

Armley Community Forum

Date: 18th March 2008

Present: Cllr Harper(Chair), Cllr A Lowe, R Boon, A Friebe, H&D Boutle, G Shaw, C Lovell, T Maynard, H Shields, Ald. B Nelson, B&K Draper, M&D Stead, D Peck, K Lemm, A Willis, J Ramell, B&S Richmond, F Smyth, A Smithson, P Gough, C Clark, W Davies, E Bowes, B Gregg, E & B Rayworth, S Clarke, B Holmes, R&M Bruce, A Iqbal, B&M Guthrie, P Kempster,

ACTION

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Wyn Davies - the new Armley Housing Manager.

2.00 APOLOGIES

2.01 Cllr J Mckenna, K Donnelly, J Preston, M Pryce, D Newsome, D Maynard, A Covey.

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 - none

5.00 Community Safety Update and Tension Monitoring – Sgt Simon Rostrun

5.01 Sgt Rostrun introduced himself – he is replacing Sgt Boyes and has 16 yrs Police service.

5.02 There have been 3 attempted burglaries recently on Station Rd,

5.03 Motorbikes are also being seen/heard again around Station Rd and Crescent, Tong Rd and around the Leisure centre. These bikes are very hard to ID – so Police do rely on information from the public – please do pass any information on as to where these bikes are being kept etc.

5.04 Crime prevention have been in the area recently visiting homes etc and leafleting.

5.05 **Tension Monitoring:** to be reported centrally – none.

6.00 Planning update and West Leeds Gateway AAP – Paul Gough and Andy Smithson

6.01 Paul Gough discussed the historical context of the Area Delivery Plan for the WLG area – this being one of only 4 AAPs currently being prioritised by the Council. Previous public consultation periods have resulted in the current draft plan which focuses on the preferred regeneration option for the area. This draft version is now available for public view and comment in a travelling exhibition at various venues in the Gateway area and also a static display in Armley Library until 8th April.

6.02 It is vital that as much feedback as possible is collected – both positive and negative. Questionnaires are also being issued for completion. Although no major changes are expected – these views will all be taken into consideration and the resulting analysis will help fine-tune the proposals. A future final consultation period will be undertaken before the final Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State – at this point no further amendments can be made. As this will be a binding document – it is vital that LCC do get it right! This will be the framework for the area for the next 15 yrs. Once this document is finalised and adopted – implementation plans can be made.

6.03 Armley station to re-open? PG has spoken to Metro and Network Rail – this line is ‘under active investigation’ but this has been the status for years so is unlikely in the short-term.

6.04 Ald B Nelson - In the draft WLG AAP it does state that the Armley Common Land belongs to LCC when this has been given to the people of Armley. PG – the land is protected in perpetuity for the people of Armley and will send a letter confirming this to

PG

ACRT and meet further with them.

7.00 Armley Leisure Centre update – Simon Clarke (Operations Manager)

- 7.01 The plans are well under way - the new plans to go to Planning in April. Only minor changes have been made to the originals. These are available for viewing in Armley Library and in the Leisure centre reception.
- 7.02 April 2010 is the planned opening date – with the existing centre to close June 2009. The grassed area will be fenced off from October this year.
- 7.03 There will be a recycling area in the new car park.
- 7.04 There may be a charge for parking – however this would be refunded as part of the fee for Leisure centre use.

8.00 Highways update – Alan Robinson

- 8.01 Canal Rd is now open – frost delayed the viaduct work.
- 8.02 Stanningley Rd/Armley Ridge Rd junction: This is seen as a success for safety – in the period 2002-2007 there were 28 personal injury accidents here of which 2 proved fatal. In the year since the junction has been modified there has been 1 which was a result of a signal violation.
- 8.03 Modder Ave: Road markings not yet complete and signs to go up.
- 8.04 Stanningley Rd safety: signing/lining improvements to be made this year to end of dual carriageway.
- 8.05 New pedestrian facility at Cockshott Lane junction: this has been agreed with the developer for this year.
- 8.06 Tennis Club - new central median crossing: agreed with Club for this year.
- 8.07 Eyres Avenue: Traffic calming measure agreed for this year to be funded by Winker Green Mills.
- 8.08 Hill Top/Green Hill Rd: Road safety scheme to go ahead this year.
- 8.09 Armley Grange Ave: Access only TRO to go ahead this year to help prevent rat-running.
- 8.10 Residents reported incorrect road markings at The Oval/Crescent near Armley Grange Dv. AR to check **AR**
- 8.11 Cobden Rd – more traffic calming measure required. AR – Development dept are responsible for those already in place and are supposed to do a follow-up report/study after they have been in place for 2/3 yrs. AR to check if this has been undertaken. **AR**

9.00 AOB

- 9.01 Andrew Hutchinson (Evening Post) introduced the new Armley community website – www.armleytoday.co.uk. This is now up and running – as are similar websites for many areas of Leeds – these reflect the Paper's commitment to future internet reporting. The local sites are updated daily and can be used to report on local news and advertise local businesses and community groups and events. However the website does need support and publicity – please contact the Post with any local news etc and spread the word! Contact. 01132 432701 – ask for Aisha Iqbal or Andrew Hutchinson
- 9.02 ACRT – Easter Funday at Charlie Cake Park 22nd March 1-4pm.
- 9.03 A short film is to be made detailing life in Leeds back-to-backs and thru-terraces. This will be shown at the City Of Leeds museum. Anyone wishing to share their memories with the team – please ring 0161 832 7151.
- 9.04 Cllr Lowe expressed thanks to everyone who helped fight the recent Post Office closure. This has since relocated and reopened – a triumph for the Armley community – another example of local people working together for change!
- 9.05 Cllr Lowe – anyone who has received a parking ticket for parking in a taxi rank may be interested to know that due to a loophole these are invalid. The ranks do not as yet come under LCC legislation and anyone who has fallen foul of this should contact her or LCC and make a claim for a refund of fines paid.
- 9.06 CC – the Town St public realm improvements are now delayed until after the Gas Board work has been completed (Sept 2008). The public artwork – a large stone compass showing distances to various places having a link with Armley will be situated at the

junction of Town St and Hall Rd. One such link being Armley in Canada – 6,000 miles!
If anyone has any further ideas for points in this compass – please contact Carole Clark
224 3951.

10.00 DATE & TIME of NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 15th April 2008 7pm AOSC