

Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum

Date: 24th Nov 2011

Present: Stephen McBarron (chair), Cllr T Hanley, S May (Minutes), C Copley (WNW Locality Team), PCSO Broadhead (WYP), Sgt Sullivan (WYP) A Iqbal (YEP), J Maxwell (LCC), N Woolveridge (LASBT), S White, B Hunt, T Maynard, C Gruen, J Lockett, J Quimby, K Smith, S Longley, B Doughton, K Doughton, P Simpson, K Smales, B Coutts, S Withers.

Apologies: Cllr D Atkinson, Cllr N Taggart, J Lockett, R Cross, N Gibson, Inspector Wheeler (WYP), E & B Rayworth, S Wood.

1.0 Welcome

1.1 Stephen McBarron welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Sylvia for making refreshments for all at short notice.

2.0 Police Feedback, combined PACT meeting

2.1 SMc thanked the Police for attending. Sgt Jan Sullivan spoke on behalf of Insp Wheeler.

2.2 Insp Wheeler has put an update for October on the NPT pages of the West Yorkshire Police website. The key messages are –

- Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison has stated that Neighbourhood Police Teams are here to stay.
- Public confidence and satisfaction has increased.
- Light meters are available for elderly and vulnerable residents, please could residents let officers know if anyone requires one.
- Residents are asked to leave lights on or use a timer switch if their homes will be in darkness in the evenings; this acts as a deterrent.

2.3 Broadleas and Moorsides – officers are working 12 hour shifts overnight, until Christmas to tackle burglaries. As a result of this operation there have been a number of key arrests.

2.4 Sgt Sullivan gave the crime figures for the period 26th September 2011 – 6th November 2011 as follows –

- Burglaries 89 (same period last year 124) down 28%
- Theft from Motor Vehicles 55 (72) down 24%
- Damages Dwelling 2% reduction
- Thefts down 52%
- Damage Vehicles 39 – down from 43
- Burglary Other 35 (67) down 48%. A seasonal increase is expected.
- Criminal Damage down 17%
- Theft from person down 14%
- Theft of Vehicles 17 (6) increase 38%

2.5 There have been small pockets of thefts of catalytic converters and exhaust systems, specifically targeting Mercedes Sprinters as these are higher up from the ground. This is linked to metal thefts. Residents are advised to park in lit areas.

2.6 There was a good arrest in Bramley w/c 21st November 2011 of a person in relation to motor vehicle trim thefts.

2.7 There have been some thefts from sheds/garages of tools, not necessarily expensive tools, specifically in the Fairfields area, residents are asked to be

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	aware.	
2.8	The shops on the Ganners were reported to have a strong smell of weed. Officers agreed to add this to patrols.	Sgt JS
2.9	A resident noted that there are young people on Ganners Rise banging on doors singing "We Wish you a Merry Christmas" in an aggressive manor combined with demands for money. Elderly and vulnerable residents are finding this frightening. Officers agreed to patrol this area and asked for all reports to be passed on.	Sgt JS
2.10	Cars on St Catherines were noted as parking too close to the junction and causing an obstruction. Officers have done a letter drop on Ganners Mount and one was suggested for St Catherines. PCSO Broadbent will discuss this with Highways representatives.	PCSO DB
2.11	There has been a tractor on the kerb in the Ganners. PCSO Broadbent will pick this up and work with Housing if possible to look at tenancy.	PCSO DB
2.12	Grates are being stolen from pavements in the Rossefields and on Rayneville Road. This is both a criminal act and a Health & Safety act. Sgt Sullivan will raise this with Inspector Wheeler for further discussion.	Sgt JS
2.13	The Police gave out leaflets about various schemes including Dog Watch which is a scheme asking dog walkers to be vigilant and report suspicious behaviour to the Police.	
2.14	Cllr Hanley noted that Sir Norman Bettison's mention of the work of the NPT is good news. Bev and Keith Doughton were singled out for praise for their excellent work on the Moorsides.	
3.0	Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) (Nikki Woolveridge)	
3.1	Following the Police PACT meeting, SMC agreed that the LASBT representative could speak to the group as a change to the agenda.	
3.2	The LASBT team went live on 4 th April 2011 and were formed following the events in the Pilkington Case, in Leicestershire, where a mother and her daughter were targeted with ASB contributing to the mother unlawfully killing her daughter and then taking her own life. Leeds reviewed their approach to ASB and the review put forward a new, joined up approach; LASBT were introduced.	
3.3	In the West there are several Case Officers, two Team Leaders, an Arson Taskforce Officer, three Police Link Officers and an officer from Victim Support. This linked approach allows faster sharing of information. The Case Officer assigned to the case will follow it until resolution which is better for the victims.	
3.4	Each case is monitored and at four weeks customer satisfaction surveys are issued, so far feedback shows that satisfaction is high.	
3.5	The LASBT team working in Bramley have set up a clinic on a Tuesday morning in the Bramley Community Centre. This is a joint approach with the Police.	
3.6	Residents suggested the following places for advertising the LASBT Clinic – Tesco's, Doctor's surgeries, Library, Moorside Centre, Broadleas and Rodley Noticeboards, Dentist, Swimming Baths, Fairfield Community Centre.	
4.0	Environmental Services (Claire Copley)	
4.1	The new service – West North West Locality Team is a joint team with members of Streetscene and regulatory enforcement officers. The aim is to improve the environmental quality of Leeds, and the West North West of Leeds..	
4.2	The regulatory side of the team are able to enforce legislation on issues such as dog fouling, waste in gardens, flytipping. However these are all crimes that need evidence. Is you see it, please report issues and times to the service so that they can support you to make a witness statement, or if you would prefer they can arrange officers to be in the locality at the time so that they can witness.	
4.3	The streetscene side of the team are focusing on issues, often seasonal issues, such as leafy roads/pavements. The intention is not to clean streets that are already clean.	

