

Bramley Community Forum

Date: Thursday 28th September 2006

Present: Cllr T Hanley(Chair), Cllr N Taggart, D Mackey, A Friebe, Dr J Tolly, J Lockett, H Garrand, T Knapton, J B Quimby, B Hodgson, J Bedford, G Withers, M Wright, A-M Coubrough, J & B Watson, J Worthington, S Laidlow-Moore, P Ward, M Smith, L Whatley, E & B Rayworth.

ACTION

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 Cllr Hanley welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for the comments/gifts etc sent for Cllr Atkinson during her period of ill health. Cllr Atkinson is getting better and hopefully will soon be back to full duties.

2.00 APOLOGIES

2.01 Cllr D Atkinson, .P Green, J Learoyd, I Hobson, J Upton.

3.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING / MATTERS ARISING – agreed.

4.00 Manor House Clinic – Thank You – Dr J Tolley

4.01 The builders are 2 weeks ahead of schedule and aim to complete by January meaning Clinic back to normal in February. Only minor changes have been made and the new clinic will be very pleasant. Dr Tolley thanked all the Bramley Clinic patients and local organisations who have offered help. On behalf of the Manor House Clinic and both staff and patients – a big thank you to the people of Bramley for their help and support.

4.02 The West Leeds PCT have been very helpful offering space but staff have coped well under difficult circumstances. The IT support has been less than staff used to and although the portacabins are now on site – IT complications have meant all services have not yet been available. Delay may be 4-6 weeks but once up and running normal service will be resumed.

4.03 Poor Press coverage has suggested some patients have been left without Doctors which is untrue. Also Press reported that patient records have been lost. This is also untrue – all computerised records have been retrieved. All paper records have been salvaged but are fire/water damaged and are at specialist restorers. Cllr Hanley commented that it has been a stressful time for all concerned and thanked Dr Tolley for her report.

4.04 A-M Coubrough (West Leeds PCT) discussed the new single PCT and it's commitment to local services. St Mary's is under review as a possible future 'cottage hospital'. The intention is to provide extra hospital beds locally – as an interim service between home and hospital.

4.05 There will be a drop in session at Bramley Clinic on 16th October regarding the new GP practice at Bramley. Due to new PCT rules – this new service has been 'put out to tender' meaning organisations etc enter bids to procure the contract. All bids are due in by the 29th September and they will then be shortlisted.

4.06 Merger of GreenLea Surgery etc: No decisions have been made. Planning permission was refused for proposed site as the panel felt that the site was too far by public transport.

5.00 Bramley Fireplace – Sarah Laidlow-Moore

5.01 Inner West Area Committee have approved funds to improve the physical aspect of the former Bramley Fire station. The site will eventually become an educational centre

as to the prevention of death and injury by fire. Other issues such as road safety and drug abuse information may also be covered. A feasibility study will be carried out until April 2007 when building starts. The building is to remain as is – which does limit options. Meanwhile the exterior is to be cleaned and hoardings erected – Interplay Theatre are providing some artwork for this which will be kept inside once whole refurbishment is complete.

5.02 The Fireplace's target audience on completion was seen as being Year 5 pupils however there will not be the capacity to take all West Yorks schools in this manner. May therefore concentrate on training the trainer and producing educational resource packs. Also to provide training for older people from vulnerable groups, road safety for teenagers etc.

5.03 The aim is to make Bramley Fireplace a county-wide facility but as it is on the forums' doorstep – they need the forums' support.

Cllr Hanley suggested that a representative re-visit the forum for an update when further on in schedule.

SL-M

6.00 Policing Issues – Police/PCSOs

6.01 3 new PCSOs started in the area this week.

6.02 Ganners Green youth problem seems to have improved since the bench has been removed.

6.03 St Margarets Church experiencing problems: PCSOs are aware and trying to chase up. Please give any information you can to the PCSOs. John Battle MP has called a meeting re. this and the Ganners problems at 7pm 6th October at the Church.

6.04 Car windows have been smashed around the Landseers – PCSOs have been examining CCTV footage.

7.00 Feedback from Area Committee – Jean Bedford

7.01 Bramley Fireplace Wellbeing bid and Moorside Community Centre bid were approved.

7.02 The Youth Service hub is to move to Bramley from Strawberry Lane centre in Armley.

7.03 The I Love West Leeds festival was judged to be a great success.

8.00 AOB

8.01 Cllr Hanley and the forum thanked David Mackey for all his work and wished him luck in the future.

8.02 Bramley Carnival will take place on 21st/22nd July 2007 for the first time in 10 yrs.(originally started in 1891). Various funding sources are being pursued including National Lottery Fund. Please get involved – lots of activities and events are planned including a parade, 70s disco, world-record attempt (World's largest Bramley apple pie!). The intention is to involve all Bramley especially in raising funds. Moorside and Fairfield Community Centres to be involved.

8.03 BTCV Open Day 12.11.06 @1-3pm – everyone welcome at the BCTV/Hollybush centre.

8.04 Safer Stronger Communities Fund is paying for a warden – Lynne Barnes has been recruited as a Warden Supervisor and will be starting work early November.

8.05 Bramley Horse trough and pump: the restoration of this has been delayed but will go to the next Area Committee meeting for approval.

8.06 BB guns were being used on the estate – the offenders have been arrested.

8.07 The scarp merchants are back and helping themselves to items from gardens – PCSOs are aware but they are hard to catch.

8.08 A free 'dog-chipping' is to be held at Fairfield Community Centre – to be confirmed.

9.00 Date of Next Meeting – 30th November 2006.