

Chair: Christine Thornton, 40 Cross Flatts Avenue, Beeston, Leeds, LS11 7BG. Tel 0113 270 0875

Secretary: Mr Robert Winfield, 7 Allenby Gardens, Beeston, Leeds, LS11 5RW. Tel 0113 271 6985

E mail robert.winfield1@ntlworld.com **Forum Website-** www.beestonforum.btck.co.uk

find us on Facebook at 'Beeston Community Forum'



BEESTON COMMUNITY FORUM

Beeston Forum General Meeting - 3rd July 2014

Agenda

- 1. Chairman's Opening Remarks**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Guest Speakers- Insp. Chris Bowen, West Yorkshire Police
Mark Burns- Williamson, OBE. Police and Crime Commissioner, West Yorkshire Police**
- 4. Minutes of the meeting of the Beeston Forum held on Thursday 5th June 2014**
- 5. Report of the subgroup dealing with a Neighbourhood Plan for Beeston**
- 6. Report of Committee meeting held on Thursday 19th June 2014**
- 7. Correspondence**
- 8. Any Other Business**

Minutes of the meeting of the Beeston Community Forum held on Thursday 5th June 2014

Attendance- Christine Thornton (in the chair), Mr. J. Adamson, Mr. R. Almond, J. Armstrong, Mr. D. Bottomley, Mrs. C. Burnell, Mr. K. Burton, Mrs. S. Burton, R. Casserley, S. Casserley, Mr. J. Cunningham, Mrs. M. Dinsdale, Mr. J. Fenton, Mr. S. Francis, Councillor A. Gabriel, Mr. J. Hodgson, Mr. J. Hook, PCSO K. Johnson (West Yorkshire Police), Mr. K. Johnson, Mrs. D. Johnson, Miss P. Johnson, Mr. D. Kenny, Mr. A. Kirby, Mr. E. Leatham, Mr. J. Morton, Miss. E. Newton, Councillor A. Ogilvie, Mr. M. Parry, Rev. L. Pearson, Mr. J. Peckham, Mr. F. Swift, Mrs. L. Thornton, Mr. G. Turton, Mr. R. Whitehead, and Mr. R.J.W. Winfield

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks- Christine Thornton welcomed those present to the meeting and observed that this was the best day for ages.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Bill Birch, Doris Brooke, Councillor David Congreve, Mary Mason and Noor Zaman. Robert Winfield congratulated Councillor David Congreve on his forthcoming election as Lord Mayor of Leeds and noted that this will be the first time a Beeston Councillor has held the position of Lord Mayor since Harry Booth in 1982.
3. Guest Speaker, Sue Rumbold. Christine Thornton introduced Sue Rumbold, Chief Officer, Childrens Services, Leeds City Council.

3.1 Sue Rumbold thanked the Forum for its invitation, and noted that she had been invited to present about a Child Friendly Leeds. She noted that the most important part of her job is a child friendly Leeds. She said that there is only one question; What's it like to be a child or a young person growing up in Leeds. She noted that her department works with the police and the Health Service. She noted that the members of staff in her Department challenge themselves about the above statement and ask themselves 'How do we make it better?'. Sue Rumbold stressed that the statement applies to all children wherever they live. She noted that there is a considerable level of inequality in the city; some areas are affluent, others not so. She stressed that it is a fundamental principle that the statement applies to all children

There are a number of risks ; namely that a child would leave school with no qualifications, become involved in crime, take alcohol or drugs, suffer from poor mental health, suffer homelessness , or encounter pregnancy and fatherhood. Her department will work for better outcomes across the city.

