

**Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum**

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**Present:** Laura McGhee (chair), Cllr Ted Hanley, V Foster, M Tyson, M Bell, P Simpson, S May, M Millward, F Graham, J Preston, S Longley, A Khan, JB Quimby, PC Rutherford, PCSO Penn, N Bridge, C Way, R Cross, K Ritchie, C Hughes, TB Mayward, B Coutts, S Withers,

**Apologies:** A Friebe, J & M Houseman, B & K Miller, Cllr Denise Atkinson, J Lockett, Sgt Michelle Martin, E & B Wrayworth, Anthony Silson.

**1.0 WELCOME**

- 1.1 Laura McGhee welcomed everyone to the meeting. Elections for Chair, Vice Chair and Area Committee Representatives will be held at the meeting in May. AF to send nomination forms out with the papers for the next forum.
- 1.2 LM has contacted BARCA, and someone to discuss debts & vulnerable people for the next forum

**Action**

**AF**

**LM**

**2.0 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

- 2.1 A small budget for Rodley Park has been agreed, and will be used for emergency work on beds, footpaths etc. Once Bramley Park work has been completed, consultation and work will begin in Rodley.

**3.0 Police Feedback (PC MR and PCSO MP)**

- 3.1 There were two arrests for drug dealing in the Fairfield Estate, there have been numerous arrests for possession of Class B drugs throughout the area, and Police stopped & searched two males who were in possession of a stolen car radio. The police reported that crimes have slightly increased but work is being done to combat this.  
The Police also reported that one resident in the Fairfield's Estate had been evicted due to heroin dealing.  
Anti-Social Behaviour is a problem for the Fairfield Community where BARCA runs youth groups, the problem is with the kids that aren't part of the youth groups.
- 3.2 Residents reported a number of occasions where scrap men are entering gardens without permission and taking scrap metal. Police advised to note down vehicle details and registration number and contact the police.
- 3.3 R Cross asked the Police for advice on a stash of lead discovered on a recent litter pick and what should be done with it. The police advised contacting the council to dispose of it, or if crime is suspected to contact the police on the non-emergency number.
- 3.4 Sylvia asked the police for an update on a recent incident with a bogus house caller. The police will provide an update.
- 3.5 Cllr Hanley commented on the detailed report given by the Police, and thanks were extended by the Chair. Concerns were raised about the national Police cuts, and Cllr Hanley reported that cuts were being made to the support/administration staff and not the Police officers. The police confirmed this.

**4.0 Traffic Scheme Update (Chris Way & Nathan Bridge)**

- 4.1 Polland Lane work is nearly complete; there are a few tiny bits to tidy up.
- 4.2 There has been a zebra crossing put down near Hollybush School, Broad Lane.
- 4.3 Highways are collecting requests for traffic calming measures. If there are any

requests, please contact Chris Way at Highways.

- 4.4 Resident's reported that there are still problems near the train station and on Swinnow Road. Highways are going to look into it.
- 4.5 There will be new bus stop improvements to the bus stops around Leeds West Academy area.
- 4.6 Residents are reported that buses can't get through to Whitecote Primary due to people parking on double yellow lines around the area.
- 4.7 S May asked about a speed limit being put on Westover Road to stop people using it as a cut through. The residents want it to be a 20mph zone. Chris Way confirmed that this is still on the list, but everything is prioritised by number of incidents.
- 4.8 Chris Way confirmed that there will be an impact survey done on the speed bumps around St Peter's school.
- 4.9 Rossefield drive is being used as a cut through and there have been two crashes recently but there is no strong incident history. Chris Way confirmed that it is on the list, but as mentioned earlier in meeting, all projects are prioritised. And the footpath between Rossefield Grove and Rossefield Rise has lifted again.

## **5.0 Youth Service Update (Vince Foster – Youth Work Manager)**

- 5.1 Vince provided an update on the wide variety of services that are provided including sports, music, gardening, outreach programmes and with young people who fall in the NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)
- 5.2 Vince invited residents to come down and see the facilities and groups ran.
- 5.3 There are 5 areas that are being prioritised: NEET's, low attendance, an alternative curriculum, SILC's and looked after children. The Youth Services are working to ensure that these are given the best start in life.
- 5.4 There have been some mobile services in the area and these have proved popular.
- 5.5 The Youth Service is working in close partnership with BARCA to keep all youth work in the area consistent and to work in Anti-Social behaviour issues.
- 5.6 Bramley Community Centre is currently being used 3 evenings a week.

## **6.0 Bramley Baths (additional agenda item)**

- 6.1 Cllr Hanley provided an update. Bramley Baths will be open for 60 hours a week instead of the 80 hours previously. But the loss is still a lot each week. Cllr's and Rachel Reeves, MP, have stopped the centre being closed in April 2011 and this will be reviewed in September 2011. The Jacuzzi will cost 20-30k to repair/replace but it was popular when it was used.
- 6.2 In the long term this is still a complicated issue, and the centre is still making a loss. But the centre has a lot of good features, and suggestions have been made to improve the situation
  - Look at the pricing for services
  - A social enterprise company takes over the running
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  - Open up the facilities to more local groups to run events like bingo, roller disco, afternoon tea dances.
  - Increased promotion and marketing of the Baths
- 6.3 There is a clear need for a sustained marketing strategy to be started now and continued.

## **7.0 Bramley Park (additional agenda item)**

- 7.1 There was a public meeting held recently with members of the public and council officers.
- 7.2 Ideas were met with approval
- 7.3 Maintenance is a concern especially fencing and vandalism
- 7.4 Friends of Bramley Park Group is to be set up, if anybody is interested in joining, please contact Marie Millward. Contact details to be circulated at the next forum

7.5 Another public meeting is to be held to broaden public consultation  
Further funding opportunities to be explored.

**8.0 A O B**

6.1 Census forms – have they been completed and returned? Everyone reminded to ensure that their forms have been returned.

6.2 Cllr Hanley reminded all at meeting about the local election and referendum on May 5<sup>th</sup>

6.3 There will be a Tree Day at the Hollybush Conservation Centre on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April from 12-4pm.

6.4 Roland Cross will be providing a report from Area Committee at the next meeting

**7.0 Next meeting**

26<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Eric Atkinson Centre, Wellington Street, off Waterloo Lane, Bramley

**RC**