

Armley Community Forum

Date: 15th March 2011

Present:

Cllr Janet Harper (Chair), Cllr Alison Lowe, D Boutle, Hazel Boutle, E Bowes, M Bruce, K Lemm, D Peck, T Maynard, F Smyth, J Ramell, D Laxton, B Holmes, W Anderson, J Kerry, G Atack, JK & JP Newsome, A Beig, Sarah Geary (WNW Area Management), M Rayner, JD Mac Cook, Brian & Kath Draper, M & D Stead, J Grainger, J Kerry, B Mason.

Apologies:

Sheila Richmond, Brooke Nelson, Mr & Mrs Rayworth, D Newsome.

		ACTION
1.00	Welcome	
1.01	Cllr Janet Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that Mrs Rayworth was unwell and to convey the best wishes of the forum to her.	
2.00	Previous minutes / matters arising	
2.1	Cllr Harper confirmed that money was now available to complete the works to Armley Moor which will include an exercise course and the widening and resurfacing of all footpaths.	
2.2	Previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	
3.00	Crime update – Sgt Matt Brown	
3.1	Burglary rates are down in the area, possibly due to more residents acquiring better home security. In total there have been 23 offences in the wider area and a number of arrests in relation to these.	
3.2	There have been 16 offences of criminal damage, most of which have been low level damage.	
3.3	Theft from motor vehicle – residents were urged to not leave items on display in vehicles, particularly satellite navigation holders which indicates to thieves that there may be equipment in the vehicle.	
3.4	There have been 15 thefts from motor vehicle and 2 reported hate crimes.	
3.5	Regarding the DPPO (Designated Public Places Order which forbids the consumption of alcohol in public places), dedicated officers have now been allocated to enforce the order. They will be patrolling the entire area to the top of Hilltop Road. Any incidents should be reported to the Police.	
3.6	Operation Acrobat has been set up to tackle anti social behaviour in greenspace areas around Armley Mills.	
3.7	There has been a large scale Police operation in and around Armley prison which has involved the mounted Police and ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) cars which have monitored movement into and out of the area.	
3.8	A question was raised about 7 properties on the Grasmere estate that have had lead stolen from their roofs. The Police are aware of this and have been carrying out night time patrols.	
3.9	A question was raised about a vehicle parking next to Armley Moor in an awkward position which was causing an obstruction to passing vehicles. This will be followed up by the Police and with Highways.	Police Highways
3.10	A resident asked whether the Police were aware of the old clinic on Theaker Lane that is currently boarded up but people had been seen going in and out. The Police noted that they were aware and had made several visits to the site.	
3.11	D Boutle noted that a car had driven on to Armley Moor causing some damage to the bollards. The Police reminded the meeting that any offence such as this should be reported.	All

3.12	A van has been dumped in the street on a T junction near Armley Grange Drive. It does have an MOT . The Police will look into this.	Police
4.00	John Preston - Hollybush	
4.1	John Preston from the BTCV Hollybush centre at the bottom of Broad Lane introduced himself and explained that the centre is trying to raise funds to replace the current gas boiler with a wood pellet system which is more environmentally friendly and cheaper to run. The installation would involve some initial building works on site but the lasting visible difference would be a chimney to the rear of the centre and the regular delivery of wood pellets.	
4.2	Cllr Harper noted that there was widespread support for this project from the forum.	
4.3	The venue is available for local groups and organisations to book, any enquiries can be made by calling 274 2335. The centre can provide refreshments for groups using the site.	
4.4	A question was raised about the piece of land opposite Broad Lane next to the canal. JP explained that it does belong to Leeds City Council but that BTCV had recently had recently improved the paths.	
5.00	2011 Census	
5.01	Sarah Geary from the West Area Management Team introduced herself and explained that Census Day 2011 was Sunday 27 th March. The Census questionnaires are being delivered by Royal Mail and most people will have already received theirs. This year for the first time questionnaires can be completed online using the code provided in the pack . There is a telephone helpline for queries and detailed instructions on how to complete the form.	
5.02	SG explained that some of the funding that Leeds receives from central government is based on population figures from the census which makes it vitally important that people complete the returns so that Leeds receives its fair share of funds.	
6.0	Any Other Business	
6.01	A question was raised about the Morbaine site. Cllr Harper explained that an application had not yet been re-submitted to plans panel.	
6.02	Armley Common Rights Trust noted that at all the events planned for Charlie Cake Park there will be entertainment provided.	
6.03	There is a rubbish heap on Hall Road that has been there for some time now. The matter is in hand with the appropriate agencies.	
6.04	The island in the middle of Greenhill Road has been causing problems with its kerb jutting out . This will be reported to Chris Way in Highways.	Highways
7.0	Date of Next Meeting	
7.1	<p>Dates of 2011 meetings</p> <p>19th - April 17th - May 21st - June 19th - July</p> <p><u>NO FORUM MEETING IN AUGUST</u></p> <p>20TH - September 18th - October 15th - November 20th - December</p>	