

Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum

Date: 25th March 2010

Present: Stephen McBarron (Chair), Cllr Ted Hanley, Cllr Neil Taggart, P Miles, N Gibson, J Lockett, P Simpson, M Carr (TESCO Manager), Ian Hirst (Bramley Shopping Centre Manager), S Longley, S White, J Quimby, G Maud (Street Scene Services), S Effendi (WNW AMT).

1.0 WELCOME

Stephen McBarron chaired the meeting in the absence of Councillor Denise Atkinson who is still recovering.

1.1 **APOLOGIES** – M Tyson, J Upton, A Silson

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

2.1 No matters arising.

3.0 POLICE UPDATE

3.1 No one was present for this item

4.0 Bramley Shopping Centre Manager – Ian Hirst

4.1 Informed the meeting that

- a. The shopping centre is doing very well, footfall is increasing, an increase of 10% is expected this year.
- b. In current climate shop vacant rate is about 10% while there is no vacant shop in Bramley shopping Centre.
- c. We are in a very enviable position in bucking the trend, we must be doing something right, Tesco's addition to the centre has definitely helped.
- d. well being monies for 12 security radio's have been approved by the Inner West Area Committee. There is a hard core of shoplifters, so the radios will help.

4.2 A question was asked whether there is any plans for a re-cycling facility at the shopping centre?

- Ian Hirst stated that there is no space for a re-cycling facility at the shopping centre.
- Glenn Maude (street scene services) informed the meeting that person in charge of re-cycling is Dave Bailey and GM will mention this to Dave as he is looking for a suitable place in this area.

4.3 A resident stated that the area between the Centre and Farm Food is an eye sour. Ian Hirst will look into developing that area.

4.5 It was stated that if a space became available in the centre, a Social enterprise Cyber Café would be a good idea.

5.0 TESCO Manager – Mick Carr

- 5.1
 - Stated that expected uplift in footfall is 10% – 20%.
 - Staff are quite happy and secure
 - Over the last few weeks we have recruited more staff.

5.2

The chair stated that all the drains in back car park are blocked and the car park floods every time it rains.

Ian Hirst informed that the issue is with the capacity of main drains.

GM to set up a meeting inviting Highways, Street Scene, Tesco, Ian Hirst and Councillors to look into this issue.

GM

IH

6.0 Street Scene Services _ Glenn Maud

6.1 Glenn Maud introduced himself and informed the meeting that he is responsible for Refuse collection, Street cleansing, Gully maintenance, Litter bin servicing and maintenance, Litter picking and flytipping removal, Graffiti removal, Needles and sharps removal and collection, Medi waste collection, Public toilets and 11 Household Waste Sort Sites across the city.

GM then talked about the turbulent year due to Industrial action culminating with a three month strike and contractors collecting refuse. An agreement to return to work was reached and then extreme weather conditions (snow and ice) hit the service.

Gm then explained what is to come over the next year.

- Route rationalisation
- Change in working practices (refuse)
- Change in working practices (streets)
- Waste management review.

6.2 GM provided following answers to the questions raised at the meeting

- Current 5 day street cleaning service will change to a 7 day service.
- Calverly bridge is open but only for re-cycle able, the site is called Zero waste.
- Responding to a request for another waste management campaign, GM stated that education officer and enforcement officer do go to schools to educate students in schools.
- GM informed that a lad called Shawn goes round to Landseer's and Snowden's, he is new to the job and still learning the ropes but he does cover the area.

7.0 AREA COMMITTEE – UPDATE

7.1 Stephen Longley provided Area Committee feedback and gave brief description of well being projects approved by the Area Committee.

8.0 A O B

- 8.1
1. Cllr Hanley to find out when will the work to build new houses on Pollard Lane will commence.
 2. Sohail Effendi to find out whether everyone can have the thermal images of their houses and report about their houses losing the heat?
- 8.2
- Cllr Taggart informed that the area will be getting a new railway station in 2012, people will be able to get into Leeds in 5/6 minutes, however the trains to Ilkley and Shipley will not stop.
 - Cllr Taggart asked for residents support in fighting to get more rails at this station.

8.3 **Next meeting**
20th May 2010

Cllr
Hanley

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