.0 AOB

9.1 The following items were suggested as future agenda items:

- an officer from the ALMO to discuss the move back to the Council and the changes / improvements that will bring, **ZT**
- Integration of health and social care.

9.2 The last public meeting for Rodley Park is on 3rd September, 7.30pm at the Ecumenical Church Hall before the works will start in October. Residents complained about the slow process of the Park so the Cllrs invited them to the surgery to discuss the issue in more detail.

9.3 The forum passed on their best wishes to Cllr Taggart.

10.0 Next Meeting

10.1 Thursday 26th September, 7.00pm – 8.30pm - TBC