



Kirkstall Burley Forum
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th October 2007, 7.00pm
Kirkstall Leisure Centre

Present:	Cllr Liz Minkin	Chair, LCC Ward Councillor
	Cllr John Illingworth	LCC Kirkstall Ward Councillor
	Keith Collridge	Gilbert & Sandfords Residents Association
	Robert Marriot	Gilbert & Sandfords Residents Association
	Lucinda Yeadon	Labour Party
	Rachel Reeves	Labour Parliamentary Candidate
	Ken Stratford	KVCA
	John Liversidge	KVCA
	Cath Simpson	Kirkstall Festival Committee
	Lars Jeuken	Spennings Hill Residents Association
	Steve Harris	Beecroft Primary School & Kirkstall Festival
	Ken Torode	Kirkstall St Stephens
	J Mellor	Haddon Avenue Resident
	J Hargreaves	Haddon Avenue Resident

**Officers in
Attendance:**

Sarah Charlton	North West Area Management Team
Andrew Crates	Community Planner
Sarah Hellewell	Planner
Gillian McCleod	LCC Highways
Pat Spedding	Extended Services Coordinator
Sue Warwick	Extended Services Coordinator

ACTION

1.0 INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Atha.

Councillor Minkin welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that she was standing down as a ward councillor next year and that Lucinda Yeadon would be standing as the Labour Kirkstall ward candidate.

Agenda items for which Officers were in attendance were brought forward.

2.0 MAJOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

2.1 Kirkstall District Centre

SH explained that work on proposals for Kirkstall District Centre have been ongoing for approximately 5 years. Proposals have been presented to the City Council's plans panel 3 times, most recently on 19th April this year. There were two issues on which Espalier, who are the private company who are developing the site, were asked to look at : affordable housing and Highways issues.

An independent financial review is currently being carried out to assess what level of affordable housing can be provided.

- 2.2 Leeds City Council have been developing plans for a joint service centre to house a range of council services. The PCT are still considering its proposals for the site.

A request was made for more leadership from Leeds City Council on this project in order to progress.

Key Message

- 2.3 Cllr Minkin asked the forum for any comments on the proposals to demolish the block of old buildings facing onto Commercial Road close to the junction with Beecroft Street. A number of people felt that this would take away some of the few remaining buildings of old Kirkstall but may not address the traffic problems as intended.

There is a need for a strategic overview of Kirkstall and the cumulative impact of developments on the A65.

Key Message

- 2.4 Quality Bus Initiative (QBI)

Highways are carrying out public consultation on the A65 QBI on the following dates, all are welcome:

- Milford Rugby Club, Beecroft St on Tuesday 16th October 5pm until 7:30 pm
- Kirkstall Valley Primary, Argie Road on Wednesday 17th October 3pm until 6pm
- Burley Liberal Club, Burley Road, Tuesday 23rd October, 2pm until 5pm.

- 2.5 A number of forum members were concerned that the consultations did not allow enough time for people to attend after work, also local residents had not yet received the flyer with the times and dates above. SC to follow up.

- 2.6 The A65 QBI includes the proposal to close the junction of Gilbert Mount onto the A65 – a number of concerns were raised about Beecroft Street being the only access into the housing estate and to the school.

The forum agreed that the A65 QBI should be carried out through the formal planning process rather than through permitted development rights.

Key Message

- 2.7 BHS/ Alders

The first planning application which was submitted for this scheme was refused, this is in the process of being taken to appeal and in the meantime a second application has been submitted, Local Councillors are very keen that this is developed as a local shopping area and not an out of town complex.

3.0 EXTENDED SERVICES

- 3.1 Pat Spedding & Sue Warwick introduced themselves as the new Extended Services Coordinators for Kirkstall, Burley, Headingley and Weetwood.

They presented information on their work in the area (attached) and a discussion followed.

- 3.2 Anyone with questions about the role of extended services can contact Pat and Sue on T: 275 3961 or:
warwics03@leedslearning.net, speddipl01@leedslearning.net

4.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- 4.1 Minutes were agreed as a true record.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 Re: 3.1 Kirkstall Waste Transfer Station
 SC reported that City Services are investigating re-roofing this structure. The forum noted that this didn't seem appropriate as the building is in a poor state of repair. SC to follow up. SC

Re: 5.0 Elida Gibbs
 No proposals have come forward yet for this site. A question was raised as to whether women are able to use the facilities of the Rugby Academy in Kirkstall. SC to follow up. SC

Becketts Park School Site – Education Leeds are retaining the building to be used as a Pupil Referral Unit. Education Library services will continue to use the site.

6.0 MAJOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS – ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- 6.1 Kirkstall Forge
 A further Kirkstall Forge liaison group has been held. Plans are progressing with the first stage of the development. Of particular interest to the local community is the Section 106 agreement which is monies that a developer pay to the Local Authority to achieve benefits for the local community. £7.6 million (index linked) has been agreed to be spent in the following way:
 £4m – Delivering a train station at Kirkstall Forge
 £100k – for schools/ education benefits
 £3.5m – Affordable Housing, Horsforth roundabout, footpath connections, community benefits.
- 6.2 St Ann's Mill
 This site between Kirkstall Road and the river is up for sale. Cllr Illingworth noted that any development of this site may impact upon the proposals from for the creation of a public park in the Kirkstall Valley and a possible white water canoe course.

7.0 AOB

- 7.1 War Memorial Plaques – The plaques have been taken away and are currently being restored. SC to follow up to ensure they are returned prior to Armistice Day and to ask whether it is possible to secure them to reduce likelihood of theft or to install in a cheaper material. SC
- 7.2 Kirkstall Festival – KS & JL explained that there had been additional pressure on the festival this year due to Police charges in particular. The Police pricing policy seems unclear and they would like to know how decisions are made on who to charge. A report is going to the Inner Area Committee on 18th October, 7pm at St Stephens School Hall.
- 7.3 Kirkstall Festive Lights – Gilbert & Sandfords residents association in conjunction with the KVCA have successfully applied for funding from the Area Committee for festive lights in central kirkstall. There will be 10 lighting columns decorated this year, it is hoped that this will grow in future years with sponsorship from local businesses.
- 7.4 Pedestrian Crossings – Ward Members are progressing the request for improved pedestrian crossing facilities on Burley Road. The current proposal is to install 2 pedestrian refuges rather than a controlled crossing near Haddon Road and the Village Green.
- 7.5 Burley Methodist Church – They have space available for meetings, exhibitions etc. All enquiries can be sent to molliefalkiner@yahoo.co.uk
- 7.6 Residents Parking – a request was reiterated for residents only parking on the Gilbert & Sandfords prior to any development of the district centre. A request was also made for residents parking on Haddon Avenue.
- 7.0 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
- 7.1 Tuesday 26th February, 7pm venue – Burley Methodist (TBC)