

Armley Community Forum

Date: 20th November 2007

Present: Cllr Harper(Chair), R Boon, A Friebe, W&K Anderson, E Bowes, E & B Rayworth, Cllr J Mckenna, Z Stead, M Pugh, D Newsome, D Peck, K Lemm. D Day, K&W Huffuiley, T Maynard, H Shields, T Westwood, J Ramell, B Draper, M&D Stead, M Bruce, A Willis, E Bearman, J Kerry, S&B Richmond, F Smyth, K Donnelly, D Smith, J Doyle, G Arundale, JK & JP Newsome, S Eyre, S Brown, D Mason, M Pryce, E Meadowcroft, J Gill, L Shaw, G Eastwood, C Clark, B Holmes, H&D Boutle.

ACTION

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.00 APOLOGIES

2.01 J Grainger, I Broughton, M Litherland, D Laxton, D Maynard, Ald.B Nelson, Fr I Wright, K Draper, K Bruce.

3.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

3.01 The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

4.00 MATTERS ARISING

4.01 (4.03) Steam License for alcohol 9am-12pm approved. The letter of objection (sent from the forum) was sadly not accepted by the Licensing panel. There has been no material change of use – it will still be classed as a sport/leisure facility. Therefore there has been no necessity to inform or consult the residents. Planning, Licensing and the Police will be making regular visits however after it opens. Cllr JH will accept any concerns/objections in writing/email and nuisance diaries can be kept to be used as future evidence if necessary.

Many residents were very concerned – the website is quite explicit - and one did lodge a complaint with the Panel. Although this was overturned – they now have the right to appeal within 21 days at a cost of £75. The forum voted to pay this so the appeal can be made.

Cllr JM added that a 25 seat cinema is also being advertised – this may be classed as change of use.

4.02 (5.09) DPPO is being extended to also encompass Ley Lane/Mistress Lane.

4.03 (6.02) The tyre company extra advert boards at Tong Rd are illegal and the matter has been passed to enforcement. This will take time to enforce however.

4.04 (9.05) Cllr JH confirmed response from the Dog warden. Residents reported very messy in some areas. Cllr JH advised letting her know if possible whose animals are responsible so the wardens can visit.

4.05 (5.04) The Total garage has had it's license to sell alcohol reduced to 10:30pm. Police would like this to be reduced further,

5.00 Introduction of Inspector Anwar Mohammed – Northwest Police Division

5.01 Insp Mohammed has replaced Insp Steve Thomas as the Head of the Inner West Neighbourhood Policing Team.

5.02 Insp AM introduced himself and commented that he sees the Inner West as a challenging area with a very good community spirit. He has a previous 15 yrs policing experience and has recently been working in the Little London/Woodhouse and Hyde Park areas of the city.

5.03 Re Steam (see 4.01): The club has agreed to all the Police have asked of them. There are no laws being broken at present. There is no historic evidence that the Police could use to object to the license. Residents did comment at this point that there was trouble in the past over the club being open until early morning. Cllr JH/Insp.AM – please pass your complaints on. Also if they are drinking outside they can be possibly prosecuted under the DPPO.

Cllr JM commented that the Police have shown a laissez-faire attitude to 'massage parlours'. Insp.AM assured the forum that this is not the case and from the start the Police have objected to this new club. A further concern to the Police is the possible hate crime/criminal element it may attract.

6.00 Community Safety Update and Tension Monitoring – Local Policing Team

6.01 Armley DPPO (to prevent public drinking) will commence on the 1st December. This has been extended and also covers the Christchurch area. There will be notices going up 26/27th November. Also covers Armley Park and common land areas. Park Rangers do not have the power to enforce the DPPO however there is a move towards all wardens ie neighbourhood/traffic etc having increased powers in the future.

Cllr JM – this is only effective if policed. There is initial funding from the Inner Area Committee and the Police will apply again if necessary in the new year.

6.02 Parking issues raised around the new development at Winker Green Mills – Insp AM asked for details and will look into this.

6.03 Cedars – windows/car windows being smashed. Sgt Boyes – there is some work being done in this area. Also reports of a bin being burnt – Cllr JH will check as this should have been prevented by the new work.

