

## **Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum**

**Date: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011**

**Present:** Laura McGhee (chair), Cllr Ted Hanley, N Gibson, P Ward, J Quimby, M Tyson, K Ritchie, S Withers, B Coutts, P Richardson, D Hollingshead, P Simpson, M Bell, J Locket, A Smith, J & M Houseman, B Miller, S Longley, S McBarron, A Silson

**Apologies:** Cllr Atkinson, Cllr Taggart, A Friebe, K Miller, M Law, R Cross

### **1.0 WELCOME**

- 1.1 Laura McGhee welcomed everyone to the meeting. Elections for Chair, Vice Chair and Area Committee representatives were held. The following people were voted in; Chair - Stephen McBarron, Vice Chair - Roland Cross, Co-optee - Stephen McBarron. The election for the 2<sup>nd</sup> co-optee will be held at the next meeting. Laura handed over to Stephen McBarron.
- 1.2 Cllr Hanley and Stephen McBarron thanked Laura for her time as Chair.

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

- 2.1 7.2 – some residents believed the ideas were not met with approval. Friends of Bramley Park has been set up. At their first meeting they elected a Chair and Vice Chair and discussed the plans for the park.
- 2.2 Q) A resident asked whether the money would be lost if it wasn't spent?  
A) Cllr Hanley – The budget wasn't discussed at the meeting. Due to the cuts, no budgets are safe.

### **3.0 Police Feedback (PCSO Dan Hollinhead & PC Paul Richardson)**

- 3.1 Operation Anvil is on going, tackling burglary. There have been a number of arrests which has lead to a reduction in burglary rates over the last 5/6 months.
- 3.2 The Police attended the Moorside Community Centre open day.
- 3.3 Cllr Hanley thanked the Police for their prompt action regarding the lead theft from the building.
- 3.4 A resident raised concerns about speeding down Coal Hill Lane. The Police will pass on to the traffic team to investigate.
- 3.5 A resident had received a hoax call from a company called Niagara who tried to gain personal information. The Police advised if residents are suspicious of callers to not give out any personal information and hang up. The Police can do a letter drop in the local area to make elderly residents aware of the problem. The Police reminded resident when entering competitions etc, tick the box that say's 'do not sell my information on'. If you ask to be taken off a companies mailing list they will receive a considerable fine if they don't.

### **4.0 BARCA**

- 4.1 Adam Smith gave a update on adult drug treatments.
- 4.2 BARCA currently have 600/602 users in West North West that are using the service. Last year the Government changed to a recovery based model. Rather than putting people in to treatment for 5-10 yrs, they are now moving people a lot quicker in to treatment. 30% of patients that take the community detox leave drug free. Leeds are looking to improve that number.
- 4.3 2 social needs workers work with drug users to help with debt problems and helping them to return to work and back in to education.
- 4.4 BARCA manage the young person drug contract across the city, which has a good

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- success rate. They visit schools, providing advice and guidance on drug use.
- 4.5 A) Is methadone of value? A resident found a full bottle in the street.  
Q) Yes. If users can't get a prescription they can buy it on the streets. AS recommended if anyone finds any that they should contacting the pharmacy it has come from.
- 4.8 A) Is there a specific time that drug users collect their prescription?  
Q) No. Different pharmacies have different collect times.
- 4.9 A resident voiced concerns over the central location of the drugs centre. She felt unsafe as she had been previously attacked. BARCA have client contracts with users but it is only enforceable on their property. Manor House offers a community service so the facility has to be central to reach as many people as possible.
- 4.10 A resident suggested BARCA invite residents to their open days. AS suggested if any community groups that would like clients of Manor House to talk to residents to help dispel any myths, they should contact Manor House.
- 4.11 Q) Is it usual that users take their prescriptions unsupervised?  
A) Yes. When a user starts treatment they will be on supervised consumption at the pharmacy. If patients are testing clear of drugs, and a risk assessment has been carried out, then they are allowed to take it at home. If residents see people taking it in the streets, please report it to Manor House.
- 4.12 Q) Have the cuts in funding had any effect on BARCA?  
A) The Harm Reduction Team were cut last year. The Adult Drug Treatment Team are waiting to find out their budget. Children Services in BARCA have had 1/3 of their budget cut (£494k). There have been a number of redundancies within the Senior Management team and also front line staff. AS will bring some youths to the next meeting.
- 5.0 Area Committee Update (Cllr Hanley)**
- 5.1 Area Committee money is split in to revenue and capital money. The revenue budget was reduced by 12% to £136k which has been allocated to various projects which includes: BARCA - £41k, I love West Leeds -£18k, Bramley Baths - £37,800, skips £800 and small grants - £5,500. No capital money is available.
- 5.2 Roland Cross to provide a detailed update at the next meeting.
- 5.3 ZT to check the status of the Well-being application for the bins for Bramley Fall Woods. **ZT**
- 6.0 A O B**
- 6.1 ZT to get an update on the potholes at the junction of Gannard Road and Gannard Mount for the next meeting. **ZT**
- 6.2 ZT to investigate a planning application on Horton Rise. It does not meet the criteria of the planning application. **ZT**
- 6.3 ZT to investigate the delay in the flower beds for Rodley Park.
- 6.4 Forum members asked after Cllr Taggart and Cllr Aktinson.
- 7.0 Next meeting**  
28<sup>th</sup> July TBC - Eric Atkinson Centre, Wellington Street, off Waterloo Lane, Bramley