One ambition as a Council is that Leeds should be the best city for people of all ages, and in particular the best city for children and young people. There is one vision, one partnership and one plan; the children and young peoples plan. There are 100000 children going to school in Leeds and the Department wants Leeds to be the best city for all of them. To achieve this, it is necessary to work in partnership. There are five outcomes, namely that children should be healthy, safe from harm, enjoy learning, find growing up fun and become active citizens. There are also twelve outcomes and three obsessions, which are to improve school attendance, to increase the numbers of people having a job, an employment opportunity, training opportunity or an apprenticeship, and to reduce the number of children who are looked after by the local authority, for example in care. It is noted that a child needs to be in school in order to obtain good examination results. There are also 25 clusters , three behaviours. It was also noted that schools are at the heart of communities. It was noted that services are organised on the basis of 25 clusters throughout the City of Leeds , with schools at the heart of each cluster. One such cluster covers Beeston, Cottingley and Middleton. Those employed in each cluster have local knowledge and local understanding. The staff know each other and work together, dealing with concerns. There are three behaviours which Leeds City Council and its partners have a responsibility to observe

All the partners have a duty to safeguard children and promote their welfare; this is very important. Sue Rumbold noted that everything the Department does has the voice of a child at the heart of it. Thus, her Department talks to children, asks what they think, and takes on board their comments. Sue Rumbold added that there is also a 'Have a Voice Council' whose members challenge Leeds City Council about council services if the services are not right for them. Sue Rumbold noted that her Department's staff are expert in encouraging young people to have a voice. The third behaviour is working with families. Sue Rumbold acknowledged that families sometimes like doing things to them or for them. She added that working with families is a restorative way of working. It was noted that 75000 people in Leeds, such as police, teachers and health professionals touch the lives of children in some way.

Sue Rumbold referred to the obsession tracker in which the obsessions are tracked every week and elected members informed. She noted that when Nigel Richardson, the Director of Childrens Services, came into post, he and Judith Blake, the Cabinet Member responsible for Childrens Services wanted to look at Leeds becoming a Child Friendly City. The concept was originated by UNICEF. London undertook work on this concept , involving free transport for young people, under the mayoralty of Ken Livingstone. Nigel Richardson and Judith Blake sought to take the concept wider, involving a city coming together to help children and young people. There are also twelve wishes. Sue Rumbold noted that two years ago, her department organised a massive event in which 8000 children and young people were consulted over the summer as to what Leeds becoming a child friendly city would mean to them. It was felt that children should be able to make safe journeys, and find the city centre welcoming. Young people should also be treated fairly and be respected.

Sue Rumbold recalled that HM The Queen visited Leeds two years ago in order to reopen the City Varieties, and , as part of that day, she launched the Child Friendly Leeds Campaign. Sue Rumbold added that Leeds is the only city in the country with a Childrens Mayor. The holder of the position is elected by children in the City of Leeds and candidates for the office produce manifestos. The Childrens Mayor has a packed calendar of events including switching on the Christmas lights, attending childrens projects, as well as accompanying the Lord Mayor of Leeds to events. It was noted that the manifestos of previous Childrens Mayors had been based on cycling and outdoor climbing. The current Childrens Mayor will be at the Grand Depart for the Tour de France. In addition, the Childrens Mayor presents ideas and a manifesto to a meeting of Leeds City Council, which is required which has a duty to respond. Sue Rumbold described the robes for the office of Childrens Mayor as fantastic.

Sue Rumbold said that she is proud of the links between her Department and sport. She noted that local paralympians attended Leeds Civic Hall for a presentation. Hannah Cockcroft, who studied at Leeds Metropolitan University is a Child Friendly Ambassador as is Nicola Adams, who is fronting a campaign to increase the take up of free school meals. This campaign has also been fronted by Danny McGuire of Leeds Rhinos.

Sue Rumbold pointed out that the orange thumb is the symbol for a child friendly Leeds. It is hoped that this will be seen in more places. She added that there is a child friendly presence in the Leeds Sky Ride . Sue Rumbold wondered whether any members of the audience had attended the CBBC in Leeds with children. She noted that CBBC had heard about the Child Friendly Leeds concept, they had a meeting with the department and explained that they wanted CBBC to broadcast live from Leeds, as they thought it would be a fantastic place. The event took six months of organisation and brought together all council facilities in Millennium Square. Over three days 35000 families attended events and Leeds Central Library had 16000 visits than it normally would. 990000 six to twelve year olds watched the broadcasts. There was nothing explicit about a child friendly city on the Television Broadcasts , but there was plenty of information on the CBBC website. The CBBC event attracted £1.25 of income to Leeds. Sue Rumbold explained that her department has partnerships with Leeds United FC, Leeds Rhinos and Yorkshire County Cricket Club The Foster for Leeds Campaign was launched by Gary Hetherington of Leeds Rhinos. In addition, business organisations have asked to be foster friendly employers This is one way in which businesses can help the ambition of Leeds City Council for the City.

