

**Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum
Eric Atkinson Centre, Wellington Gardens. Bramley, Leeds**

Date: Thursday 31st May 2007

Present: Cllr Denise Atkinson (Chair), G Forster, A Friebe, Green, JB Quimby, T Knapton, I Hobson, E & B Rayworth, P Ward, M Smith, J Upton, PCSO A Carroll, Inspector S Thomas, Jayne Learoyd, P Miles, S Withers, David Hill, Ruth Turner, Cllr N Taggart (part).

ACTION

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 Cllr D Atkinson welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the residents/tenants who attended the Licensing panel re 'Best Wishes' and the application for a license. The application was successful but can only operate 9-5pm Mon – Sat.

1.02 **APOLOGIES** - Cllr, N. Taggart (till later), Cllr T Hanley, M Tyson, J Stringer.

2.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – agreed.

3.00 Matters Arising

3.01 (4.02) Litter Bins – Still not in place. Gavin Forster to follow up. Several issues were raised re. dumping at the Ganners and green bin problems. Ruth Turner to follow up with enforcement.

**GF
RT**

4.00 Policing Issues – Police and PCSOs – Sgt Steve Thomas

4.01 Reports in Evening Post re attempted abductions of children in the Bramley area:

Sgt ST informed the forum that this has been incorrectly reported – of the 4 reported incidents – only 1 showed any evidence of attempted abduction. This was then later proved to have been an invented story. A further attempt in Hawksworth, on a young girl is unsubstantiated at this time but may prove to be serious. ST commented that the Evening Post has been guilty of irresponsible reporting and there is a need to inform the Bramley residents of the true facts. The schools will inform parents after half term. Cllr DA commented that relying on pupil post in such a serious is unwise.

4.02 Positive news – Operation Navigation has been very successful.

4.03 Bramley is no longer a hotspot for priority crime. Compared to 2004 Burglary is down by 68% and priority crime down by 58%. This gives some perspective on crime in Bramley. However Bramley/Broadleas is still a hotspot for ASB/Criminal damage.

4.04 Evening Post reported Bramley as being 2nd worse in country for Burglary – ST explained this was an article about crime relating to University campuses and it was actually Burley/Woodhouse/Headingley being referred to.

4.05 There are now 12 PCSOs working in Bramley. Several forum members complimented and thanked the PCSOs for their work and the fast response time.

4.06 Operation Kickstart begins 1st June: this is an intelligence gathering campaign re the anti-social use of motorbikes etc in the Armley/Bramley area. Confidential number – 0113 241 4897 (voicemail). The actual operational launch follows on

1st July where actions will be taken based on evidence gathered. Cllr DA suggested informing BEA etc for inclusion in newsletters. New signs are to be placed in the area – GF to check this will be before July.

- 4.07 There was a report of street legal bikes using ginnel at Rossfield Approach/Ave as a short cut – Police to follow up.

PCSOs

5.00 Environmental Health Update and Q&A session – Ruth Turner

5.01 General number for EHS – 0845 124 0113

5.02 RT introduced the range of areas in which Environmental Health work: These include Noise nuisance, drainage(private only), odour, smoke/dust, refuse (private), licensing, Planning consultation, filthy & verminous premises, empty properties, partnership working eg Police, housing regeneration & repair(private), private rented housing inspections, home improvement loans (private), disabled facilities grants, care and repair etc.

5.03 Re. Complaints about noise at St Peter’s Court/Lord Cardigan Pub: RT informed the forum that a Noise Abatement Notice has been served which has been breached once. A further incidence will lead to prosecution.

5.04 Morrisons at Swinnow – the recycling centre there is very full of electrical equipment.

6.00 Area Committee co-optee elections

6.01 Jean Bedford and Peter Green were nominated for Co-optee to the Inner West Area Committee. They were subsequently elected to this position by the forum for a further year.

7.00 Inner Area Committee Co-opted Representative - feedback

7.01 No meetings since last forum.

8.00 Just Coffee People – David Hill

8.01 DH introduced Just Coffee People as a Social Enterprise and the only providers of Fairtrade tea & coffee based in Leeds. They offer training and work opportunities for people with disabilities especially learning difficulties but also those with mental health problems. They have recently gained funding from the Inner Area Committee but are working towards being self sustainable. Cllr DA suggested they run a stall at Bramley Carnival and to discuss supplying the Eric Atkinson centre/Fairfield Community Centre.

9.00 AOB

9.01 Gavin Forster to look into rumours re. Bramley Community centre.

9.02 Cllr DA mentioned 3 present planning applications; 2 of which Cllr DA supports – Westfield Mills and Springfield Mills. The third – Oak May Court – Cllr DA is objecting to.

9.03 Bramley Carnival 21/2nd July 2007.

10.00 Dates of meetings in 2007 - 26th July
27th September
29th November

GF