- 4.4 The three contacts for issues are – Claire Copley (claire.copley@leeds.gov.uk) , Rachel McCormack (rachel.mccormack@leeds.gov.uk) and Jason Singh (jason.singh@leeds.gov.uk)
- 4.5 A resident noted that Landseer Walk/Way has litter which needs picking up. It was agreed that a litter pick would be undertaken, and then look at litter picking routes to see if they can be changed. CC
- 4.6 It was reported there is also dog fouling on Landseer Walk/Way. CC noted that to enforce dog fouling, the locality team need times/intelligence to make an effective control. The resident noted that the times are around 4.30pm – 6pm and 7am – 10am, involving several people with dogs. CC will pick this up. CC
- 4.7 A resident noted litter and leaves on the ginnel between Ganners Lane and Newlay Lane. CC explained that there is a citywide review of ginnels currently ongoing. A litter pick can be done. CC
- 4.8 Newlay Old Garage/Petrol Station was discussed. It was stated that there are rats present and the area is a mess. CC noted that this is private land but there could be the opportunity for enforcement action; CC will look into this. J Maxwell spoke about work her team is undertaking around derelict sites in the West North West; the team are looking at owners of multiple sites to manage the problem, it may be that this area could be included in that work. Cllr Hanley updated the group on the history of this site. The garage owners cleared any contamination but under modern building regulations it does get turned down as not suitable for building work. There are no buyers at present.
- 5.0 A O B**
- 5.1 Aisha Iqbal from the Evening Post spoke to the group about a back to basics region campaign that the Post is running. Between December 5th and 9th there will be a focus on Bramley, Bramley stories and Bramley people. The Bramley reporters and the Evening Post branded bus will be present in Bramley throughout the week. On Saturday 3rd December a photograph will be taken at 10am, at Bramley Baths. All are welcome.
- 5.2 Jane Maxwell apologised for the lateness of the distribution of the agenda for this forum. This was due to recent administrative difficulties within the Area Management team following their recent restructure. All future information will be sent out with appropriate notice.
- 5.3 Moorside TARA is holding the annual Carol Concert on 2nd December with a 7pm start. Bramley Elderly Action will be singing. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be available.
- 5.4 War Memorial. A resident asked in the light of the recent metal thefts, could the war memorial be made of a non metal substance as there are non metal ones available. This was agreed by all.
- 5.5 Caroline Gruen stated that she had attended the recent Remembrance Services in Bramley and noted how successful the event was and how moving. CG is also going to convene a small meeting, in conjunction with Cllr Hanley, about the war memorial and will invite key figures to try to get the project moving again.
- 5.6 It was agreed that fundraising for a war memorial may be a solution. A short discussion took place about younger people being keener to be involved in fundraising because of recent conflicts such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

Next meeting

26th January 2011

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