

Armley Community Forum

Date: 17th April 2007

Present: Cllr Harper (Chair), C Clark, E Bowes, C Broadbent, DM Peck, N Lav’Gueur, B & M Guthrie, P Kempster, D & I Penman, W Anderson, J Jennings, J McKenna, K Donnelly, J Kerry, S & M McGill, L Mann, J Parsons, J Ford, J Ramell, Mr & Mrs Richmond, FH Smyth, S Guy, M Pugh, J Gill, A Covey, A Willis, M Tyson, M Burgham, B Holms, B & K Draper, M & D Stead, H & D Bootle, W Gregg, S Nightingale

	ACTION
1.00 WELCOME	
1.01 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.00 APOLOGIES	
2.01 T & D Maynard, J Scroggie, D Smith, Father Ian Wright, K Anderson, C Limb, D Newsome, B & E Rayworth, I Stevens	
3.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
3.01 The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record with no amendments.	
4.00 MATTERS ARISING	
4.01 4.01 – Planning Committee approved the betting shop on a tight vote. Still need a Betting Licence – application will be submitted in May. Coral Betting Shop at bottom of The Gang have planning permission and a licence approved.	
4.02 6.00 – Hoarding on ACRT land. ACRT haven’t given permission, and are trying to get it removed. Cllr H will speak to planning.	Cllr Harper Carole Clark
4.03 8.01 – Public Consultation. Further consultation on WLG will take place in September. CC can bring back copies of WLG Board minutes to a future forum meeting.	
4.04 8.07 – Caroline Broadbent attended to address concerns regarding the existing Leisure Centre. The new Leisure Centre Working Group is considering how such problems can be addressed in the new design. Member of public asked why the pool was closed Monday lunchtime? CB will find out and report back. Pool is cleaned through filtering, and by a pool vacuum on a daily basis to remove any debris. A number of residents reported incidents of the pool and leisure centre being dirty.	Caroline Broadbent
4.05 Outline plans for the new Leisure Centre were shown to the forum. The new Leisure Centre will be built on the site of the existing car park and the new car park will be sited near to Town Street. The plans include a MUGA with open access for the public, this will be at the Southern End of the site. Kevin Donnelly said that the Youth service would support the MUGA and would provide activity there. There forum were supportive of the proposal, and it the proposals will also be taken to the Cedars Residents.	

- 4.06 Michelle McGill commented that the shelter at the new Wortley MUGA is in the wrong place. Cllr H responded that where it has been sited is fine. It is in view of local houses but far enough away not to be a nuisance.
- 5.07 8.05 Alderman B Nelson asked about the provision of a dog bin. Cllr H asked that he put his request in writing.

5.00 POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

- 5.01 4 Officers of West Yorkshire Police attended.
Thankyou to everyone who completed a questionnaire. They are aware of current problems on the Cedars, and the questionnaire assisted in providing additional information.
- 5.02 Salisbury's – offenders from Ley Lane have moved here and caused a lot of criminal damage. Police taking action and getting evidence with a view to making arrests.
- 5.03 PC Lockwood stressed that people need to report incidents to the police and keep nuisance diaries. Residents reporting incidents do not have to be visited by the Police.
- 5.04 Police reiterated that they are working with the Council and LWNW Homes.
- 5.05 Wyther and Raynviles – Also focusing attention here, again the completed questionnaires have been useful.
- 5.06 There have been problems in Cedars with bin fires. Bin yards have been improved, but there has been further vandalism. Metal gates will be put on to increase safety and security.
- 5.07 Cllr H said that local people were very pleased with recent action in the Cedars. A local resident also thanked the police for their handling of a recent incident.
- 5.08 Could we have a barrier on Nancrofts Terrace and Avenue to replace the bollards to reduce the motorbike problem. Cllr H and Cllr L said they would look at this. Police asked that local residents should provide any information they have on motorbikes.

**Cllrs H
and L**

6.00 Kevin Donnelly

- 6.01 KD gave a talk about his recent work in the favelas in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil undertaken in his own time. A favela is a slum / shanty town
- 6.02 Worked in Youth and Community Centre. His work included a 2 week summer youth programme and a painting programme – all houses in a favela.
- 6.03 Experienced drug dealers and gangs, but also a tremendous community spirit.
- 6.04 A good lesson in the importance of valuing young people.
- 6.05 David Bootle highlighted a good e.g. of young people doing community work in Sheffield. This was in Yorkshire Post – important to get good news items in press.
- 6:06 Kevin was thanked for his interesting presentation.

7.00 Feedback from A/Committee

- 7.01 Hazel Bootle reported back. In particular highlighted the Town Street Tales Project and provision of gates for bin yards, and provision of gates for Nancroft for the alleygating scheme. Thanks to Gill Hunter for her hard work.
- 7.02 Armley Fun Day takes place on 25 July.

- 7.03 Cllr H said it would be good to involve something on Benjamin Gott in the Town Street Tales Project.
- 8.00 Any other business**
- 8.01 James Jennings, Community Engine – gave a brief talk on the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) and the opportunities for West Leeds. LEGI concerns supporting new small businesses. One element of this is to create a Development Trust (not for profit, community owned organisation) Consultation has taken place with local businesses, key issues, security, staff, premises, marketing.
- 8.02 The proposal is to use WFLC to offer support to local business and create a Development Trust, which can secure LEGI money. This is an opportunity for West Leeds.
- 8.03 A letter will be going out to residents to ask what they think the Development Trust should do.
- 8:04 The forum were supportive of the proposal to set up a Development Trust.
- 8.05 Flytipping – what evidence is required to take action against flytipping – Cllr L will deal with this as an individual issue. **Cllr Lowe**
- 8.06 Can we have a litter bin for Ley Lane playing field Cllr L dealing with this. Problem is revenue implications of emptying bins. **Cllr Lowe**
- 8.07 There are rats in the Cedars again.
There is no further news on Kent Meters site.
Query on planning application for a new house in a garden at the Halledales.
- 9:00 DATE & TIME of NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 15 May, 7pm AOSC**