Sue Rumbold noted that the first ever Child Friendly Leeds Awards were held at the City Varieties (which allowed the free use of the venue) and that Leeds City Council worked with a group of children in organising the event. Young people undertook design work and ran events. At the awards, which were held in January 2014, the following awards were made

Children's Champion. The winner designed a website informing wheelchair users about the most accessible venues Award for looking after children and young people – won by a person who had been a foster carer for over 40 years, who fostered people who themselves went on to become foster carers.

There were also awards for the best place to play and the Best Contribution to a Child Friendly City which was won by the DAZL Dance Group. There were 300 nominations and 40 organisations at the ceremony. A further awards ceremony will be held in January 2015.

Sue Rumbold noted that Dizzie Rascal was at the Party in the Park. He created a 'Well done in your exam' video, which is being used by Youth Centres. In addition, a number of sports and pop stars gave 'good luck in your exam' messages. The boxer, Amir Khan recorded similar messages and a 'well done in your exams' video, when the examinations were finished.

Sue Rumbold noted that her department has a partnership with the Yorkshire Evening Post and urged members of the audience to look out for the orange thumb. The Yorkshire Evening Post recently published an article relating to the Front Door Service. The service allows individuals who are concerned about the safety of a child to speak to a social worker.

Sue Rumbold noted that young people from schools in Leeds had visited Paris for the launch of the Tour de France when the announcement was made that the Tour de France would be coming to Yorkshire, and also planted a flower bed at Roundhay Park last year. Sue Rumbold concluded her remarks by asking what a child friendly Leeds would mean for Forum members in Beeston.

3.2 The meeting then opened up to questions from the floor. Amongst topics covered were the proportion of children from South Leeds going on to University, compared with the number of children from North Leeds doing likewise, the calibre of teaching staff and the impact of this on educational attainment, the good results obtained by Cockburn School, the difficulties of maintaining standards at primary schools with large numbers of pupils

4. The minutes of the Forum meeting held on 1st May 2014 were accepted as a fair and accurate record of the meeting

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Former Ice Pak Site- Barkly Road. John Hodgson noted that there had been discussions about building houses on the land. He noted that both the coalition government and the Labour Party had been talking about building houses on brownfield land, but such sites are perceived as unsuitable by large developers who prefer greenfield sites. He noted that Jeremy Morton had recently been at a council display about housing in the LS11 postal district at the Dewsbury Road One Stop shop. It was noted that no housing is proposed for this area. However, there is planning permission for five houses on this site. John Hodgson noted that it had been stated that the Council has no authority to tell a landowner what they cannot build on land owned by them. However, he recalled that Zeb Ahmed had told a meeting of the Forum that he had been informed by Leeds City Council that it would not be possible to build shops on the Ice Pak site. Additionally, Leeds City Council is opposing the use of another site in Leeds by gypsies. John Hodgson said that this clearly shows that the Council can do things. He noted from the minutes of the last meeting (at which he was unable to be present) that the Forum could have passed a resolution calling for the building of affordable housing on the Ice Pak site but had chosen not to do this. He acknowledged that this is democracy. He noted that the Labour Party is looking for small builders who would be willing to build houses on small sites such as this. He also noted that a representative of Aspiring Communities had stated at an open meeting that if a planning application is turned down, they would return with further planning applications until they are successful. Local people are worried about the situation but John Hodgson noted that all things can be opposed. Christine Thornton noted that Aspiring Communities had withdrawn their planning application for the land. Councillor Angela Gabriel added that Leeds City Council can discuss what can be built on the site, but they cannot tell a landowner that they must build houses as we live in a free country. It is not possible to do more than what the Forum has done.

