

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

Date: Thursday 27th September 2007

Present: Cllr Denise Atkinson (Chair), Cllr T Hanley, Cllr Taggart

D & L Siron, A Maskell, J Frost, M Tyson, E & B Rayworth, JB Quimby, Jayne Learoyd, J Bedford, S Fothergill., M Pryce, A Brummitt, J Bakes, Diane Titterington, M Staveley, D W Petty, A Berg, T Astley, B Dean, P Dean, M North, B Benton, B, Crowther, M Wright, S McBarron, P Bond, S Longley, S Withers, G Withers, A Iqbal.

ACTION

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 Cllr D Atkinson welcomed all to the meeting

1.02 **APOLOGIES** –P Miles, J Stringer. J Upton

2.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – agreed.

3.00 Matters Arising –

6.04 – issues raised again over the decision to charge users of Bramley Community centre for it use. Councillors agreed to pursue this further and clarify the justification for the charges and the letter asking Bramley Historical Society to remove all of their equipment.

Cllr Atkinson advised that the group should stay put till a full solution can be found

6.05 – again the question was raised why does the name of the centre need to change

6.08 – there is current perception that there is limited activities for younger people in the Bramley area. **GF to invite both BARCA and Youth Service**

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Cllr Atkinson updated the room on the Bramley Shopping Centre improvements. Including new units at the rear of the centre and also the change over at Sommerfields.

4.00 Policing Issues – Police / PCSOs – no-one in attendance.

5.00 Surestart Update – Judy Bakes

5.01 Surestart has gone through many changes recently but their core provision has stayed the same.

5.02 The small nursery has a waiting list due to its popularity and its offers of free places and also subsidised places

5.03 Every Child Matters – family support work now covers all of West Leeds and have in the region of 1600 families on their books.

5.04 Main three centres are Fairfield, Hollybush and Moortop. They are also now know as the Response team.

5.05 Surestart do have a caravan available for hire all details can be received by calling Surestart.

6.00 Street Lighting – SEC – Alan Brummitt

6.01 This scheme of improving the street lighting is currently the largest in both the UK and Europe. Bramley is to be onsite between January and February 2008.

6.02 The outlying area of the city have been the priority due to the age of the columns. Each new column is a lot more efficient than previous models leading to only 0.5% of the light being lost upwards as opposed to 7% from the old models.

6.03 Depending upon the location of services under the street the columns are mostly positioned to the rear of the pathway to minimise disruption to pedestrians. A column can be moved slightly if there is a genuine reason. Each case would have to be looked at.

6.04 Hanging baskets that are currently on Lamp posts will be replaced, along with all brackets for Christmas lights.

6.05 Letters should go through every door informing the occupiers of the disruption that will be caused to the street when the lighting columns are changed

6.06 Within the contract SEC are allowed to trim tree branches up to 1 inch thick to maximise the potential of the new lighting. Any larger trees that require attention would be passed through to LCC Forestry.

6.07 Feedback information –

Free phone number – 0800 032 5349

Leeds City Council lighting faults line – 0845 124 0113

6.08 Additional Questions-

- How long on each post? – current working practice aims for 2 weeks on a street

7.00 Inner Area Committee Co-opted Representative feedback – nothing to report.

8.00 AOB

8.01 Bonfire leaflets - all attendees were given a leaflet stating the current legislations around bonfires and burning materials from Environmental Health.

8.02 Bulb Bonanza – Ground work would again be providing free daffodil bulbs for community groups. All application should be in by 3/10/07

8.03 All other AOB was covered in the matters arising section.

9.00 Dates of meetings in 2007 - 29th November
31st January 2008