

Armley Community Forum
Date: 19th April 2011
Present:

Cllr Janet Harper (Chair), D Boutle, Hazel Boutle, M Bruce, P Kempstor, B Holmes, B Mason, B Davies, P Ellis, G Atack, X Chevillard, Lord Mayor Cllr J McKenna, J Ford, J Mistry, W Anderson, J Kerry, M Pugh, E Bowers, D & D Armitage, G & E Eastwood, J Macdonald, H Gardiner, T Maynard, D Peck, K Lemm, B Draper, D & M Stead, JK & JP Newsome, F Smyth, S Richmond, M Litherland, Sohail Effendi (WNW Area Management)

Apologies:

D Newsome, J Ramell, Mr & Mrs Rayworth, C Draper, Cllr Alison Lowe.

		ACTION
1.00	Welcome	
1.01	Cllr Janet Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.00	Previous minutes / matters arising	
2.1	Previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	
3.00	Crime update – PC Jackie Smith	
3.1	Burglary rates are down in the area.	
3.2	Operation ACROBATIC covering Canal Road area, following some burglaries and sexual offences. An individual not from the area has been arrested.	
3.3	Operation ALBERTO is running across the division. A specific aspect for Bramley and Armley is the reduction of theft in the area. A significant number of arrests have been made.	
3.4	The Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) which forbids the consumption of alcohol in public places on Armley Town Street and surrounding areas is being enforced by the police. A resident reported that on his way to the meeting he saw a group of young lads drinking alcohol sitting outside the betting shop.	Police
3.5	A number of residents raised the issue of off road motor bikes being driven erratically. Cllr Harper also encountered a couple of riders without helmets weaving through the streets, on her way to the forum meeting. The police agreed to address this issue.	Police
3.6	A resident raised an issue of racial harassment, targeted at a particular family and their property on Heights Drive.	Police
3.7	The issue of a van mentioned at 3.12 of the March minutes was re-raised as the van is still parked in the street on a T junction near Armley Grange Drive. The van does have a valid tax disk.	Police
3.8	The issue of scrap metal theft was also raised again.	Police
4.0	Equality Impact Assessment - Carol Osborne	
	Improvements to Town Street, Armley were completed in February 2010. As part of the Council 's commitment to Equality, an Equality Impact Assessment was undertaken for the Armley Town Street scheme. The scheme involved the following improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resurfaced pavements and forecourts in natural Yorkstone; • replacement of kerbs and installation of tactile paving; • new heritage style furniture: seating, bollards, litter bins, pedestrian guardrails and signage; • heritage style lighting columns; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public art: historical keystones and a compass feature as an integral part; and • Gelder Road signage and one-way system. <p>A range of people have been involved in the implementation of the scheme including LCC officers, contractors, local traders, residents/local groups and Councillors. The objective of the schemes was to raise the profile of Armley and enhance the physical environment of Town Street.</p> <p>Carol explained how the impact of the scheme is measured and to discover whether it is good, bad or indifferent as seen by the residents of Armley and the effect the scheme has had on different users e.g. disabled, elderly, young people, ethnic minorities etc. The scheme was assessed during the project delivery stage and several activities took place:</p> <p>Armley Access Audit</p> <p>The West North West (WNW) Locality Group, 31st March 2009 a site visit took place and was attended by LCC Officers and members of the group who all have disabilities (sight, limited mobility and wheelchair bound) who made their way along Town Street from Branch Road to the Armley Health Centre (a distance of 0.2 miles or 0.32km) in order to establish accessibility.</p> <p>They looked at the condition of pavements, access to shops, bus shelters, positioning of signage, street furniture, furniture such as “A” boards, and a shopping trolley stand on the pavement and disabled parking facilities.</p> <p>A report was produced outlining their concerns and this was submitted to the scheme designers who took their points into consideration at the scheme design stage.</p> <p>Armley Heritage Advisory Group</p> <p>In order for the residents of Armley to facilitate learning about their own and other people’s heritage and conservation, a group was formed in 2008 to act as a consultative and advisory body between the local community and LCC.</p> <p>The group encourages membership from a cross section of the community its current function is primarily informing (progress on T&DC and THI, planning applications and enforcement cases) and consulting (shop front design guide, T&DC pavement improvement design, and a major supermarket outline planning application). Their comments are noted and passed onto the relevant bodies e.g. Highways.</p>	
5.0	Keystones Booklet and Heritage Programme – Wyn Jones	
