

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

Date: Thursday 25th September 2008

Present: P Miles, M Tyon, S Longley, Y Beesting, I Cullum, C Crookson, Barron, B Hobson, C Fox, D Maynard, T Maynard, A Iqbal, R Deighton, E Deighton, A Silson, P Ward, E+B Rayworth, N Gibson, J Upton, A Pickering, A Khan, S Withers, S McBarron, M North.

ACT

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 **APOLOGIES** – Mr+Mrs Lockett, Rachel Reeves, Cllr Atkinson,
All of our thoughts to Cllr Atkinson who is still in hospital, we hope to see her fit and well at the next meeting.

2.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – agreed.

3.00 Matters Arising –

3.01 Lord Cardigan Pub – no progress on lease. Everything is on hold at this time. Updates will be given when information is known

4.00 Policing Issues – Police / PCSOs – Insp. Bowes, Acting Insp. Jon Glennon

4.01 Apologies from Chief Superintendent Ian Whitehouse who was unfortunately on a job but will hopefully be available to come to the next meeting.

4.02 Overview of Bramley – last 6 months has shown a reduction in overall crime

4.03 Number of schemes currently running

ABACUS – divisional wide scheme looking at burglary dwelling, including both uniform and plain clothes officers. Works by flooding an area with staff and putting nominals on the backfoot.

Capture house – 1 currently in Armley, 2 planned for Bramley, basically the house is filled with smartwater and other capture techniques.

Capture car and trackable assets – another 2 ways that are being used to target nominals

Also there is a proactive drive on the Fairfields and Summerfields, Intake school is also a focus of attention.

4.04 Bramley Shopping centre – youths that were an issue earlier in the year have moved from the centre to Bramley Park. Currently this does not seem to be causing too much of an issue.

4.05 2-3 families to be targeted in the Wythers.

4.05 Questions/comments

- Speeding is a big issue on all of the main routes through Bramley, Whitecoate hill, Broad lane, Town street, L/B road. The crossing next to the Globe pub is really bad could this be changed to a pelican crossing? **GF to invite highways person to explain future plans and ideas for traffic issues in the area.**
- Music in cars? Is this something that can be prosecuted on? – the only action that can be taken is if it is effecting the drivers ability to control the

GF

- vehicle.
- Issues were raised over a noise nuisance problem in St Michaels Court – **GF to distribute information to the area**
- 4.07 New text service – 078950080240 start text with NPTWI
<http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/section-item.asp?sid=12&iid=5280>
- 5.00 AOB – brought forward due to timescales on the evening**
- 5.01 West Leeds Debt Forum – Loan Shark project
- Debt is a major issue in the area
 - If you are having any issues please call 0300 555 2222
 - Or email stoploansharks@leeds.gov.uk
- 5.02 Housing development discussion – Local Ward Councillors
- Councillors led a discussion on the current housing market and the impact it is making locally to the developments on the likes of Pollard Lane
- 5.03 Equality monitoring – Gavin Forster (Area Management Team)
- Leeds as a city is an incredibly diverse, with an ever changing population. This means that the Council needs to be able to monitor who we are currently working with and their needs. The feedback form just handed out will allow us to make changes to the meetings we hold and the way that we contact you. If there are any questions that you don't feel you wouldn't like to answer leave them blank. But the more information you give us the more useful each form will be.
 - If you could please fill in the form and get it back to us we would be most appreciative
- 5.04 The road running from Swinnow lane to Hough lane. Major concerns raised over the condition of the road and how works have not been looked at for the last 30 years since a tragic accident occurred. GF to investigate and update the meeting **GF**
- 6.00 Bramley Park – Guy Smithson Leeds City Council Parks and countryside**
- 6.01
- In Leeds there are 73 community parks, Leeds uses the Green flag award criteria for monitoring the quality of the parks. Currently 17% of the parks meet this standard.
 - 4years ago £3.7 million was given as part of the parks renaissance, Armley Park was successful but Bramley wasn't. this mean that the only works in the pipeline for Bramley park are the regular improvements on the rolling programme.
 - As a team Parks are trying their best but due to the decrease in funding this obviously has limitations on the amount of work that can be done.
 - There is a new gardener for the park who is a Bramley lad and is very keen. E has only been in post for 8 weeks but is making some big improvements already.
 - Martin Farrington (Head of parks & countryside) has been out onsite to see the type of works that needs to be completed.
 - Residents raised concerns over the play area and the associated damage caused by the local children. The site is good for football and the band events were great but not publicised enough.
 - GF to liaise with GS to get all of the events advertising out with the forum minutes
 - The bins are not emptied enough
 - Issues were raised over some of the adjoining buildings to the park, one of the building has barbed wire hanging on to the park and the building next to the reservoir again has barbwire that could be dangerous. GS to look at it **GF**
- 6.02 Cllr taggert arrives

7.00 BARCA Leeds – Drug treatment in Bramley - I Cullum & C Crookson

7.01 Introductions, an overview given of the service:

- Service is voluntary
- Currently providing a prescription service
- Therapists provide support
- Social support given to help with housing, volunteering etc
- The service had been always done centrally but now locally which is having a higher success rate
- Crime reduction can in some areas be put down to this improved local support
- 500 people from WNW aged 16-65
- Working in partnership with the local pharmacies, people do need to take responsibility for their actions.
- The people using the Manor house are all local

If there are any worries over dealing the police need to be informed, the issues raised over the chemists need to be raised with them.

Schemes often run along the lines of:

- 3 months supervised administration of the prescription drugs
- After that time if progress is made this can reduce to 3 days a week and the rest taken at home
- All of the actions are led by the proof of progress

8.00 AOB

8.01 Confirmation of guests for next meeting

- Highways to discuss any plans for road changes in Bramley
- A N Other fun speaker

8.02 Would it be possible to install a community notice board? Gf to investigate funding as this would be of benefit to the whole community

9.00 Dates of meetings in 2008 - 27th November 2008
29th January 2009
26th March 2009
28th May 2009

GF