6.04 Upturn in crime recently – specific to this time of the year. The Aviarys is the hotspot for burglaries, the Raynvilles for vehicle crime. Sgt Boyes urged people to take more care – many of these crimes are sneak-ins. Please lock all doors and windows even upstairs and do not leave items on display in cars.

6.05 Cllr JM asked about firework time limits. PCSO – allowed until 11pm except for Bonfire Night, festivals and New Years Eve when can set them off until 12pm.

6.06 **Tension Monitoring:** to be reported centrally – nothing reported.

7.00 Armley Town Centre Update and Historic Time Line - Carole Clarke

7.01 Quick Update:

- Last year the forum was consulted on various options for the West Leeds Gateway regeneration area and the Area Action Plan. The preferred option chosen through this and other public consultation was the 'moderate change' option. The resulting plans will be brought to the forum in the new year. This is a very slow process!
- Armley Town St – the improvements work planned soon.
- New Leisure Centre – planned to start Aug/Sept 2008 – the plans will be brought to the forum.
- ACRT plans for Armley Moor, Littlemoor and Hill Top – plans are available and will be shown to the forum. There is a consultation event at the Armley OSC 27th November at 7pm. All are welcome.
- Several new developments in the area including Winker Green Mills, Tower works, Stocks Hill and Mistress Lane.

7.02 The Town St improvements also include public artwork. One idea is to clear

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- and improve the area at junction of Hall Rd and Town St – also moving the phone boxes to create a seating area. This could include a ‘compass’ type structure pointing (and giving distances) to places around the globe that have links to Armley eg Armley in Canada. The forum agreed this was a good idea.
- 7.03 CC showed a logo for Armley provided free of charge by a local PR company. The forum were unimpressed.
- 7.04 A further piece of artwork will be the Timeline – 14 keystones dotted along Town St each representing a famous event or person having local links. There are 18 finalists – CC asked the forum to help choose the final 14 from these by voting using post-its provided. These will be counted and reported back to the forum.
- 8.00 Big Lottery People’s Millions – St Barts.** Zoe Stead
- 8.01 St Barts Primary school have applied to the People’s Millions for funding for the field at the back of the school (leading to Hall Lane) to be developed into a community sports/leisure green area. A short film will be aired on Monday 26th November on Calendar ITV 6pm. They will be competing against another community project in the area – the public will telephone vote – the winner receiving the funding. Please vote for St Barts!
- 8.02 If the school is successful and they receive the funding they will consult with the public as to what kind of sports/leisure facilities they would like.
- 9.00 AOB**
- 9.01 Mikes’ Carpets is going to auction on 06.12.07. He wants £550k for the site.
- 9.02 Tong Rd – there is a green area that residents have asked to be cleared and a footpath added for a safer route for school children to use. Cllr JM will visit the site.
- 9.03 Charming Armley Cake calendar – Emma Bearman & Dawn Newsome
EB/DN thanked the forum for sponsoring a page. The calendar has been very successful so far – the official launch was at the Leeds City Arts Gallery and the accompanying photo exhibition is still there at present. In the first week the calendar made £1200 which all goes to Armley Helping Hands. The calendar and surrounding publicity have really raised the profile of AHH and Armley in general. The calendar is for sale at Lynn’s Cake shop, the LC Gallery, Here estate agents and in future Asda Pudsey and AOSC. Cost is £6.
- 9.04 DN thanked EB for the amount of work she has voluntarily done towards the production of the calendar. Well done Emma!
- 9.05 DN explained the monies raised will go towards AHH having their new minibus converted. Many elderly people in the Armley area suffer from respiratory problems and AHH will be able to increase the mobility of such folk as the minibus will incorporate a nebuliser unit.
- 9.06 Armley Common Rights Trust – have raised awareness of the Armley Parks etc through events such as the Urban Picnic. There will also be Carols in the park nearer Xmas. The Urban Forum are visiting Leeds in December and will be touring around Armley. ACRT are therefore having cleanups over the next few weekends – Saturday 1st December at Charlie cake.
- 9.07 Shop opposite AOSC is now selling alcohol. Cllr JH has visited and owner informed her that they had applied for a license to sell alcohol 7am – 11pm.
- 9.08 Skateboard park – lot of graffiti reported here – Cllr JH will pass report on.
- 10:00 DATE & TIME of NEXT MEETING** – The forum were asked to vote on holding the next meeting. This was decided to be **Tuesday 18th December 7pm AOSC**

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