

Armley Community Forum

Date: 19th February 2008

Present: Cllr Harper(Chair), Cllr A Lowe, Cllr J Mckenna, R Boon, A Friebe, H&D Boutle, D Peck, K Lemm, E Bowes, W Anderson, M&D Stead, B Draper, J Ramell, M Garside, B Holmes, JK & JP Newsome, A Willis, E Meadowcraft, J Gill, P Fathers, C Teasdale, J Kerry, B&M Guthrie, P Kempster, T Maynard.

ACTION

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.00 APOLOGIES

2.01 K Anderson, I Penman, I Stephenson, E & B Rayworth, K Draper, Ald. B Nelson, D Newsome, D Maynard, M Pryce.

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 (4.02) It has been rumoured that the Post Office have refused the unit next to the Copper Lantern as being too small; also that Theaker Lane Clinic was being considered. These are unsubstantiated however and the only information available is that Mr John Battle is continuing to liaise with the Post Office.

4.02 (8.01) This issue has been reported.

4.03 (8.02) Area cleared but there is still rubbish next to the newsagents. Mr Malik insists that this is not his and that others are overfilling these bins. Cllr Mckenna has been in contact and asks if anyone is seen using these bins can they please let LCC know.

4.04 (8.03) This issue has been reported.

4.05 (8.04) This issue has been reported.

4.06 (8.05) This issue has been reported.

4.07 (8.06) All gullies are cleaned on a rota every 8 months – this has been the case for the previous 10 yrs. However as local Members have reported recently to Steve Greenwood at Inner Area Committee – rubbish is going uncollected and therefore causing more blockages. Rebecca Boon suggested the possibility if an environmental day of action around the Little Scotland area.

RB

5.00 Community Safety Update and Tension Monitoring – Inspector Mohammed.

5.01 A slight increase in ASB reported around the Edinburghs, the Prison and the Clydes.

5.02 Number of thefts from motor vehicles is still quite high in the ward – however this is still on target division –wide.

5.03 There have been recent initiatives re drug-dealing, prostitution at bottom of Clydes and the towers.

5.04 Local Cllrs and the Police visited Steam Sauna recently but were not allowed to enter. Police continuing to monitor.

5.05 Police planning regular evenings of serving warrants in the Armley & Bramley wards.

5.06 There are new staff coming to the area soon.

5.07 Cold weather makes people close all doors, curtains and doors so this leads to less sneak-in and opportunist thefts!

5.08 Incidents of public drinking within the DPPO area reported. Hard to arrest on this as still too few signs up advertising this. 12 extra signs will be up soon.

5.09 Several needles seen on field near railway – in future to report (0845 124 0113) or if a PCSO in the area – let them know.

- 5.10 Armley Park – underage drinking can not be dealt with by Park Rangers – as they do not have the enforcement powers and work for LCC not the Police.
- 5.11 The next Project Champion is in March and the DVLA will also be taking part.
- 5.08 **Tension Monitoring:** to be reported centrally – none.

6.00 Town Street Tales – Kevin Donnelly

- 6.01 This was an Inner Area Committee funded art project and initiated by Mark Metcalfe (Youth Development Worker) whose contract has now finished. Phil Spellacy (Snr Youth Arts Officer) and Mel Sinclair (community artist) have also been working on this. The idea being for young people in Armley to create some life-size figures of famous people with a link to the area. There are now 28 of these! These include characters like the Queen (who has visited Armley) and Benjamin Gott. They also visited schools and as part of a healthy eating project created very large painted fruit and vegetables!
- 6.02 They are now looking for ideas on how and where to display all the paintings. They are already hoping to be included in the I Love West Leeds festival and one will be featured on Gelderd coaches' wall. Ideas included:
- Armley Moor (Hazel Boutle to check with ACRT)
 - Armley Mills
 - City Art Gallery – a day of local art?
 - Corner opposite Mikes Carpets – may be a safety issue? No planning permission needed if there for less than 28 days.
 - Civic Hall – banqueting hall? Council chamber?
 - Millennium Square
 - Armley Library and OSC

KD thanked everyone for their ideas and stressed that local sites would be more in keeping with the original project aims. The local Members offered financial help to mount the display if necessary.

7.00 Web Site for Armley – Andrew Hutchinson – unable to attend.

8.00 Setting up a social enterprise - Jess Duggal, Places for People.

- 8.01 JD introduced Places for People – a housing provider who has been awarded part of the £20m allocated to Leeds from LEGI (Local Enterprise Growth Initiative). The focus is on enterprise – and the aim is to encourage particularly people in social housing to set up new enterprises/social enterprises /businesses. The project is very community focussed – Jess is the Community Officer and will take details of any one interested and their ideas – and pass on to the relevant business advisor.

9.00 AOB

- 9.01 Fencing around Mistress Lane site is open at Crab Lane – allowing children access to site. RB to report to Building Control.

- 9.02 A resident reported uncollected bins adjacent to no 8 Clyde Walk. This was reported to Glenn Maude (Principal Area Manager- Streetscene) who responded:
8 Clyde Walk. The Area Manager has spoken to the crew. They insist that all bins presented are collected. I have instructed that this address be added to the area monitoring sheet. All collections for the next month will be monitored.

- 9.03 Area around Chapel on Mistress Lane is full of rubbish: This was reported to Glenn Maude (Principal Area Manager- Streetscene) who responded:
I have been reliably informed that the area caretakers have cleaned this area. If it is actually in the grounds of the chapel this would be their responsibility to clear.

- 9.04 Nancroft Mount - Dog Mess and glass reported on the ground: This was reported to Glenn Maude (Principal Area Manager- Streetscene) who responded:
Nancroft Mount is on a weekly sweeping schedule so this should have been cleared on Monday. I will have the area inspected to confirm.

RB

- 9.05** Wheelie Bins reportedly being burnt on Ley Lane.
This was reported to Glenn Maude (Principal Area Manager- Streetscene) who responded:
Wheeled bins being burned is an anti social behaviour problem and should be dealt with by the police. I will arrange for the debris to be collected.
- 9.06** Paisley binyards reportedly not being cleared.
This was reported to Glenn Maude (Principal Area Manager- Streetscene) who responded:
The bin yards are the responsibility of the residents. They should be containing their household waste. If they have any bulky items these should be booked in for a collection. We no longer clear bin yards as a matter of course. I will ask the Enforcement Officer to visit the area. After the Officer has visited the area and issued warnings we will clear the bin yards. After this has been done the next time there is any uncontained waste in the yards a fixed penalty notice can be issued.
Further to the above the Enforcement Division confirmed that this matter is under investigation.
- 9.07** Road works on Canal Rd – when will they be complete? Alan Robinson to be invited to report at next forum.
- 9.08** Highthorne St – since resurface disabled road markings repainted on wrong side of road. RB to follow up.
- 9.09** Ginnel at the bottom of Simpson Grove – bollards broken so cars cutting through. RB to report to Highways.
- 9.10** Further problems reported re Cedars binyards - the Enforcement Division confirmed that this matter is under investigation and being monitored.
- 10.00** **DATE & TIME of NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 18th March 2008 7pm AOSC**

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