

Armley Community Forum

Date: 17th October 2006

Present: Cllr Harper (Chair) A Wills, K Lemm, D Peck, W Gregg, H Boutle, E Bowers, Cllr Low, K Mulligan, S Jordan, L Hesaltine, T Fawcett, A Mckay, D Newsam, M Pugh, A Briggs, B Rayworth E Rayworth, M Tyson, M Burgham, I broughton, J Granger, T Mayward, H Shields, J Ramell, P Kempster, B Guthrie M Guthrie, M Hill, B Holmes, J Parsons, J Ford, A Covey, M Devine, J Scroggie, M Jameson, H Gardener.

	ACTION
1.00 WELCOME	
1.01 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.00 APOLOGIES	
2.01 David / Margaret Stead, Alan and Isobella Stephenson, Pat Fathers, D Maynard, Malcolm Woodward.	
3.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
3.01 The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record with no amendments or matters arising from them.	
4.00 MATTERS ARISING	
4.01 No matters arising	
5.00 POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES	
5.01 Police statistics show that hot spots in the area have continued to reduce. 2 more PCSOs and 2 officers on bikes to join the Neighbourhood policing team.	
5.02 Residents reported car break-ins at the Aviarys 2 weeks ago. These were reported, and the police responded. Police cannot act unless the evidence show who is doing the crime, they cannot act on hear say evidence.	
5.03 Problems with youths using weapons, possible Ball Bearing gun or air rifle on Armley Town Street, residents were concerned over police response. The officer explained the correct 999 procedure re logging such a call.	
5.04 Reported that there were 7 ASBO Diaries returned. Diaries can be returned to the Neighbourhood Wardens, or to the Neighbourhood Policing Team at their surgery at Armley One Stop Centre (Thursday mornings). Alternative, you can ring the NPT to arrange for them to pick them up.	
5.05 Problems with fireworks let off at 2am Sunday morning. PCSOs explained that this was an offence and it carries a £80 spot fine.	
5.06 PCSOs were congratulated on the quick response they had made to recent incidents.	
5.07 Residents raised concerns regarding a possible scam with black bags distributed for goods to be collection. Police will investigate if it is a recognised charity.	
6.00 West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive	

- 6:01 Free City Bus service is going to start operating servicing the south side of the City terminating at the university and Infirmary.
- 6:02 The yellow bus service for school children is now operational servicing Intake and Abby Grange High schools. Residents asked for more flexibility when children are catching the bus at different locations. It was agreed that these people would be contacted after the meeting to look at the present procedure.
- 6:03 Concerns were raised about the lack of information at bus stops regarding the diversions due to the works being undertaken by Yorkshire Water. Notices were displayed, but are sometimes damaged or removed. Metro are urging Yorkshire Water to complete their works as quickly as possible.
- 6:04 A Clearway order is in place in the Bus lane on Wellington Road to deter illegal parking. No one should be parking in a bus lane.
- 6:05 Canal Road will be closed for a period of six weeks to allow Maintenance repair work to sewer.
- 6:06 It was reported that the Number 67 will operate as service 5, Residents asked for information on bus service changes to be posted at bus stops.
- 6:07 Concerns were aired regarding the kerb height at bus stops, as buses don't always pull close to the kerb. Anyone experiencing problems, should take the drivers number and report the occasion to Metro.
- 6:08 Residents asked why the service numbers were not put on the bus stop signs. It was explained that after consultation preference was for directions rather than Numbers.
- 6:09 Residents if the redundant bus stops and shelters would be removed following the withdrawal of the service 17. They will be removed, no likelihood of the service being reintroduced.
- 6:10 Computerised Location information was discussed, Information on time tables will now be accessed by telephone, with new equipment installed on buses showing each bus service and the location of the buses.
- 6.11 Real time displays are to be installed on Route 4 bus stops. Based on satellite navigation technology, these will display the time that the next bus will arrive.

7.00 West Leeds Gateway Area Action Plan

- 7.01 Carole Clark (in place of Steve Crocker) gave a Presentation on the options for the regeneration of the West Leeds Gateway.
- 7.02 Three alternative options for the area were outlined, minor, moderate and major interventions. The Forum was informed, that the views of the public and other key stakeholders are very important, and people are encouraged to complete a feedback form to give their views on the options proposed by the council, and to suggest any alternative options.
- 7.03 Leaflets providing details on the three options were provided, with feedback forms, and details of the public exhibitions.
- 7.04 Cllr Lowe raised concerns regarding over gentrifying the area. Cllr Harper emphasized that the regeneration was a positive step and residents' views were most important.
- 7.05 Discussion regarding the Armley Sports centre. Residents voiced concerns asking if the New built Centre was going ahead. It was explained that a new centre would be built under the council's PFI Programme.
- 7.06 Armley Gyratory was discussed how the road system cuts off the area from the City centre. The need for better transport links, including provision for cyclists and pedestrians was discussed.
- 7:07 Concerns were raised about the lack of litter bins on canalside, and the poor condition of the Redcote Lane.

8.00 Nominations for Armley Leisure Centre working group

8.01 Five nominations were received for representatives to join this working group: D Boutle, H Boutle, W Gregg, S Jordan, M Pugh. Five places were available on the group. All nominees were accepted and approved. Details will be passed to Learning and Leisure.

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9:00 Any other business

9:01 Westerly Croft Kerbstones need attention following the demolition works.

9:02 Traffic Calming humps in 20mph zone not road lined.

9:03 Grit bins are needed for Armley Grange

9:04 An event is taking place on Saturday 28th October, 12pm – 4pm at St Bartholomew's Primary School – 'know your community'. All welcome.

9:05 Bollards needed to divide rear Aviary Road.

10.00 DATE & TIME of NEXT MEETING Tuesday 21st November, 7.00pm, Armley One Stop Centre.