

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

Date: Thursday 27th March 2008

Present: Cllr T Hanley (Chair), Cllr D Atkinson, G Forster, A Friebe, A Iqbal, A Khan, B Doughton, M Smith, P Green, N Gibson, M Tyson, P Mile, Y Beesting, E&B Rayworth, J Preston, S Fothergill, P Farrar, J Lockett, P Ward.

ACTION

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 **APOLOGIES** – J Quimby, T&D Maynard, Inspector Mohammed.

2.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – agreed.

3.00 Matters Arising –

3.01 All items covered in main agenda

4.00 Policing Issues – Police / PCSOs – PCSO Adrian Goldthorpe

4.01 PCSO Adrian Goldthorpe gave a brief overview of the current crime statistics in the North West Division:

- Majority of crime has again reduced since the last forum - the longer days and lighter evenings having an impact
- Burglaries have increased slightly
- Robberies have increased from zero cases to 4 (Swinnow area)
- Drug offences have decreased from 9 to 2
- Theft from cars has decreased from 28 to 22
- Between 28.01.08 and 27.02.08 – 17 cars were stolen, 6 of these in the Bramley area.
- Criminal damage has decreased from 104 cases to 82 – these mostly caused by ‘nuisance youth’.
- Other theft decreased from 24 to 11 cases.

4.02 Cllr DA – reports from Bramley Shopping centre say that the Police do not respond to their calls and say the centre is not their responsibility.
PCSO AG – In fact the Bramley NPT team have been targeting the area at night during their shifts- around the back off the shopping centre and the Rossefields particularly.
Cllr DA suggested this should be publicised more. AG agreed to pass this back to Inspector Mohammed and leaflets should have already been distributed in the area.

BARCA have been in discussion with Police about setting up some youth diversionary activities in the area eg the Mobile Youth unit to visit St Peters carpark on Monday evenings. They are now checking to get permission from local residents and groups. BARCA to be invited to next forum.

4.03 The Cardigan pub is continuing to impact heavily on the area – there are many

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	issues associated with the pub being open. St Peter's residents and the Church have many problems. GF to follow up on situation with the pub with LCC Licensing/ GF – at several previous Inner West Crime&Grime tasking meetings the pub has been mentioned as an Environmental Health issues. GF will also contact EHS.	GF
	Cllr TH has in the past served on the Licensing committee and feels that they can wield real power in such situations. Also DPPOs (to stop public drinking in the street) have been very successful in other town centres within the Leeds area. GF to investigate options available.	GF
4.04	In the past Antisocial Behaviour officers were prominent in the area and active in the community. Unfortunately due to restructure and a change in working this is no longer the case. GF to follow up. Phone number for the team is confirmed as 0113 3984701 Cllr DA feels that such things happen without the Members being informed.	GF
5.00	BTCV – John Preston	
5.01	Some basic facts The Centre has been running for almost 30 years. The building belongs to Leeds City Council. The midweek volunteers have run continuously since 1982, that is over 4000 days of practical projects across Leeds and wider West Yorkshire. We no longer run a wildlife garden plant nursery. There are 12 staff, 3 minibuses and 80 plus volunteers each week. Current projects generating 30 activities per week. Social Enterprise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day-long conservation projects in urban and rural locations TWTH • School grounds improvement projects(nature areas, sensory gardens etc) TWTHF College funded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NVQ Level 1 Land Based Operations WTH • NVQ Level 2 Environmental Conservation MT • Open College Network (OCN) Gardening Skills with Literacy and Numeracy (for Learners with Learning Disabilities and Difficulties) TWTHF Grant Aided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 weekly Healthy Walking Groups(PCT, Sport England) (West and N West Leeds) • Youth Projects Friends of Hollybush <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday afternoon, in the Centre's gardens • WATCH club 8-12 year olds first Sunday morning of the month • Sunday events, don't miss 18th May Spring into Action Not forgetting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Officer Programme, annually providing 12 part and full-time volunteer opportunities for those seeking a career in the environmental sector 	
5.02	PW asked JP if he could provide any advice on future schemes for Moorside CC. JP /PW to discuss after the meeting.	
6.00	LEGI Setting up a social enterprise – Gavin Forster	
6.01	GF 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. Support is available in the form of low-interest business loans etc. The project is very community focussed – Jess Duggal is the main contact who will take details of any one interested and their ideas – and pass on to the relevant business advisor.

6.02 Jess Duggal, Senior Community Engagement Officer

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7.00 Inner Area Committee Co-opted Representative feedback

7.01 No detailed feedback was available. However it was noted that the West Leeds Debt forum were approved a Wellbeing grant among others.

7.02 Pauline Ward thanked Cllrs for their generous MICE money contribution towards the Moorside CC. Cllr TH commented on the great facilities and grounds at Moorside CC. PW – Moorside are looking for ideas etc to utilise the space – please contact them with any ideas or if you are wanting a venue for an event or group meeting etc.

8.00 AOB

8.01 Moorside CC are holding a 'Big Day' on 5th April. All are welcome.

8.02 GF – Area Management recently held a series of ward-based public consultation events in West Leeds. This was a chance for people to discuss local services, problems, issues and requirements. This will form the basis of the West Leeds Area Management Area Delivery Plan (a 3 yr scheme for the area) and feed in to the city-wide Leeds Strategic Plan. In Bramley the event was held at St Peters Church Hall. In case anyone missed this event and has any comments they wish to add to this consultation – please see the ward map (at back of room) or contact Gavin Forster 0113 395 0997.

8.03 Cllr DA reminded the forum to be aware of bogus door-knockers and to always ask and check ID if anyone comes to your door.

8.04 Scrap vans have been seen on the estates and they are helping themselves to items from gardens if no-one is at home. If anyone does see these vehicles again please take the registration number and pass to the police.

8.05 Bramley Community Centre: the recent refurbishment caused the Luncheon club to be shut down at very short notice although they were promised this would not happen. This club can be the only source of hot food some of the attendees have and thus plays an important role in the support of elderly local residents. The Centre is also due to have a kitchen refurb – will this mean further closure for the club? Can they please have a decent notice if so and an alternative venue for the club? GF to chase.

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9.00 Dates of meetings in 2008 - 29th May 2008
31st July 2008
25th September 2008