

Armley Forum Minutes of meeting 15th January 2013

Present: Cllr Harper (Chair), J&J Newsome, M Schofield, D Gregory, C Walton, B Holme, C O'Keefe, S Myers, P Eason, Ald Nelson, Rev Sen, L Chemey, S Friend, A Wallis, X Chevillard, J Greave, S Moss, Cllr McKenna, D Boutle, Cllr Lowe, M Pugh, B&G Lancashire, J Ramell, D&M Stead, B Draper, J Lyaskey, D Peck, A Parnham

Apologies: M Quirke, Mrs Richmond, M Smyth, Mr & Mrs Bruce, H Boutle, K Harrison, Mrs Lemm, B&E Rayworth

1 **Welcome and introductions**

1.1 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 **Matters arising from previous minutes:**

- 2.1 6.1 Brooklyn Street will be resurfaced in the 2013/14 financial year
- 6.2 Everything is in place for parking restrictions to be implemented soon
- 6.4 No response from Parks & Countryside about Moorfield Recreation Ground
- 6.6 Waste Facility at Carr Crofts has been referred to the Environment Agency
- 6.7 Former Mill at Carr Crofts referred to Environmental Action Team

3 **Police Update**

- 3.1 Sgt Czternastek introduced himself as the new sergeant for the inner West Neighbourhood Policing Team. He reported on the latest crime statistics from November to January.
Burglary : 32 down by 21 on previous year
Theft from Motor Vehicle : 37 down by 31
Theft of Motor Vehicle : 14 up 3
Robbery : 7 up 3
- 3.2 The burglary and theft from motor vehicle figures are very positive compared with the same period 12 months ago. Robbery is up, but an individual has been charged with three offences.
- 3.3 The NPT have been carrying out operations against nuisance, illegal and anti-social driving. Five vehicles were seized with no tax or insurance, and 34 drivers were stopped and asked to produce documents. Four drivers were charged with drink driving.
- 3.4 Sgt Czternastek welcomed questions from the floor:
Did a recent incident at Bramley Community Centre involve young people from Armley?
Will have to check
- 3.5 Cedar Place – cars speeding down Carlton Road
Police using speed indicator cameras to send warning letters to drivers.
- 3.6 Bin scavenging on Greenocks, Aviaries and Highthornes. Suspects are Eastern European who are looking for textiles or other materials to sell. Tipping over bins leaving a lot of rubbish, reported at night and early morning.
Police aware and are working with the Environmental Enforcement Team.
- 3.7 Complaint about youths shouting abuse and causing an obstruction on pavements on Town Street, and groups of Eastern European men hanging around the bookmakers. New police volunteers who speak a range of Eastern European languages are supporting officers by translating instructions and advising on acceptable behaviour.

- 3.8 Hill End Road, suspected drug dealing.
Will investigate. Please pass on any descriptions or registration numbers.
- 3.9 What is the advice regarding Euro Profile locks?
Euro profile locks have a bit of the barrel sticking out and can be easily snapped by burglars. The Area Committee are funding a scheme to provide discounts on improved locks on streets where burglaries are occurring. Call Kate on 0113 3367871 for more information.
- 3.10 Cllr Harper thanked the officers for attending.

4 Gotts Park Golf Course

- 4.1 The council recently announced that the Gotts Park golf course is under review. It will remain open for the next twelve months but is at risk of closure if use continues to decline.
- 4.2 Representatives from Friends of Gotts park urged forum members to support the facility which also has a club house serving refreshments and a small function room.
- 4.3 Joanne Clough from Parks and Countryside explained that use of the municipal courses across the city had significantly declined that they were now running at a loss. She explained that the P&C service would be working very closely with the Club over the next 12 months to see where changes could be made that will help to keep the golf course going.
- 4.4 Comments from the floor:
Need to look at opening times, people use the course after 5pm but no-one is there to charge for tickets.
Café not well advertised, the council wouldn't give permission to put up a sign at the entrance.
Talk to the prison, they are running a job training scheme for inmates.
- 4.5 Cllr Harper urged the residents of Armley to use the facility and all three Ward Members are opposed to its closure.

5 Any other business

- 5.1 Raynville Way and Gardens have now been adopted by the council, how do we make sure services know? Should have been notified, tell Ward Members if services are being missed.
- 5.2 Armley Moor – concerned about drinkers coming back. Needs more litter bins.
The Moor is not council land. Issue with new bins is that no-one to empty them.
- 5.3 Can the quality of shops on Town Street be improved? Too many cash shops and bookmakers.
No, they are commercial enterprises and the council has no influence.

6 Date of next meeting & future agenda items

- 6.1 No suggestions for speakers

Future meeting dates, 7pm Armley Library
Tuesday 19th February
Tuesday 19th March
Tuesday 16th April
Tuesday 21st May