

Armley Community Forum

Date: 20th April 2010

Present:

H Boutle (Chair), Cllr Alison Lowe, D Boutle, E Bowes, JK & JP Newsome, H Gardiner, J Cook, C Heywood, K Lemm, D Peck, B & K Draper, V Greenwood, S Richmond, F Smyth, D Smith, M Bruce, G & M Litherland, G Grainger, A Mckenna, Cllr J Mckenna, S Dalton, P Gough, B Holmes, Rev A Sen, D Armitage, Mrs D Armitage, E Hey, D Craven, W Anderson, H Shields, J Kerry, J Benson, D Minskip, Mr & Mrs Higgins, B Erbillur-Gray (City Projects), M Mills (City Projects), M Pugh, I Penman, Y Wastie, S Clark, A Peck, Sohail Effendi (WNWAMT)

		ACTION
1.00	Welcome	
1.01	In the absence of Cllr Harper, who was stuck in America due to current flight disruptions, Hazel Boutle chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone for coming to the meeting.	
2.00	Apologies	
2.01	M & D Stead, P Kempster, D Newsome, J Ramell.	
3.00	Minutes of the last meeting & Matters Arising	
3.01	The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.	
4.0	Police Update	
4.1	<p>Mark Bowness introduced himself and stated that a number of ongoing operations in the area have already been mentioned previously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling Anti Social Behaviour, the police is going for 17 ASBO orders, dealing with main offenders. • A lot of work will be done this summer to tackle off road bikes, the bikes will be taken and crushed. • Police is working with partner agencies in tackling the prostitution issue in the New Wortley Area 	
4.2	<p>Travellers issue was raised by a number of people, wanting to know</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What the police is doing about them b) Why are they not arrested for driving onto the grassed area <p>MB replied that police does not have enough resources to move 30 odd caravans, arresting hundreds of people and securing child care for dozens of children.</p> <p>MB also stated that while travellers are not following the law, the council has to act legally, so they have gone to court to obtain the removal orders which will be used to remove travellers off the site, in the meantime the travellers are being monitored by the police.</p>	
4.3	<p>Eastern European kids drinking alcohol on Lay Lane was mentioned</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) MB made a note of this and promised to look into this b) MB informed that money for new DPPO signs have been approved by the Area Committee, signs have been ordered and will be going up very soon. c) MB also stated that we are looking into getting some of the signs translated in to Eastern European language and putting them up inside the licensed premises. 	

4.4	PACT meetings in 2010 10th May 2010 21st June 2010 2nd August 2010 13th September 2010 25th November 2010 06th December 2010	
5.0	Armley Mills	
5.1	Mike White of City Development sent his apologies, stating that the report needs a bit more work before being presented at the meeting.	
6.0	Morbaine Ltd	
6.1	<p>Representative of Morbaine limited attended the meeting to give a presentation, explaining its proposals for foodstore development at Carr Croft /Modder Avenue, Armley.</p> <p>a) The scheme is for a food store of 90,000 sq.ft. on stilts above a surface level car park of about 500 parking spaces. Customer access to the site will be via Modder Avenue, with service access from Carr Croft. The land between Modder Avenue and Town Street will be set out as part petrol filling station and part Town Square. Highways improvements will be undertaken at all nearby junctions, with traffic lights installed at Carr Croft /Town Street and at Carr Croft/Tong Road.</p> <p>b) The site lies within Armley Town Centre and its use for retail is in line with planning policy. Out of 40,000 people living within 5 minutes drive of Armley Town Street only 8% do their main food shopping in Armley, with huge leakage of spending to other centres. The food store will increase the number of shoppers visiting Armley by about 14,500 per week, and many of these shoppers will walk into the town centre to make further purchases.</p> <p>c) The town centre will be regenerated by the new food store, as well as creating up to 400 new full-time and part-time jobs at the new store.</p> <p>d) The display boards were left at the library for the public to view. 49 cards were received by the close of the meeting, with 92% of respondents supporting the scheme.</p> <p>e) The planning application will be submitted in May 2010 and public will then be able to write to Leeds City council with their comments.</p> <p>A few concerns regarding the traffic management and loss of business for local retailers were raised, however a vast majority of people present welcomed the addition of a reputable large food store to the area with 500 secured parking spaces for the shoppers.</p>	
7.0	Highways	
7.1	Chris Way was unable attend, as he was stuck in Barcelona as result of current flight disruption. CW will be invited to the May meeting to provide the feedback.	
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	It was requested that a represented of METRO be invited at the next meeting. Gang way near Amber Cars was reported as being full of rubbish	SE SE
	Date & Time of next meeting	
	Tuesday 18th May 2010, Armley OSC from 7:00.p.m.	