5.1	<p>The Armley Heritage Advisory Group agreed to produce a booklet on keystones public art feature highlighting the significance of historic events, people or buildings of Armley. Successful consultation took place at the Armley Fun Day in 2010 through the administration of a survey. The group is involved in all stages of the development of the leaflet, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying potential sources of funding and completing funding applications • Further consultation on a draft leaflet • Leaflet design and layout • Marketing and promotion • Printing and distribution • Feedback and evaluation <p>Scheme communication</p> <p>The scheme has been communicated throughout the process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated web site • Newsletter 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display Board (in the library) • Press Releases • Armley THI launch • Presentations at Armley Forum Business and Business Forum- consultations and updates <p>This has covered a wide audience and a variety of people and has ensured participation At this stage, we would like to know what people think about the scheme and what impact it has had on the community and we would like to capture this through a survey which we will pass around.</p> <p>As part of the Armley Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) scheme a series of events will be held at the Armley One Stop Centre from May through to October. The events will provide an opportunity for local residents to learn about the benefits of utilising traditional materials and techniques on historic buildings and the damage that inappropriate modern materials can cause to the building fabric. A crafts open day, where demonstrations of using traditional building materials will take place, is planned to coincide with the popular Armley Fun Day in July.</p>	
5.2	A resident visited the Royal Naval college at Dartmouth recently and saw a picture on display of Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse who was an Admiral 1945 to 1950 approximately It stated he was born/lived on Armley Ridge Rd. This information will be passed onto Wyn Jones to be included in the Keystone Booklet.	WJ
5.3	Another resident informed the meeting about a book called 'How Leeds Changed the World' and stated that a number of people mentioned in the book were from Armley.	WJ
6.0	Highways – Chris Way	
6.1	Green Hill Road/Hill Top Road scheme has just been completed and road markings are going on	
6.2	Some residents raised the issue of footpath sticking out too far, while another resident thought that it was better for the pedestrians. CW stated that the whole idea of the scheme was to make it safer for the pedestrians.	
6.3	Another resident mentioned going over 18 speed bumps on her way to work, on top of that she has to tackle a number of pot holes as well.	
6.4	Chris to forward a the statistics of accidents to Sohail, so they can be sent out with the minutes.	CW / SE
6.5	In response to a report of a dangerous pot hole outside Christ church School by a resident and Cllr McKenna, CW stated that any dangerous pothole should be reported to the council and once reported the pothole should be repaired within 24 hours. CW agreed to report this to the relevant section.	CW
6.7	An issue of cars being parked causing obstruction and nuisance while waiting to go for their MOT was raised and an enquiry was made whether waiting restrictions can be imposed at that site. CW agreed to look into this.	CW
6.8	Hall Lane Scheme has not progressed due to lack of funding.	
6.9	Responding to an enquiry regarding heavy goods vehicles on Armley Town Street, CW informed the meeting that some licensing has been applied for, for some heavy goods vehicles, which is being dealt with by the development services.	
6.10	Green Hill Road island has been re-done and working fine.	
6.11	The island on Tong Road had to be taken out, to accommodate the bus stop.	
6.12	A resident mentioned that while someone came and fenced the falling down wall at Nunington Avenue, however the issue of stones from the wall thrown in a neighbours garden is still unresolved.	CW
7.0	Any Other Business	
7.1	Responding to an enquiry about the proposed super market, Cllr Harper stated that Morbaine is the developer and own the land. They have put in an application for a supermarket, however it is not known as yet which supermarket it would be and planning	

	permission has not yet been deured.	
7.2	In response to the issue of rubbish being dumped, Cllr Harper advised the residents to note the details of fly tippers.	
7.3	The issue of rubbish bins being left out was raised by some residents, while others stated that the bin collection is not regular and if the bins are not left out the collection gets missed.	
7.4	Cllr Harper asked everyone to go out and vote for their preferred candidate.	
8.0	Dates of Meetings in 2011	
	17 th - May 21 st - June 19 th - July ----- August – no forum meeting 20 TH - September 18 th - October 15 th - November 20 th - December	