

Combined Armley Community Forum and PACT meeting minutes

Date: 15th November 2011

Present:

Cllr Janet Harper (Chair)

Apologies:

Dawn Newsome, E & B Rayworth, P Kempston, Inspector Wheeler

		ACTION
1.0	Welcome	
1.1	Cllr Harper chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Hazel Boutle for chairing the last meeting.	
2.0	Previous minutes / matters arising	
2.1	Previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	
3.0	Police - Crime update	
3.1	Sgt Gother attended the meeting for this item along with PC Jenny Smith and PCSO Senior and informed the meeting that Inspector Mark Wheeler is the new Inspector for the area replacing Inspector Mark Bownass.	
3.2	Positive work has been carried out with the recent dog watch event which raised £74 for the Dogs Trust. A list of dog watch members has been set up.	
3.3	Timer switches have been given out to older /vulnerable people to keep houses lit during the dark nights.	
3.4	The theft of metal is an ongoing problem nationally due to the high prices. Local scrap metal yards are checked regularly by the Police. Anyone seeing people collecting scrap metal can call the local police, enabling them to come out and make enquiries.	
3.5	The 0845 60 60 606 Crime Stopper number is going to change from 17 th November to 101 and will cost only 15p per call no matter how long the call is. This number can be used for all Police enquiries and non emergencies.	
3.6	A new text messaging service is also available through dialling 07950 086240 and typing the word NPTWI this will be directed to the team, any info can then be texted through.	
3.7	There are a number of young people on ASBOs in the Little Scotland area; one has recently been arrested for breaching his ASBO conditions.	
3.8	Bonfire night was a success for the Police this year as there were only two fire related calls,	
3.9	Pudsey Police cells are due to open on 19 th December, this will be an asset to the Police.	
3.10	Sgt Gother explained that in order to deal with crime and anti social behaviour problems in an evening and early hours of the morning local officers were working overtime between 2- 6am.	
3.11	Nancroft Mount – There has been some recent vandalism with wing mirrors on cars getting smashed. The resident did call the Police but the response had been disappointing. Sgt Gother to speak to the resident after the meeting to get further details and follow up.	Police
3.12	Forum members were advised to beware of bogus officials at this time of year when they tend to be around more. Furthermore, don't be afraid of asking for identification of any official visiting your property and if you are at all unsure call the police on 101. Similarly beware of workmen turning up at the doorstep touting for business; it is advisable to use local contractors or people recommended by friends and family.	
3.13	Cllr McKenna mentioned Argie Avenue and an issue with a house seems to be empty during the week, but has a lot of activity at the weekend with people spilling out on to the street. Police advice was to call them when the activities are taking place, enabling them to take appropriate and where needed immediate action.	
4.0	Library Services	
4.1	Alison Roberts attended the meeting and informed the meeting that:	
4.2	An event in conjunction with Armley Mills is to take place on 29 th November, between 2:00 –	

	4:00.p.m. at Armley Library reminiscing about the 1970's.	
4.3	Working with the Pavillion, Library Services are organising a lunch time event to take place on Thursday 8 th December on the history of Lyric Cinema.	
4.4	AR also informed the forum of a variety of groups e.g. knitting groups, reading groups and invited members to join these groups.	
5.0	Armley Mills	
5.1	Nina Baptiste attended the meeting and provided following update:	
5.2	Visitor figures have gone up from 17,000 to 30,000 in the last three years.	
5.3	Lots of regular activities – craft related, textiles and fashion, for all age groups.	
5.4	Knitting club every Saturday with 30 regulars.	
5.5	Working with Leeds University and colleges to develop opportunities for an apprenticeship in engineering and textiles linked to the Mill. NB explained that they are looking at how local young people could get onto the apprenticeship.	
5.6	There has been some joint working with Hainsworth Mill in Pudsey who are an operating Mill. Some cloth has been woven at Hainsworth Mill from yarn that was spun at Armley Mills.	
5.7	There are four new galleries in the Mill looking at textile and fashion.	
5.8	I Love West Leeds is based at Armley Mills.	
5.9	There is an operating 1920's cinema which is available for hiring out for events and parties.	
5.10	Next years is the Mills 30 th anniversary of being a museum, there are lots of events being planned - all ideas and suggestions are welcome!	
5.11	There is work underway to find funding to improve the grounds and open an access path to the Canal. Improved facilities in the grounds will enable more outdoor activities.	
5.12	Armley Mills are very keen to open a community café. Anyone interested in being involved in this should contact Nina – nina.baptiste@leeds.gov.uk	
5.13	There is an Asbestos Memorial in the grounds dedicated to all the families who were affected.	
5.14	NB is looking for funding to improve the entrance area to make access easier and more friendly for visitors. Although it is only a short walk from the car park to the Mill in bad weather this can put some visitors off.	
5.15	Looking at options for booking out the sewing machines on an hourly / daily basis. All ideas are welcome.	
5.16	Nina mentioned the Water Wheel and stated that it will cost £5k to restore. All three councillors agreed to help find the funding for its restoration.	IW Cllrs
6.0	Any Other Business	
6.1	Cllr McKenna informed the members that next year the 4 th June bank holiday was to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. He suggested having an event in Armley, possibly closing a part of Town Street and have a range of events on the Moor. It was agreed that a meeting will be organised in the new year to look into this in detail.	IW Cllrs
6.2	Update of Theaker Lane Clinic - very little is happening with it at the moment, Sanctuary housing has a plan to turn it into flats but they are in the process of negotiating with the landlord.	
6.3	Xavier asked about the timescale and development of a supermarket on Carr Crofts. Cllr Harper explained that Morbain, the development company are currently in discussion with supermarkets.	
6.4	Pavements on Town Street – there was a complaint that there was chewing gum on the pavements. This will be referred to Streetscene.	SE
6.5	Chris Way to be invited to the next meeting to be held on 17 th January 2012	SE
	Dates of Meetings in 2011	
	No meeting in December (agreed unanimously at the October Meeting) Next meeting will be on Thursday 17th January 2012	