Robert Winfield read an e mail from Naz Maroof of Aspiring Communities in response to an e mail sent on behalf of the Forum about the movement of vehicles on and off the former Ice Pak site. Naz Maroof said that Aspiring Communities believe that the comments about vehicle movements are unfounded and incorrect as they have limited vehicle movements in and out of the site with the exception of security and the caretaker. He added that even with the limited vehicle movements they have at the site, as far as they are aware no one uses the rear access to the site, particularly the two roads mentioned in the Forum's letter. Naz Maroof added that vehicles accessing the site use Barkly Road to gain access to the site, whether coming from Dewsbury Road or Old Lane. He added that it would be good if the individuals who have raised these concerns could come and meet Aspiring Communities who would be more than happy to sort out what they describe as a misunderstanding.

John Adamson said that he could vouch that the information given in the e mail is wrong. He has seen steel wagons reverse onto the site at the back entrance. He also asked how such a wagon could reach Barkly Road from Old Lane. He said that such a vehicle could not navigate the mini roundabout on Oakhurst Avenue, nor could it travel from Jessamine Avenue onto Barkly Road as the route is blocked. Any such vehicle must go down Firth Road. John Adamson said that this is happening, but acknowledged that he had not seen any such vehicle movements since the matter was last discussed by the Forum. Rick Whitehead said that he had seen a wagon come onto the site and leave it with a skip on. John Adamson said that when he originally raised this matter at the Forum he was making the point that other vehicles could be damaged as a result of the movements which he described. Anyone reversing a vehicle must do so blind. He added that a wall had been knocked down two or three times by reversing wagons. A massive wagon had entered the site. Rick Whitehead noted that rules apply to the site, and that he had contacted the Leeds City Council Planning Department, who had set an officer to the site on two separate occasions and confirmed that no building regulations had been broken. Christine Thornton wondered whether the Forum

members who had raised this matter are complaining that Aspiring Communities are carrying out work on the site, or using the back entrance. Rick Whitehead said that the use of the back entrance is dangerous. Greg Turton noted that what Aspiring Communities can do with the building is limited; the planning application which they had originally submitted had not been passed. He suggested that Council officers should go onto the land to see whether the law is being transgressed. There was a suggestion from the audience that if Aspiring Communities have nothing to hide, there would be nothing for them to worry about. Rick Whitehead said that a few people have stated that work is going on on the site. Councillor Angela Gabriel noted that Aspiring Communities had submitted, then withdrawn a planning application. They are allowed to make improvements to the building, but cannot erect new buildings nor demolish existing ones. John Adamson wondered whether it would be possible for Leeds City Council to impose a restriction under which no vehicle exceeding 20 metres in length would be able to turn around the corner and reverse back. Eddie Leatham noted that Aspiring Communities' e mail had issued an invitation to Forum members who had raised issues about their conduct to visit the site. He suggested that the members involved should take up this invitation. Christine Thornton asked whether this is what Forum members would wish to do. John Adamson noted that it would not be possible for a wagon to drive straight in and turn around as the wagon is simply too big. Councillor Adam Ogilvie suggested that the Forum write to Gary Bartlett, Chief Highways Officer, Leeds City Council about this matter. Greg Turton suggested that additionally, the Forum should ask an officer to visit the site to see what work is being undertaken and whether this is in accordance with planning regulations. Councillor Angela Gabriel noted that she has never visited the site, and suggested that anyone with concerns should visit the site. She noted that every month, most of the Forum meeting was taken up with a discussion about some aspect of the site. The proposals from Adam Ogilvie and Greg Turton were agreed. Christine Thornton suggested that the Forum form a group, and write to Aspiring Communities requesting that the group, thus formed, be allowed to visit the site at a mutually convenient time. This was agreed. Greg Turton suggested that the visit should take place after the Forum has seen the report from Council Officers about the work being undertaken on the site. There was a suggestion from the audience that it is more important for someone in authority to visit the site. Richard Bell noted that if anyone builds on the site without planning permission, they are wasting their money.

