

Combined Armley Community Forum and PACT meeting minutes

Date: 21st February 2012

Present:

Cllr Janet Harper (Chair), H & D Boutle, Mrs S Richmond, Mr E Smyth, D & D Armitage, Cllr McKenna, Nigel Conder (TCM), K & B Draper, T Maynard, K Lemm, D Peck, B Holmes, B Mason, S Friend, L Cheney, J Thewlis, J Bishop, P Kempster, JK & JP Newsome, X Chevillard, A Iqbal, J Ramell, E Bowes, Liz Henry (Wrap up Leeds), Mark Jefford (LCC Parking), Cllr Lowe, E Smyth, S Effendi (WNW AST).

Apologies:

Simon Betts, Dawn Newsome, E & B Rayworth, Brook Nelson, D Stead, Inspector Mark Wheeler (NPT).

		Action
1.0	Welcome	
1.1	Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.0	Previous minutes / matters arising	
2.1	Previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	
3.0	Police – Sgt Sue Needham	
3.1	Around the clock police patrols are being maintained, both highly visible and covert. Utilising other police resources to bolster visibility, including the police mounted section. 18 people were arrested in connection with burglary offences, 17 of them are currently on police bail pending further enquiries. These measures have significantly reduced the number of burglaries in the area.	
3.2	Theft from vehicle is down from 52 to 29 and theft of vehicle is down to 3 compared to last year's figures of 10 for the same period.	
3.3	The members were reminded of Police funding available for good causes. Armley Fun day have been awarded £500 towards their event.	
3.4	Members were also reminded of local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) website, which is updated regularly, everyone was invited to visit the website to keep up to date with latest news and information. Crime prevention leaflets were then handed out to the members.	
3.5	3.5.1 Cllr McKenna was dismayed to learn that West Leeds is the worst in Europe for burglaries. 3.5.2 Cllr Lowe stated that West Leeds is the second worst in the country for burglaries. Last year £8,000 was given for crime reduction, most of which came to West Leeds. 3.5.3 New security lock scheme is running through CASAC, anyone interested should contact CASAC on 0113 239 2821 3.5.4 West North West homes also in the process of replacing the locks on a large number of properties. 3.5.5 Cllr Lowe also informed the members that out of 150 million cut in council budget includes 90 million cut to the police budget.	
3.5	Xavier wanted to know, how a DPPO can be imposed on an area, Cllr Harper asked for more information before talking to Inspector Mark Wheeler	Cllr Harper
4.0	Wrap up Leeds – Liz Henry	
4.1	Leeds city council and Yorkshire Energy Service are working together in partnership to bring you Wrap up Leeds, which offers free cavity wall and loft insulation to the first 15000 householders in Leeds. To apply or to find out more, call free on 0800 052 0071 or visit www.wrapupleeds.co.uk	

5.0	Traffic Warden – Mark Jefford	
5.1	Mark Jefford (Leeds City Councils parking manager) attended the meeting following a request for a traffic warden to be invited to the meeting.	
5.2	MJ informed the meeting that Traffic Wardens are now called Civil Enforcement Officers. He further stated that CEO's can only enforce illegal parking and cannot do much about bad parking, unless the parking is blocking someone in their drive.	
5.3	MJ stated that parking fines should be challenged if there are mitigating circumstances.	
5.4	In response to Hazel Boutle's query regarding the blue badge holders being time limited for parking in city centre, MJ replied that due to limited availability of disabled parking spaces and the number of blue badge holders, there has to be restrictions to manage the demand.	
6.0	Any Other Business	
6.1	<p>Cllr Harper outlined proposals to change the Armley Forum arrangements. To improve the efficiency of running the forum and ensure we make the best use of resources it is proposed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current mailing list has been reviewed based on attendance over the last year. In future, only people who have attended over the last year will receive minutes of the previous meeting. • In future, all invites and minutes will be sent out by email, where possible. People will be asked for their email addresses where we don't have one. • The minute taking of the meeting will be shared between partner organisations where possible, and will focus on key actions. 	
6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllr McKenna and Jubilee committee members are going to have a brief meeting after the forum meeting. b) Nigel Conder (Town Centre Manager) with experience of arranging events is also joining the committee. c) Christ church is organising an event on Sunday, after the morning service (roughly from 12:00.p.m.). d) NC stated that a series of events starting from Saturday right through to Bank Holiday Monday are being considered. e) Cllr McKenna stated that £1,000 have been contributed by the councillors toward the jubilee events. f) Cllr Harper would like it to be a fancy dress party. 	
6.3	Nancroft Mount - green bins have not been collected for some time.	Cllr Harper
6.4	Street signs have been stolen from Station Crescent	Cllr Harper
6.5	Land next to church on Theaker Lane - trees need to be looked at	Cllr Harper
6.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on Armley Mills from Nina Baptiste stated that the draft new car park signs funded by Armley ward councillors have been sent to the councillors for their approval, once approved the signs will be installed including the tow path signs for when the canal path is opened. • Waterwheel – there is only one company capable and willing to repair the waterwheel, the quote is being sought from this company. • A birthday party for the Mill is being planned for Saturday 26th May 2012. For further information please contact Lesley Durkin on 0113 263 7861 or by e-mailing her on Lesley.durkin@leeds.gov.uk. 	
7.0	Dates of Meetings	
	<i>Next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th March 2012.</i>	