

Armley Community Forum

Date: 16th January 2007

Present: Cllr Harper (Chair), Cllr Lowe, Cllr McKenna, C Clark, Tom Maynard, S Hellewell, S Welsh, R Edwards, E Bowes, K Lemm, D Peck, D and I Penman, B Holmes, B & K Draper, D & M Stead, J Groughton, S Guy, J Grainger, J Kerry, N Wordsworth, H Gardiner, P Fathers, D Newsome, M Pugh, Cllr A Harrison J Ford, J Parsons, A Willis, Hon Ald. B Nelson, Don Laxton, J Ramell, J Scroggie, B Röhle, E & B Rayworth, J Gill, H & D Boutle, E Bearman, A Covey, B Jasko, M Ndzinga, J Tomlinson, J Arnold, C Mackey, S Marsden, N Powell, P Stewart, L Clarke.

ACTION

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year. She informed everyone of the good news that St Ives Mount has been voted the friendliest street in Britain. She also imparted the sad news that Mr Keith Mulligan, local resident and longstanding member of the forum had died.

2.00 APOLOGIES

2.01 Harry Shields, Diane Maynard, Karen Anderson, Kevin Donnelly. (Ian Jones attended for Kevin)

3.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

3.01 The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record with no amendments or matters arising from them.

4.00 MATTERS ARISING

4.01 (8:01) Todds Butchers on Town Street has closed, and there is a proposal for the premises to re-open as a Bookmakers. The forum is opposed to this proposal and a petition was passed around for people to sign and send to the Magistrates Court to oppose the licensing application.

4.02 (8:02) Cllr Lowe has written to City Services Enforcement and is awaiting a response.

4:03 (9:02)To report back under the Planning agenda item.

5.00 POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

5.01 The PCSOs are still operating weekly surgeries.

5.02 Armley has been quiet over the Christmas and New Year period.

5.03 More PCSOs have been recruited and will be starting in February.

5.04 The final eviction took place in the Aviaries last Friday which has resulted in a vast improvement in the area over the weekend.

5.05 Armley Park and Stride is to be established where parents will park in the Liberal Club car park and walk with their children to Armley Primary School. Cllr McKenna suggested that for the first few days PCSOs attend to walk with the children to give a clear message that this is a safe activity. PCSOs will discuss with the school. Alan Robinson (Highways) is liaising with the school

PCSOs

5.06	to establish the best route and any additional lighting requirements. Cedars – 2 motorbikes had been seized this evening. Cllr H suggested a youth work presence on the Cedars, this was noted by Ian Jones (youth worker).	Ian Jones
5.07	Car break ins – PCSOs will bring crime prevention information to a future meeting.	PCSOs
5:08	Moorfield Rec, still a problem with fires. PCSOs have spoken with individuals, and stressed that all incidents must be reported to the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Call the emergency services for any fires which could cause danger to life and limb. Mobile CCTV would not be effective as it would be difficult to identify who started the fires.	
5:09	Cllr Harper thanked the PCSOs for their work.	
6.00	Bramley Fire Station	
6.01	Richard Edwards (Planning Officer) informed that a planning application had been submitted for converting the former fire station to an education and fire demonstration centre. The scheme includes a new roof and extension to the existing building. The frontage with the vehicle doors will remain. Sarah Laidlow-Moore from the Fire Service was unable to attend, but will attend a future meeting to discuss further.	
7.00	Highways	
7.01	Alan Robinson, Traffic Management, informed the forum that maintenance works are due to be carried out to the viaduct. This means that one lane of Viaduct Road will have to be closed for a 12 week period, during June, July and August. Traffic will only be able to travel in the Kirkstall to Armley direction on Viaduct Road. Travel from Armley to Kirkstall will have to be via Armley gyratory and Wellington Road.	CC
7:02	Alan also reported on the traffic study following improvements to the Armley Grange junction. There has been an increase in traffic on Armley Grange Drive which is likely to be due to closure of Armley Grange Avenue and possibly the works being carried out at Henconnor Lane. A further study – Origin and Destination Survey – will be carried out to identify how much ‘rat-running’ is taking place. If a high proportion of traffic is ‘rat-running’ traffic management measures can be considered.	
7:03	There has been significant accident reduction at the junction. 44 accidents between 1999 and March 06. Since March 06 only 2 slight accidents.	
7:04	Feedback from the forum is that the junction is much safer.	
7:05	Other issues raised for following up:	
	Armley Ridge Road – a number of potholes, needs resurfacing.	AR
7:06	Westerley Croft – damaged kerbs and footpaths have still not been reinstated following the demolition of maisonettes.	AR
7:07	St Ives Mount – sand needs clearing up following works.	AR
7:08	Mikes Carpets junction, difficult right turn towards the city. This is due to a capacity issue with the traffic lights. Cllr Lowe has looked into this previously and has a detailed explanation of why an extra filter light cannot be installed which she can share with interested people.	Cllr Lowe
7:09	Station Road carparking. A count has been undertaken and consultation carried out. AR will arrange a meeting outside of the forum to discuss further.	AR
7:10	Discussion about red bus stop markings. In one instance road re-surfacing took place over the newly painted bus stop markings.	
7:11	In response to a request for a crossing for Canal Road, Alan agreed to ask for a traffic count to be undertaken as a first step in assessing whether the	AR

area met the criteria for a crossing.

8.00 Planning

8.01 Mistress Lane hoardings. These have temporary planning permission for 3 years, and will be reviewed annually. The backs will be tidied up. The site at Mistress Lane will be put on the market soon. Frustrations were expressed about the slow progress in redeveloping the site.

8:02 Amber taxis haven't complied with the condition of the planning consent to close the Gang. SH to follow up with Planning Enforcement.

SH

8.03 SH will check if planning permission is required for a change of use on Todd's Butchers.

SH

8:04 Meetings have taken place to discuss Mike's carpets, but no further progress. Action has been taken against the illegal hoardings, further enforcement is needed.

8:05 Armley Prison, undergoing some refurbishment.

8:06 Bexley's Carpets, permission granted for 20 flats.

8:07 Armley Tennis Club – application received for 10-12 units.

8:08 Tower works – still issues to resolve around design, access and S106 agreement.

8:09 Revised plans submitted for Hall Road flats with fewer units than the original application. SH will ask the relevant planning officer to contact Cllr Lowe.

SH

8:10 Sarah to check when the application for the West Leeds School is going to panel.

SH

9:00 Feedback from sub-groups

9:01 Not reported due to time constraints. See summary sheet attached.

10.00 Any other business

10:01 Cllr Harper reported that there is a proposal to change the name of Armley Leisure Centre to reflect a wider area. The forum agreed unanimously that the name should remain Armley Leisure Centre.

10:02 New yellow lines are needed for Carrcrofts/Moder avenue.

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10:03 There is a follow up Participatory Appraisal course on Thursday 25 Jan.

10:04 Emma Bearman provided further copies of the Armley calendar, which has been a great success.

**11.00 DATE & TIME of NEXT MEETING –
Tuesday 20th February, 7pm Armley One Stop Centre**