5.2 Asda Planning Application for a store on Old Lane. Robert Winfield recalled that the last meeting of the Forum had resolved to oppose the aspects of Asda's planning application dealing with delivery hours and opening hours, and that the committee would discuss the remaining aspects of the application with a view to formulating a recommendation to the Forum as to whether any other aspects of the application should be opposed. Robert Winfield explained that an objection to the proposals relating to delivery hours and opening hours had been lodged, but that he completely overlooked raising the application at the Committee meeting and the issue was not raised by any other member of the committee. This matter had, however been corrected by a brief discussion at the end of the meeting of the subgroup dealing with the neighbourhood plan. Robert Winfield took the view that the remaining aspects of the application are reasonable and do not merit an objection. However, he expressed his disappointment that Asda, in applying for the extension of the delivery and opening hours, had gone back on a promise which they had made to the Forum, and to the wider community. Robert Winfield noted that it was this undertaking which had led to the Forum withdrawing the holding objection which it had originally submitted to the application. The meeting agreed to a proposal from Robert Winfield that the Forum write to Asda (including the Chief Executive) expressing our disappointment that they have gone back on the undertaking. Robert Winfield noted that the remaining objections which had been submitted were in opposition to the opening and delivery hours; he had seen no objections on other grounds.

A discussion took place about the neighbour notification letters which had been sent in connection with the planning application. Edna Newton noted that she lives on Wesley Street and pointed out that she had received two letters from Leeds City Council which were delivered at the same time. She noted that her home is some distance away from the site but that a friend who lives one street away had received no letters. She asked whether this is involving the local community. Robert Winfield, who noted that he also lives a considerable distance away from the site said he had been bombarded with neighbour notification letters. A member of the audience wondered why Asda are seeking to open their store for 24 hours a day. He explained that he does not want this, as the area is a residential area. He added that he is unable to sleep through thinking about this matter. He noted that Old Lane is often choc a bloc with traffic and that there is a high instance of asthma in the area. He noted that he leaves his front windows closed in order to keep out the smell of fumes and asked whether there would be any traffic calming measures as part of the application. Questions were raised about traffic relating to the construction of the building. Robert Winfield noted that this had been addressed in condition 3 of the application under which site access is being moved very slightly from its current position to ensure that construction traffic and store traffic do not merge. Robert Winfield noted that the e mail from the Leeds City Council Development Department stated that the question of whether the store would be built will not be reopened. Councillor Adam Ogilvie said that the Councillors had objected to Asda's application on similar grounds to the Forum and other objectors. He added that the Councillors had asked neighbour notification letters to be sent to the adjacent streets. Richard Bell noted that when the Asda and Tesco planning applications were being considered most residents wanted to see a supermarket. He added that there was a widespread suspicion that Asda did not really wish to build a new supermarket at Old Lane and had simply submitted the application to frustrate Tesco's plans for a supermarket in the area. He suspected that Asda could say that if they are not allowed to open 24 hours a day they would not build the new store. Councillor Adam Ogilvie noted that Asda tend to put in applications for 24 hour delivery and long delivery hours everywhere; such an application in relation to their new Middleton store had been turned down. Councillor Angela Gabriel noted that a similar situation with neighbour notification letters had occurred for the Aspiring Communities planning application when parts of Cross Flatts Grove had not received letters. It was noted that the Councillors would investigate the distribution of letters in this instance.

5.3 Rosemary Casserley wondered whether Robert Winfield had written to Graham Smith about the reply which had been received from Hunters Coaches. Robert Winfield said that he had not yet done so as a result of pressures on his time due to his recent election campaign and the fact that his mother had recently spent two weeks in hospital as a result of a minor stroke. Ken Burton pointed out that

he had spoken to Graham Smith about the matter.

