

Armley Community Forum

Date: Tuesday 25th April 2006

Present: Cllr J Harper (Chair), A Friebe, Cllr A Lowe, C Clark, G Bickler, M Burgham, E & B Rayworth, K Mulligan, E Bowes, H & D Boutle, M Pugh, T Maynard, T Kempster, W Gregg, E Hey, D Peck, K Lemm, P Fathers, B & M Guthrie, H Gardiner, N Powell, W Anderson, P Ellis, Irene Broughton, J Grainger, J Holdsworth, J Blackburn, J Robertson, D Wilkinson, CJ Powell, M H Powell, J Ramall, J Ford, Gill Hunter, , D Newsome, K Donnelly, M Woodward, Allan & Isobel Stephenson, B Holmes, D Stead, L Mann, S Hadley, D Garthwaite, M Southon, B McKinnon.

	ACTION
1.00 WELCOME	
1.01 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially Bill McKinnon – Chair of Belle Vue Rd Action Group.	
2.00 APOLOGIES	
2.01 Diane Maynard, K Mann, M Stead, Cllr McKenna, B & K Draper, M Tyson.	
3.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
3.01 Agreed as a correct record.	
4.00 MATTERS ARISING	
4.01 (4.01) An illuminated advert has gone up at the end of Armley Rd – LCC say this is not Armley.	
4.02 (4.03) Cllr Harper has spoken to Chris Sanderson and has agreed a site visit.	
4.03 (5.07) Garage owner allowing youths to congregate in garage. The car in garage was then vandalised leading to glass on surrounding pavement. Police/PCSOs aware.	
4.04 (5.06) Cllr Lowe - Graffiti is being removed at the Cedars.	
4.05 (6.00) Botany Bay was suggested to be included in Armley Conservation area.	
4.06 (7.01) Selby Council supplied their residents with detailed newsletters on recycling and extra recycling boxes. Resident to pass details on to Cllr Lowe to bring to LCC as example of good practice.	Cllr Lowe
(7.01) Inner West Area Committee litter boxes still not in evidence – Area Committee and David Mackey to follow up.	DM/ Area C
4.07 (8.01) The Radio masts have not been to Planning.	
4.08 (8.05) Bramley Cleanup very successful.	
5.00 POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES	
5.01 Haley/Winker Mills – The ‘No Entry’ sign is being persistently ignored. PCSOs to note.	PCSO
5.02 Problem with teenagers riding motorbikes Laurel Terrace and Cedars – Police can confiscate the bikes but need information on who owns and is riding them.	
5.03 Resident attacked by gang of drunken teenage girls at Whingate recently. PCSO advised resident to contact the Police. Alcohol being sold to underage drinkers by the off-licence opposite Royal Oak Pub. Relative of Cllr Lowe witnessed another shop – Mistry’s off-licence selling to young people. Cllr Lowe has emailed Inspector Ward about this. PCSOs to contact Trading Standards.	PCSO
5.04 Pedestrian refuge near Armley Moor Health Centre – cars parking very near to this. Cllr Lowe advised that to install double yellow lines – can take 18 months. Cllr Lowe to follow up.	Cllr AL

