

Armley Community Forum

Date: Tuesday 19th September 2006

Present: Cllr J Harper (Chair), A Friebe, Cllr A Lowe, Cllr Andrea Harrison, Cllr McKenna, C Clark, H & D Boutle, M Pugh, D Maynard, T Maynard, E Bowes, E Hey, E & B Rayworth, D Stead, M Stead, B & K Draper, W Gregg, M Moran, G Eastwood, D Peck, D Newsome, P Fathers, A Covey, M Murphy, J Cornell, I Stephenson, Mike Powell, P Kempster, B & M Guthrie, H Gardiner, S & A Shepherd, M Brammer, P Seddon, A Lane, D Hollingwood, K Donnelly, M Woodward, N Hunter, D Garthwaite, J Gill, J Parsons, J Ford, Gilda Shaw, Beate Rohle, J Scroggie, J Preston.

ACTION

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting; including Cllr Andrea Harrison (observing) who is the Elder Person's Champion for Leeds.

2.00 APOLOGIES

2.01 K Lemm, Sharon Guy, Mr A Stephenson, Mrs Broughton, Mrs Grainger, Brook Nelson, K Mulligan.

3.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

3.01 (6.03) The composters not from Yorkshire Water – the leaflet selling these was included in Yorkshire Water newsletter.

4.00 MATTERS ARISING

4.01 (5.05) Cllr JH is in favour and may take to Inner West Area Committee.
4.02 (10.02) ACE working this Saturday – Please come along and give them a hand.

5.00 POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

5.01 Operation Apollo taking place at Aviaries/Salisburys tomorrow.
5.02 PCSOs have given out over 70 nuisance diaries but have received only 7 back. The Police need any information and these diaries are of great use especially in Court. PCSOs /Police can take action if they have evidence otherwise process very slow.
5.03 Cedar Residents Association meeting Thursday 21st September – Police are invited.
5.04 Increase in numbers of youths congregating at Armley Christchurch and increase in Criminal damage reported at Raynville Way. PCSOs to note.
5.05 7 new PCSOs start in Pudsey division tomorrow- at least 1 PC and 3 PCSOs will cover these hotspot areas.
5.06 Raynville Residents Association meeting Wednesday 27th September – possibly will invite Cllrs and Police.
5.07 Forum discussed alcohol-related ASB. Cllr JM suggested targeting shops selling to underage drinkers or direct action against these eg. picketing.
5.08 Problems contacting Police were again reported.
5.09 Conference Grove – PCSOs to attend to curtail start of possible ASB.
5.10 Kevin Donnelly (Youth Service) – the Mobile unit will be relocating from Wortley to West Leeds High School for Saturday afternoons. In pipeline to attend other Inner West sites.
5.11 Hazel Boutle thanked PCSOs for helping with parking and traffic at Armley Fun Day.