6. Police Report. PCSO Kirsty Johnson briefly outlined a number of crime statistics relating to the period between 1st May and 5th June. There had been no burglaries of dwellings, compared with 11 in the same period in 2013; however, the number of Burglary Others had risen from 6 to 7, instances of criminal damage had fallen from 18 to 11, theft from vehicles had fallen from 10 to 4, however thefts of vehicles had risen from one to four, however three of the vehicles stolen were mopeds, and Kirsty Johnson suggested that moped owners should ensure that their vehicles are secure. The total number of crimes in the area had thus fallen from 102 to 60. Kirsty Johnson noted that the police have been encouraging residents with elderly neighbours to use yellow and black 'Bogus Caller Initiative cards. Kirsty Johnson referred to bogus burglaries, in which the burglars cause a distraction. Dennis Bottomley noted that four youths have been driving around the area of Cross Flatts Grove and Cross Flatts Avenue in good cars (Golf 32 and Audi RS). A fortnight ago the cars were driving at around 70 mph whilst children were leaving the school at Wooler Street. Kirsty Johnson acknowledged that there have been problems with a few people using roads as race tracks. Such drivers are stopped whenever they are seen. There were however fears that someone will be killed. Kirsty Johnson noted that normal patrol cars cannot apprehend motorists travelling at such speed; it is indeed unsafe for them to attempt to do so; instead they would radio for specialist traffic police who use better cars and have more driving experience. Kirsty Johnson added that the Police are using a Speed Indication Device which checks the speed of a passing vehicle. A letter can be sent to a driver reminding him of the speed limit and the actual speed of the vehicle. A member of the audience said that there have been problems with speeding traffic on Old Lane every day. It was noted that Old Lane is the only significant road in Beeston with no traffic calming measures. John /hook asked whether the Speed Indication Device can record the registration number of a vehicle passing it. Kirsty Johnson said that this is a manual device not a speed trap. John Adamson wondered whether traffic calming measures can be implemented on a bus route. It was noted that calming measures have been installed on Belle Isle Road and Tempest Road, both of which have bus routes. Eddie Leatham wondered whether there have been any instances of car number plates being stolen. Kirsty Johnson said that this is not new, but such thefts are not more prevalent than they had been in the past. She said that any such thefts should be reported. She said that thieves typically go to garages to fill up with petrol. She added that it is possible to buy anti theft screws which prevent the removal of number plates from cars. She said that often number plates are simply stuck onto cars and are easily removed. Rick Whitehead asked what is being done to target speeding motorists. Kirsty Johnson said that such motorists are being stopped, whenever observed by the police, and any offences are dealt with. She added that it is only impossible for the police to impound a car for proceeds of crime, lack of insurance and anti social behaviour. Speeding is not considered to be Anti Social Behaviour. Rosemary Casserley recalled that in a previous police report, it was stated that many of the cars impounded were found to be hire cars, so that the police are not able to keep them. She suggested that those responsible for hiring out such cars are at fault. Dennis Bottomley noted that youths are responsible for the instances of speeding and suggested that their insurance premiums must be very high. Kirsty Johnson said it is the practice of the police to check the insurance and the licence of any car found to be speeding. A member of the audience said that people had been looking through bins on Wooler Drive. Kirsty Johnson said that this could lead to identity theft.

7. Report of Subgroup dealing with the Beeston Neighbourhood Plan- Greg Turton noted that he would be circulating a membership list to be completed by people with an interest in becoming a member of the Neighbourhood Forum. . Membership of the Neighbourhood Forum offers an opportunity to discuss the priorities of the area. Completing the form does not involve any commitment. Anyone who had completed the form at the last Forum meeting should not complete the form at this meeting. He noted that the leaflet circulated to all residents had been delivered on Tuesday. Greg Turton asked anyone who had not received a leaflet to see him after the meeting. /he would take the details of anyone in this position and had also brought a stock of leaflets to the meeting . Greg Turton noted that he had not had a leaflet delivered to him. Angela Gabriel pointed out that she has not received a leaflet. Greg Turton noted that the leaflet distributors have already been paid as their terms of business require payment up front. He added that the website is now functioning and it is possible for members of the public to transmit comments. He had also brought with him a box in which completed paper questionnaires can be posted. Six banners advertising the neighbourhood plan have been purchased. These would be placed at various locations around the area. One such banner would be placed on the Forum's stall at the Beeston Festival. In addition two aerial photographs of Beeston have been obtained. These would be used at the Beeston Festival and at the Consultation meetings. The Neighbourhood Forum's designated area is outlined in red on the aerial photographs . Greg Turton added that it had been considered necessary for the Forum to purchase public liability insurance. Greg Turton noted that three meetings would be organised to enable people to find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan. The meetings will be less formal than the Forumn meetings and more like the drop in session organised in connection with the plans by De Puy International. Refreshments will be served. The three meetings will be ;-

