

**Armley Community Forum**

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008

**Present:** Cllr Harper(Chair), R Boon, A Friebe, H&D Boutle, M&D Stead, W Gregg, E Bowes, W&K Anderson, E & B Rayworth, Marva Pryce, Cllr A Lowe, Cllr J Mckenna, Cllr A McKenna, R&M Bruce, J Gill, B Holmes, G&M Litherland, J Grainger, K&B Draper, J Ramell, M&D Stead, I Broughton, F Smyth, D Smith, H Shields, S&B Richmond, L&M Murphy, M Pugh, J Kerry, D Peck, A Covey, Ald B Nelson, L Thornton, M Ndzinga, P Fathers, B&M Guthrie, P Kempster, S&SM Mylan, I Penman, S Dinsdale, R Emerson, T Fawcett, B&T Jones. C Wheelhouse, L Nutter, K Haseltine, S Cottle, A Percival, M Richardson, A Iqbal, A Willis, H Gardiner, J Ford, JK & JP Newsome.

**ACTION**

**1.00 WELCOME**

1.01 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**2.00 APOLOGIES**

2.01 D Maynard, K Donnelly, S Guy, S Hellewell, D Nelson, K Lemm.

**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 (6.01) Hazel Boutle will also like to be involved with Peoples Forum. AF to pass details on.

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4.02 (7.01) The Post Office has closed. Cllrs JH and AL thanked everyone for their support in opposing this closure especially Armley Helping Hands. The latest information is that there was an interested party to whom the Co-op refused a 5yr lease. Also the franchise cost is prohibitive. Mr Battle (MP) was given an assurance that the Co-op have since reneged on. The Co-op have refused to pass the franchise on to other supermarkets in the past. Thus they have proved to be very awkward and unco-operative. The PO do want to continue. Cllrs urged everyone to keep opposing the closure. Aisha Iqbal from the Yorkshire Post is keen to hear any stories people have regarding the Post Office – 243 2701 ext 8122. Members will also be meeting Aisha to discuss the closure. Residents can also write to PostWatch, 28 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1 WOTT. A petition is also being passed around tonight. Extra petitions will be sent out to those that are interested.

**5.00 Community Safety Update and Tension Monitoring – Local Policing Team**

5.01 Apologies from Sgt Boyes – who has just become a father for the 4<sup>th</sup> time.

5.02 An operation re Vice is happening tonight at Copley Hill.

5.03 Quiet Xmas re burglary. Largely due to police efforts and people being more careful. Car crime still a problem – do NOT leave valuables in your car on view.

5.04 Some problems re graffiti/ASB on Aviaries/Salisburys. PCSO is off sick at present.PCSOs will try and cover area – do ring Police and report any problems however.

5.05 DPPO is in effect. However too few signs still a problem but being looked at. If

- people are aware please let Police know.
- 5.06 New tag has appeared on wall – Nancroft Mt/Ley Lane – Mog. Cllr JH/RB to report.
- 5.08 **Tension Monitoring:** to be reported centrally – none.
- 6.00 Armley Town Centre Update on Historic Time Line – Rebecca Boon**
- 6.01 RB introduced the results of the voting for the 14 keystones. The Armley Hippo was not one of the final 14 – there is room for a reserve as there may even be up to 18 used. Are the forum happy to include the Armley Hippo.  
**The forum agreed via a show of hands.**
- 6.02 A public Arts officer is working on ideas for Town St.
- 6.03 The Town St improvements – will be going out to tender soon. However the Gasboard are to carry out major works to Armley Town St sometime between April 08 and 09. The Council are liaising with them to arrange the work to be done as soon as possible – then the improvements can be made.
- 6.04 Townscape Heritage Initiative – the decision will be made next month although they have asked for more information which is seen as a good sign,
- 6.05 Business event – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 6-8pm AOSC. Please pass word on to any Traders you know in the area.
- 6.06 The West Leeds Gateway Area Action Plan was passed at the Development Plans Panel. Public consultation will start on 26<sup>th</sup> February for 6 weeks. There will be a permanent display in Armley Library and a touring display visiting Netto, New Wortley CC, Armley Moor Health centre and Somerfield.
- 6.07 Leisure Centre Steering group – the senior officer will bring the plans to the next forum.
- 6.08 Area Delivery Plan consultation events for public consultation will be happening around West Leeds. The Armley event is at the Leisure Centre (upstairs) 5<sup>th</sup> February 3-7pm. This will also be an affordable warmth event giving advice etc on keeping warm cheaply.
- 7.00 Voice - Who are they and how they help Marva Pryce**
- 7.01 Marva is Community Participation Coordinator(West Leeds) at Leeds Voice. Her job is to recruit representatives from the voluntary/community/faith sector on the Leeds Initiative neighbourhood level decision-making structures. The geographical based forums are where voluntary, community and faith sector groups can come together to discuss issues affecting their neighbourhood, communities via Partnerships. The West Leeds geographic areas are Armley, Bramley, Wortley, Farnley, Stanningley, Calverley, Farsley and Pudsey. The aims of the forums are to:
- Influence decision-making
  - Cascade strategic information and views to and from the forum
  - Strengthen and support existing forums and initiatives
  - Present the forum as a body which other agencies can consult with
  - Promote values of equality, inclusiveness, participation and networking
- 7.02 Within Leeds Voice there is also Themed Forums - these being;
- Children and Young People
  - Broad Health
  - Environment
  - Economy and Skills
- 7.03 MP urged people to get involved and have your say on local issues. It can make a difference! You can contact Leeds Voice 0113 277 2227 or [www.leedsvoice.org.uk](http://www.leedsvoice.org.uk)

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| <b>8.00</b> | <b>AOB</b>  |               |
| 8.01        | Recycling site is very smelly – RB/Cllr JH to report to EHS.  | RB/Cllr<br>JH |
| 8.02        | Area around chapel on Mistress Lane – rubbish needs clearing. RB/Cllr JH to report to City Services.  | RB/Cllr<br>JH |
| 8.03        | Nancroft Mt – Streetscene have NOT cleaned glass or dog mess sufficiently. Very severe at present. RB/Cllr JH to report to City Services.   | RB/Cllr<br>JH |
| 8.04        | Hall Lane footpath – Cllr JH has asked for repair a year ago (large puddles forming causing pedestrians to walk into oncoming traffic) but no repair has been done. RB/Cllr JH to report to Highways. | RB/Cllr<br>JH |
| 8.05        | Wheelie bins again being burnt on Ley Lane field, RB/Cllr JH to report to City Services.  | RB/Cllr<br>JH |
| 8.06        | Drains used to be cleaned out regularly, Is this still done? Heavy rain fall recently has highlighted blockages. RB to investigate.   | <b>RB</b>     |
| <b>9.00</b> | <b>DATE &amp; TIME of NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 7pm AOSC</b>   |               |