

Armley Community Forum
Date: 17th May 2011
Present:

Cllr Janet Harper (Chair), D Boutle, Hazel Boutle, M Bruce, P Kempstor, B Holmes, B Mason, B Davies, X Chevillard, Lord Mayor Cllr J McKenna, J Mistry, W Anderson, M Pugh, E Bowes, G Eastwood, H Gardiner, T Maynard, D Peck, B & K Draper, M Stead, JK & JP Newsome, F Smyth, S Richmond, W Eastwood, S Grimwood, Wyn Jones (THI), M Hogg, B Lancashire, Aisha Iqbal (YEP), Cllr Alison Lowe, J Kerry, Sohail Effendi (WNW Area Management)

Apologies:

J Ramell, B & e Rayworth, D Stead, D Newsome

		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 – Sgt Mark Brown	
3.1	It was reported that crime is down specially burglaries due to the work being done and resources applied by the police.	
3.2	Two cannabis farms in the area have been destroyed and arrests made.	
3.3	Vast improvement in problem of Town Street drinking as the DPPO has been enforced by the officers.	
3.4	A criminal who has been causing many problems in Armley and Wortley area has been put in prison for 18 months.	
3.5	MB reported that the canal area, a local beauty spot and a peaceful area is experiencing high levels of anti social behaviour which is being tackled through the Police's operation ACROBATIC.	
3.6	Responding to the parking issue on Armley Town Street, MB stated that the NPT does not deal with parking unless it is causing an obstruction. Furthermore if the parking is allowed and the cars are parked legally, there is nothing much the Police can do. Parking on pavement on the other hand is an offence and the Police will enforce it.	
4.0	Highways – Chris Way	
4.1	CW talked about the accident survey which was circulated to residents with the minutes of the last meeting, and explained that the reason for carrying out the traffic calming scheme at Green Hill Road was due to the fact that the accident rate was much higher than national accident rate.	
4.2	CW also informed the meeting that a survey to evaluate the effects of the scheme will be carried out sometime after the completion of the scheme.	
4.3	A resident asked Chris (on behalf of the Travellers Pub landlord) why an area near the pub has not been tarmacked. CW informed the resident that the contractor is coming back to topsoil this area. CW further stated that the decision not to tarmac this particular area was reached in agreement with the pub landlord.	CW
4.4	The issue of right turning traffic at the signal outside Mike's carpet was raised, whereby a number of residents stated the difficulty faced in trying to turn right. Cllr Harper agreed to raise the issue with Urban Traffic Control.	Cllr Harper
4.5	An update on the issue of the falling wall on Nunington Avenue (mentioned in 6.12 of April minutes) was sought from CW. CW stated that he had not had time to chase this yet and agreed to look into this before the next meeting.	CW

4.6	David Boutle reported that not all the potholes on Theaker Lane have been repaired. CW agreed to report this.	CW
4.7	Xavier Chevillard enquired about the HGV licenses (mentioned in 6.9 of April minutes) CW to find out	CW
4.8	Filter light on Bramley Town Street turning down to Greenhill Road was mentioned. CW to look into re-doing the Give Way lines.	CW
4.9	A resident mentioned the Crab Lane, which is a one way street, however due to lack of a sign people end up going down that road unaware of the one way system. CW to look into this.	CW
5.0	Elections	
5.1	Sohail Effendi from Area Management assumed the position of chair to conduct the election of the chair of the Armley Consultative Forum. As Cllr Janet Harper was the only candidate for the position, she was unanimously elected as chair of the forum by show of hands. Elections for the following positions were conducted by newly elected chair. Vice Chair - Hazel Boutle Treasurer – Morgan Pugh Armley Heritage Group - Eric Bowes Area Committee Co-optees Hazel Boutle & Eric Bowes	
7.0	Any Other Business	
7.1	Quoting a newspaper report under the heading of ‘Christmas is cancelled’ as councils are planning not to fund the x-mass lights due to cutbacks, a resident asked if the Christmas event is cancelled in Armley as well? Cllr Mckenna stated that the councillors are looking into the legality of paying for the lights from their own funding. Cllr Harper stated that she has also spoken to the Town Centre Manager Nigel Conder to see if the lights can be funded from the town centre manager’s events budget. Cllr Harper assured the residents that Christmas may be cancelled everywhere else but the residents of Armley will have Christmas lights in Armley.	
7.2	Another resident asked whether in the light of the cutbacks, will MICE money be available for community events? The Councillors responded that it would be.	
7.3	The meeting was informed that Hanging Basket scheme was set up in 2001 by an individual and now run by the Armley Rights Trust. Baskets are free; however, any donations are welcome so the scheme can continue in the future.	
7.4	Wyn Jones mentioned the Heritage Programme and invited people to attend future meetings. A flyer listing the future meetings was distributed, the meetings are held in the conference room Armley One Stop Centre from 6:00 – 8:00.p.m. For further information and to reserve a place, please contact Wyn on 0113 39 50234	
8.0	Dates of Meetings in 2011	
	21 st - June 19 th - July ----- August – no forum meeting 20 th - September 18 th - October 15 th - November 20 th - December	