

Armley Community Forum

Date: 18th January 2011

Present:

Cllr Janet Harper (Chair), D Boutle, Hazel Boutle, E Bowes, D M Peck, G Eastwood, T Maynard, B Holmes, W Anderson, S Richmond, F Smyth, X Cheverillard, K Lemm, H Gardiner, G Atack, Mark Bownass / Sharon Wade (WYP), C Way (LCC Highways), Mr & Mrs Armitage, J Mistry, Rev. Arani Sen, Gill Hunter (Community Safety), Tim Taylor (Health & Wellbeing).

		ACTION
1.00	Welcome	
1.01	Cllr Janet Harper welcomed everyone for coming to the meeting, and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Cllr Harper apologised for the problem getting into the building and thanked everyone for their patience.	
2.00	Previous minutes / matters arising	
	No matters arising	
3.00	Police update – Mark Bownass	
3.01	Following the court hearing on the ASBOs on Little Scotland, the conditions of the orders not to harass or cause alarm to other persons apply to the whole of Leeds within the city boundary – not just Armley. PCSOs have noticed that ASB has been quieter since these orders were served. The issue of parental support / control was raised, and Gill mentioned the agency Signpost who liaise with the parents of offenders and provide support and guidance in managing their children’s behaviour. In addition to this Mark also mentioned Intervention panels and parenting Orders where concerns are raised and discussed to fit in with Every Child Matters.	
3.02	In terms of crime statistics, across the division there have been 400 less burglaries this year, 700 less offences of damage and 400 less of theft from motor vehicles. Mark mentioned the Capture House and Capture Car which have been useful tools in tackling burglary and theft. There has been a number of successful convictions from the deployment of the capture equipment. A question was raised about the cutbacks to the Forensic Science Dept and the potential move to the private sector. Mark remarked that they would still need staff in the private sector to provide a forensic service and currently there was 2.2 million pounds in waste.	
3.03	Any information or intelligence on crime taking place in Armley can be fed through to Mark or Gill.	
3.05	The issue of street drinking was raised and Mark assured the forum that all the multi-lingual DPPO signs have now been put up on Town Street. Town Centre Manager Nigel Conder reported that he had visited the businesses and had a positive response . Since the signs went up, none of the local businesses have complained about street drinking. The Mounted section had been deployed to Armley on a number of occasions and provide good reassurance to the public .Mark is looking at getting the Mounted section back on Armley Town Street. It was mentioned that there was some drinking on Armley Moor.	
4.00	Health & Wellbeing – Tim Taylor	
4.01	Tim introduced himself as Health & Wellbeing Manager for West North West Leeds.	
4.02	Tim explained the partnership approach to dealing with issues of health, the partnership consortium consisting of local Councillors, GPs, Mental Health, Social Care, Primary Care, voluntary agencies and others. Specifically, the approach is designed to be flexible whereby partners can focus on preventative measures that can be implemented so that people do not automatically go to their GP or hospital when they are feeling ill. In order to do this, partners will be looking at factors which may influence the illness of the	

	individual, eg domestic environment, healthy living, pollution. PCTs will be abolished by 2013 and replaced by a system where GPs will be in charge of the commissioning budgets for health care and health improvement will be more partnership-led: a current example is partnership work with GPs and Social Care to address alcohol-related illness that also incorporates the Change For Life programme which provides education on healthy living in schools.	
4.03	A member of the forum mentioned the issue of diabetes and the availability of information on the condition. Tim mentioned a GP-led initiative to provide community nurses that can advise on such matters in the community. Tim also mentioned basic cook-and-eat courses that Health Care Officers provide for Social Care referrals in community centres and other communal venues within Armley.	
4.04	A member of the forum mentioned the greengrocer's shop having closed, possibly due to rent costs. Tim mentioned co-operative initiatives that can help make fruit and vegetables accessible to inner city and provincial wards, and also waste food "pyramids" from supermarkets that allow for cheap healthy food to be sold in the community. The Health living Network was mentioned and the work that they do on healthy eating and cooking on a low budget , and the information stall called the Ministry of Food located in Kirkgate Market.	
4.05	Tim also mentioned that he is managing a Health Needs Assessment of Upper Wortley and requested volunteers from the community to contribute to it. Tim is looking for local peoples views as these are important when looking at services and joining work up. Concern was raised about the density of take-away outlets in Armley.	
5.00	Highways – Chris Way	
5.01	Chris mentioned two new schemes in Armley: Hilltop Road traffic island and the pelican crossing on Tong Road, the former due to commence late February and be operational in March, the latter due to start on 31 st January and expected to be operational in late February.	
5.02	Two schemes that are currently being re-evaluated are the refuge on Canal Road and the traffic management on Hall Lane. Start dates have yet to be agreed for these projects.	
5.03	The Truro Street / Aviary Street closure is shortly due for approval.	
5.04	Regarding potholes, it is unlikely there will be much work to improve these due to huge governmental cuts in capital funding. The budget	
5.05	Other issues discussed were the traffic on Armley Grange Avenue and speed bumps / chicanes. It was mentioned about the maintenance of the roads. Alison Lowe mentioned that there would be very little funding to improve the roads due to cuts in budget and difficult decisions were having to be made	
6.00	Any Other Business	
6.01	Regarding the supermarket development, this has gone back to planning with amended plans.	
6.02	Gill mentioned a Debt Advice Event being held on 29 th January 11.00am to 3.00pm in the old Co-op pharmacy. All welcome	
7.00	Date of Next Meeting	
	Tuesday 15 th February 7 PM Armley One Stop Centre	