PCSO

5.12	Nigel Hunter – Head of local Children’s Home – asked PCSOs to visit for a discussion on engaging local young people and preventing unwanted attention. KD to also contact NH.	PCSO KD
6.00	Mental Health Trust – Michelle Moran (Executive Director, Service Delivery) and Sheila Dunham (Associate Director Learning Disability Service)	
6.01	The trust has applied to become a Foundation Trust. Public consultation is being undertaken re. what services to focus on and offer. Information available at Foundation Trust Membership office, Trust HQ, 2150 Thorpe Park, Century Way, LS15 8ZB. FTmembership@leedsmh.nhs.uk – 0113 305 5977. Feedback invited by 25 th September. Comments made re. the name being too long.	
6.02	Older Persons service at Parkside will be moved to Millside. Rapid response teams also being developed. Parkside is a PFI build so must be utilised – possibly moving learning disability service for young people. Cllr JM commented that a young persons service is perhaps not as welcome in the area and will that mean young people with behavioural problems? Can more information be provided. MM agreed but any plans are still in the very early stages and any such facility will aim to integrate young people into the community. Cllr JH will organise a further meeting with MM and other ward Cllrs.	Cllrs MM
7.00	BTCV update – John Preston (Manager, BTCV)	
7.01	BTCV Open Day 12.11.06 @1-3pm.	
7.02	BTCV spending a lot of money on refurbishment at the centre.	
7.03	‘This Island’ project (working with refugees) successful in finding funds from Government and Area Committees.	
7.04	Christchurch and New Wortley have bids in to Comic relief and Paul Healey Organisation for 3 yr funding.	
7.05	BTCV offering Level 1 and 2 NVQ (land based skills and environmental conservation) for over 18s – 2 days/week.	
7.06	Walking Groups are still successful – now in year 5.	
8.00	Armley Town Centre Improvements - Carole Clark	
8.01	CC gave a brief summary of public consultation results. The business plan will now go to Asset Management. There won’t be enough funding for all the improvements identified but once funding decided we then can plan which improvements to make. Other work can be done in phases as funding becomes available. CC to return before Xmas to show forum what improvements will be carried out.	CC
8.02	Forum discussed access to the Aviaries during Yorkshire Water pipe replacements. Cllr AL /JH will chase up details of road digging.	Cllr AL/ Cllr JH
9.00	Feedback from Area Committee – Morgan Pugh	
9.01	MP informed the forum of reports presented and grants awarded at last Inner West Area Committee.	
10.00	Any other business	
10.01	Highways update – Cllr JH: Traffic counts at junction Armley Ridge Rd to start soon Armley Lodge school sign to be replaced by target date 08.09.06 Station Rd/Modder Ave parking survey results assessed and scheme is being designed for member consultation at end of September. Armley Town St bus stop build out is finished. Stanningley Rd school crossing improvements are about to start.	

- Theaker Lane traffic claming etc related to Winker Mills and awaiting start instruction.
Hough End Cresc. Pedestrian ramp delayed at Planning
Raynville Primary – proposed TRO under consideration by Legal dept.
Holy Family Primary – Proposed TRO etc – Police objected to yellow lines – using zigzags instead
Armley Ridge Rd pedestrian improvements have finished.
- 10.02 One of the 20mph signs near library in middle of pavement – Cllr AL dealing with this. Cllr AL
- 10.03 Somerfield traolleys on pavement and shops using large part of pavement for sales. Cllr AL
Cllr Lowe to investigate law on pavement use.
- 10.04 Cash Converters still using bike racks. Cllr Lowe followed up but can't prove it's not individuals using racks and selling own bikes. Possibly move the racks elsewhere. Cllr AL
- 10.05 Re Mental health Trust: £4.1 M is being made available citywide for older peoples mental health problems. 2ndOctober a new scheme is being launched in West leeds 'Older People with dementia and their carers' is one of the funded projects. This will pay for a specialist team and 5 assigned beds in the community. Cllr JH commented that this was excellent for Armley.
- 10.06 Cllr JM – the Youth Service hub at Strawberry Lane is to move to Bramley Community Centre. This will be very close to existing facility at BARCA. Cllr JM to meet with LCC officers and John Paxton - Head of Youth Service.
- 10.07 Red Court/Hall Rd site still disgusting – even though Cllr Lowe has complained. Meeting noted that similarly in the Grasmere both hedging and roadsweeping is needed.
- 10.08 Cllr AL has enquired about bollard missing during refurbishment of Stanningley Rd shops. CC to follow up. CC
- 10.09 Meeting discussed use of 0845 numbers. Cllr JM to investigate rates for these. Cllr JM
Armley Leisure Centre update: LCC waiting for decisions from Culture, Media & Sport group. The forum also need to elect a representative to go on the working group – we will nominate etc at next forum.
- 11.00 **DATE & TIME of NEXT MEETING** Tuesday 17th October, 7.00pm, Armley One Stop Centre.