

Armley Community Forum

Date: 16th November 2010

Present:

Cllr Janet Harper (Chair), D Boutle, Hazel Boutle, E Bowes, M Stead, K & B Draper, D M Peck, G Eastwood, T Maynard, P Ellis, B Holmes, W Anderson, S Richmond, F Smyth, J Ramell, D Richards, X Cheverillard, K Lemm, J&J Newsome, B Hirst, ME Bruce, Rev C Hamilton, J&M Stead, M Pugh, H Gardiner, L Kirkham, R Sheldon, K Frangos, J Grainger, G&M Litherland, G Atack, E&B Rayworth, M Mills/A Driver/M White (LCC Development department) G Forster (WNW Area Management), Insp. M Bownass, Cllr Alison Lowe, C Way (LCC Highways)

		ACTION
1.00	Welcome	
1.01	Cllr Janet Harper welcomed everyone for coming to the meeting.	
2.00	Apologies	
2.01	D Newsome, A Wills, D Smith, B Nelson, P Kempster, C Bateson	
3.00	Minutes of the last meeting & Matters Arising	
3.01	4.01 – Minutes should read ‘Acting Inspector Matt Brown attended the meeting...’	
3.02	The rest of the minutes agreed as a true record	
4.00	Police Update	
4.01	Inspector Mark Bownass updated the group on a range of initiatives ongoing in the Armley area. Light-up campaign – again this year PCSO’s have been visiting vulnerable people to give them energy saving bulbs and timers to address some of the safety concerns in these darker nights.	
4.02	Criminals – four weeks ago there was a vehicle checking operation on Canal road. This resulted in 27 cars being found to not have tax and/or insurance. In addition to these offences the use of mobile phones and also drug related offences were picked up too. This work will hopefully lead to some of the cars being crushed to send out the message that these activities will not be tolerated. Plans are in place for early December to have access to the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera to again target drivers in the area, hopefully it can match the successes of this last three day operation.	
4.03	Burglary – plain clothed officers have been in the area in the last couple of weeks to target areas such as the Cedars, Aviaries and Little Scotland	
4.04	Currently promoting the Compusave tracking system to enable stolen laptops to be tracked.	
4.05	CASAC have been in the Aviaries area target hardening some of the properties. The plan is to roll out this service to the Conferences, Cedars and Little Scotland in the near future.	
4.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently 300+ offences down this year, • 2 intermediate ASBO’s in place in Little Scotland. These in partnership with the dispersal order will hopefully make a positive impact on the lives of the residents in the area. • Operation Alligator – a vehicle crime initiative has been working in the early hours. The capture car has been deployed and broken in to resulting in a drug dealer from Chapeltown being sent down. • Mounted officers have been in the area in the last 2 weeks 	
5.00	Armley Mills Regeneration – Mark Mills & Mike White	
5.01	Mike presented an overview of the current situation at the Armley Mills Museum. Please find attached a copy of the presentation at the end of the minutes.	
5.02	Questions as a result of the presentation:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirkstall Abbey has a very nice café that attracts people to the site and increases the use of the facilities. Would this be looked at as part of the plans for Armley Mills – Yes it would as one of the main items in the plans and proposals. • Need to promote the cinema and what events are taking place at the site – SE to bring information to future meetings and make sure that the library has up to date information on the activities • At the moment there is no signage to show where the building is, you can drive straight past it and not realise you have missed it. – CW to investigate what options Highways can do to help this situation • Could a radio Leeds Broadcast take place at the site to promote it? – SE to talk to Mark Mills about the potential of arranging this 	SE CW SE
6.0	Armley Moor Children’s Centre – Rachel Sheldon & Liz Kirkham	
6.01	There are currently two children’s centres in Armley, one at Castleton Primary school and on Chapel Lane (Armley Moor CC). The Armley Moor centre has been running for 4 years. It is classed as a ‘30%’ centre which means it covers 10 super output areas (SOA’s) which is a large geographical area.	
6.02	The centre provides a number of day care places as well as working closely with local child minders. Another avenue of work focuses on some of the work that the Surestart initiatives started off. This includes parental outreach work and family support.	
6.03	The centre runs a series of groups to the local community with families including early education etc.	
6.04	There is a definite link that could be made with Armley Mills and local families. Can there be a regular update of information passed through to the children’s centre of events and activities taking place at the museum? SE to make this link and manage passing of information.	SE
6.05	Health Outcomes – ongoing work with the local health visitors and midwives around the healthy child initiative. This means that families are identified early and support given to them. This also allows for signposting of people to services that can benefit them. This signposting includes Job centre plus who provide work opportunities and also training and skills.	
6.06	Information from the centre can be distributed to the forum members on a regular basis promoting events etc.	SE
6.06	Contact details for the centre are: Liz Kirkham –Manager - 0113 263 500 Armley Moor Children’s Centre, Chapel Lane Annexe, Leeds Chapel Lane,,Armley, Leeds, LS12 1UT	
7.0	Highways – Chris Way	
7.01	The traffic calming measures on Town street are now completed other than snagging. Another traffic survey is needed after the works are completed fully to compare speeds from before the installation.	
7.02	A scheme has been issued that will focus on the area around Greenhill road. This work would also include improvements to the footway and also to the lay-by. Installation of a zebra-crossing will take place in the new year opposite the mushroom farm.	
7.03	A scheme has been drafted for improvements to Canal Road and more details will follow once consultations etc are completed.	
7.04	Works around Truro Street and Aviary Street to address the issues around the narrowing of the streets. It is planned to start on site in the new year.	
7.05	Pelican crossing to be installed on Tong road near to St Mary’s Close	
7.06	Questions: The ginnel on station road needs some attention, CW confirmed it was non LCC owned which makes it difficult to enforce cleaning on it etc. Cllr Harper confirmed it was being investigated through the Armley Initiative, details to come to next meeting.	SE

7.07	Footpath issues raised about the old one that runs from Armley Ridge road through to Cockshott Lane. CW to talk to SE about this and resolve the issue	CW/SE
7.08	CW to investigate the road signs around Christ Church school	CW
7.09	Cockshott lane Post office is increasingly becoming an issue due to the number of people parking on and around the pavement. In the past there have been bollards on this area but they have subsequently been broken off and not replaced. CW to investigate replacements.	CW
7.10	Could the taxi bays on town street, near to the barbers, have not been used for their intended use so could they be changed to parking bays instead? CW to investigate	CW
8.00	A.O.B	
8.01	A discussion was had around the groups feelings about having the December meeting as it falls on the 21 st and is therefore very close to Christmas. After much discussion it was decided that there would no meeting in December and therefore the next meeting will be in January.	
8.02	The next PACT meeting is on the 6 th December 2010	
9.00	Date & Time of next meeting	
9.01	18th January 2011	