- 5.05 New junction at Armley Ridge Rd – cars doing u-turns illegally. PCSO – hard to police – must catch them at it.
- 5.06 Usual group of young people have been seen drinking tonight in Charliecake Park and round Edinburghs. PCSO to visit area. **PCSO**
- 5.07 PCSO – Armley very low on burglaries at present. Not a ‘hotspot’ area – just a few around the Edinburghs and Cedars. Gill Hunter – crime is down in the area generally.
- 5.08 Moorfield Rd – late-night car-revving and travelling at high speed. PCSOs to note. **PCSO**
- 5.09 The Police Surgery is held at Armley Library on Thursday mornings 10:00 – 12:00. People can report confidentially.
- 6.00 Anti-social behaviour – Gill Hunter(Community Safety)/Mark Hall(ASB Unit)/Kevin Donnelly(Youth Service)**
- 6.01 Motorbikes are a citywide problem. Area Committees are looking at funding Police off-road bikes to chase/catch offenders.
- 6.02 Community Safety are working with Trading Standards to try and roll out a ‘Proof of Age’ scheme citywide. This to prevent selling alcohol to young people.
- 6.03 Armley not currently an ASB hotspot.
- 6.04 There has been some drug-related ASB in New Wortley. Chief Superintendent Crowther is very keen on tacking drug-related crime and the Police are presently using a number of tactics to deal with this issue e.g. closing ‘crackhouses’.
- 6.05 Multi Agency Task Scheme meets monthly: this is a meeting between several agencies e.g. Housing, Youth Service, ASB Unit, Police, Youth Offending Service etc. to look at ways to deal with crime issues using all information available.
- 6.06 One strategy being used is to target young people who are at risk of ASBO. This has been quite successful so far.
- 6.07 Domestic Violence: several ongoing strategies adopted at present including targeting top 10 cases in the area.
- 6.08 Community Safety are working with Trading Standards to trial Pudsey as a ‘No Cold Calling’ zone. If successful will roll out citywide.
- 6.09 Community Safety message is to report information to Police – confidentially if necessary. However witnesses are also needed. ASB Unit can work off a different level of evidence to the Police so any information is useful. Fear of reprisal often prevents residents doing this – but there are a number of ways to speak to the Police or ASBU e.g. via the Police Surgery or Housing department or the ASB helpline:
ASBU helpline: 0113 398 4701 (Mon-Thurs 7:30 to 6pm, Fri 7:30 to 4:30pm)
- 6.10 School age young people often seen out of school. GH – can often be a legitimate reason for this or young person may have been excluded. GH has been working with Education Welfare to provide alternate arrangements for such young people. Project Apollo and Truancy Sweeps do try to pick up on young people deliberately missing school. Again information is required from the public.
- 6.11 KD – the majority of young people are not involved in ASB – a fact often overlooked.
- 6.12 KD – the Youth Service have produced some leaflets on what is available in the area. To be sent out with the minutes of this meeting. Plenty happening in Armley but a lack of previous publicity.
- 6.13 KD – Youth Forum on hold: Looking to involve the Youth Council and schools to try and involve young people.
- 6.14 KD - Looking to provide more activities at Christchurch and the new staff at New Wortley Community Centre mean more developments there.
- 6.15 KD – ‘The Revisit Program’ (in partnership with the Youth Offending Service) has been running for 2 years and has been very successful in preventing young people re-offending. This is to be rolled out citywide.
- 6.16 Cllr Harper showed the forum the proposed plans for a new skate park near Armley Primary.

7.00 Feedback from Area Committee (30.03.06) – Hazel Boutle

- 7.01 Reports submitted on Project Apollo, Waste Strategy, Conservation Area in Armley. Bramley Fireplace report was deferred as not represented.
- 7.02 Wellbeing funds: 4 grants agreed and 3 deferred.

8.00 Any Other Business

- 8.01 ACE – having a hanging basket day for Little Scotland area – 20th May – volunteers required 10 – 3pm at Christchurch.
- 8.02 Armley Common Rights Trust have been working in Charliecake Park: there is a cleanup day 10-4 on 4th June. Volunteers required.
- 8.03 Cllr Harper – Repair works to start at Pasture Mount and Back Aviary Rd is now blocked to traffic.
- 8.04 Cllr McKenna is much better and has missed this forum due to another meeting.
- 8.05 The old Vicarage site is full of litter. Cllr Harper to contact Liz Ross.
- 8.06 Trees need cutting at Carr Crofts – Cllr Harper will report. Area Committee looking at using this as a carpark. **Cllr JH**
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- 8.07 Old club on Hall Rd in state of disrepair. Cllr Lowe to contact Environmental Health to ask owners to clear land. **Cllr AL**
- 8.08 Mistress Lane maisonettes should be demolished in July.
- 8.09 AOSC exterior lights come on 03:30/04:00 am. Cllr Harper to investigate. **Cllr JH**
Cllr AL
- 8.10 The Gang has been cleared. Amber have been instructed to construct metal fence round site and to block off the Gang. Cllr Lowe to chase up with Chris Sanderson.
- 8.11 Moorfield Recreation: flytipping increased although it is being cleared.
- 8.12 Cash Converter: using bike racks to advertise bikes for sale. Cllr Lowe to follow up. **Cllr AL**
- 8.13 Theaker Lane Scout hut – new fencing is very tall approx.3m. This should therefore have had planning permission. Cllr Harper to speak to Martin Sellens. **Cllr JH**
- 8.14 Graffiti reappearing at Aviaries (off Canal Rd at side of Armley workshops). Cllr Harper to follow up. **Cllr JH**
- 8.15 Cllr Harper welcomed Phil Ellis from Leeds West Homes – Housing.
- 8.16 Armley gyratory footpath – grass has been cut but litter left. Cllr Harper and Cllr Lowe to report. **Cllrs**
JH/AL
- 8.17 Still a problem with waste bins being left on pavement. Cllr Harper will discreetly accept offending addresses and report again to Liz Ross. Liz has been round and told residents to take bins in. **Cllr JH**
- 8.18 West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateway leaflets available for forum.
- 8.19 New Wortley bus lane – questioned if used only 2 hrs a day. Cllrs to check. **Cllrs**
JH/AL

9.00 DATE & TIME of NEXT MEETING Tuesday 16th May, 7.00pm, Armley One Stop Centre.