

**Armley Community Forum
Present:**

Date: 16th September 2008

Cllr Harper(Chair), Cllr A Lowe, C Clark, A Pickering, I Penman, J T Wright, K Lemm, D Peck, E Bowes, H Shields, H and D Boutle, E & B Rayworth, W Gregg, B Holmes, S Jeffrey, S and B Richmond, B Draper, J Ramell, M Stead, D Stead, C Hodgson, D Howarth, M Hodgson, P Pickavance, E Koubetsou, J Gill, E Hey, D and T Maynard, J and J Newsome, C Walker, M and B Brewis, L Davies, H Gardiner, N and G Conway, E Sykes, J Ford, T Holland, J Acornley, Audrey Paul, M Pugh.

ACTION

1.00 Welcome

1.01 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting

2.00 Apologies

2.01 D Newsome, Honorary Alderman B Nelson, F Smythe, K Draper

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 9:03 Cllr Harper invited people to the Themed discussion on Children and Young People taking place prior to the next Area Committee.

11:01 Cllr Harper has met with the Environmental Action Team to discuss. A letter is to be sent out to local businesses asking them to ensure that staff are not throwing down cigarette butts. The fixed penalty fine for throwing a cigarette butt is £75 (£50 if paid within 7 days).

11:03 Cllr Harper has contacted Planning and is awaiting further information.

Cllr H

5.00 Community Safety Update and Tension Monitoring – Local Policing Team

5.01 Railings for the binyards at the Cedars are still to be installed. Cllr H to report back next time. CC

5.02 Motorbikes in the Clydes area causing problems, police aware. Two individuals concerned have been issued a first warning, and if caught a second time the bikes can be confiscated.

5.03 In response to a question about deployment of PCSOs in the Cedars, the officer responded that deployment of PCSOs is based on where the priority areas are. Cedars is currently a priority area, and the police are having positive results.

5.04 Still a problem with fires on Moorfield Rec.

5.05 No incidents to report in relation to tension monitoring to report.

6.00 Neighbourhood Wardens

6.01 In the absence of a warden attending, Cllr Harper talked about the work they do for local communities.

7.00 Conservation Area Management Plan and nomination of representative to Heritage Advisory Group

7:01 Phil Ward, Conservation Officer gave a presentation on the outline and features of the conservation area and how it would be managed. Key points were the importance of working with developers, a proposal for a shopfront policy, the importance of design standards, engaging the local community in the importance of

protecting the Heritage of Armley, and measuring the effectiveness of the conservation area. Phil took a number of questions:

- 7:02 The grant awarded for environmental works on Strawberry Fields can not currently be used due to a landownership issue. Cllr Lowe said she would look into it if the school contacted her with the details. **Cllr Lowe**
- 7:03 Triangle of land behind Kentucky Fried Chicken is not mowed. This is one of many small areas not part of the grass cutting contract. Cllrs have previously taken this up, and will try again. **Cllrs**
- 7:04 Land to the rear of Somerfield is very untidy, this is a matter for the Environmental Action Team rather than planning. To be referred.
- 7:05 One way system, a route has been looked at, but further work is needed to look at a suitable route which allow traffic to flow.
- 7:06 Positive buildings are not necessarily listed, it is about recognising what's important, working with developers and businesses to encourage new development to fit in with the character of the area. The conservation area gives powers to protect buildings.
- 7:07 Planning permission is required for rendering stone buildings.
- 7:08 The council has to be notified before a tree in a conservation area can be lopped, topped or felled.
- 7:09 There are some concerns that some trees on Eyres Terrace may be felled. Resident has contacted Cllr McKenna.
- 7:10 The 'lock up' at Stocks Hill will be preserved, this is part of the planning consent for new development on the site.
- 7:11 Any variation on a planning consent requires a further planning consent.
- 7:12 The following people agreed to join the Heritage Advisory Group:
David Boutle, Hannah Gordon, Clancy Walker. Phil Ward has also arranged for a member of the Armley Society to join the group. First meeting of the group is 23 September.

8.00 AOB

- 8:01 The 'cutting the first sod' ceremony for the new Armley Leisure Centre takes place on October 1st.
- 8:02 Residents near West Leeds school are concerned about the closure of a open space being fenced off for use as temporary site depot. Cllr Lowe is checking with planning on whether there is a public right of way through the site.
- 8:03 Eyres Street – dead end sign still hasn't been repositioned. Cllr Lowe to chase up. **Cllr L**
- 8:04 Paving stones on Hereford Street (Aviaries) have been lifted and stolen. There are local concerns that they will be replaced with tarmac as has happened previously. This is area is due for repair and is on the maintenance schedule. Cllr Harper will check what repairs are due. **Cllr H**

8:05



Armley Cake Competition at Charlie Cake Park
This was a great success last year with 88 cakes entered in a number of different categories. This year includes an international category. The event takes place on Saturday 4th October and will be a great day out.

12.00 Date & time of next meeting

12.01 **Tuesday 21st October 2008, Armley One Stop Centre**