Cockburn School - 24th June 7p.m to 9p.m

Beeston Village Community Centre- 26th June 3p.m to 5p.m

Beeston Village Community Centre- 1st July 6.30p.m to 8.30p.m

Posters advertising the meetings would be circulated near the venues

Greg Turton added that a pack , consisting of a leaflet, poster and a letter had been sent to each of the schools in the area (the three primary schools, Cockburn School and the Engineering site on Westland Road) . Greg Turton noted that he would be writing to the Primary Schools to suggest how they could be involved; he had asked for suggestions from schools. A letter had also been sent to voluntary organisations informing them of the consultation meetings and asking them whether they would be interested in a separate meeting for voluntary organisations. Greg Turton noted that Richard Bell is handling links with businesses. Greg Turton noted that under the relevant legislation, a minimum of 21 members is required for a neighbourhood forum. There is also a need to have a constitution. Greg Turton had started to look at this, and noted that there are a few things to think about in order to reflect the circumstances of Beeston. With regard to the grant, Greg Turton noted that Locality had informed him that it would be sent to Leeds City Council within

five days ten days ago, but he added that the Leeds City Council Officer responsible for receiving the money is currently on holiday. Groups setting up neighbourhood plans are also able to apply for consultancy help. Greg Turton said that he is not yet aware of whether we would need this; this would become clear at a later stage.

8. Report of Committee meeting held on 15th May 2014. Christine Thornton noted that the bulk of the meeting was taken up discussing the Neighbourhood Plan and the Forum's presence at the Beeston Festival which would take place in Cross Flats Park on Saturday 14th June.

9. Beeston Festival- It was noted that Jeremy Morton has brought a supply of information leaflets to the meeting. It was also noted that the Forum will have a fully manned stall at the Festival. Greg Turton noted that if anyone does want to help the stall is currently short of people after 3p.m. Christine Thornton said that anyone wishing to help should let Greg Turton know. She added that the Festival would be busy and would have a Tour de France theme. There would be a lot of childrens activities, particularly bike related. 115 stalls had been booked.

10. Correspondence- Christine Thornton said that members of the Forum have been invited to a commemoration of the Centenary of World War I at Cockburn School at 1.30p.m on Friday 18th July. This year is also the 50th Anniversary of the death of Sgt. Lawrence Calvert VC, who was awarded the VC as a result of an act of gallantry during World War I . There would be a mock battle scene together with a tour of a mock World War I* trench with reenactors.

11 Any Other Business.

11.1 Roy Casserley recalled that last year he had complained about the street lighting in St. Anthony's Drive. He noted that although one light had been adjusted, the second light remained covered in trees. It was agreed that Robert Winfield would write about this matter. Angela Gabriel and Adam Ogilvie undertook to check

11.2 Arthur Kirby noted that there is a to let sign on the empty former hairdressers shop next to the undertakers on the parade of shops on the junction between Ring Road Beeston Park and Dewsbury Road. He noted that the parade already has a convenience store and a sandwich shop. Councillor Angela Gabriel pointed out that someone will need to submit a planning application and that takeaways had been stopped on this parade.

11.3 Eddie Leatham noted that the pathways around Beeston Village Community Centre had attracted mud and lots of litter. Overhanging bushes had been hacked out and there was grass all over the paths creating a mess. Robert Winfield noted that he had already written to Leeds City Council about this matter , and it was agreed that he would write again. Christine Thornton noted that Eddie Leatham is a governor of Hugh Gaitskell School and suggested that the school should also write. Angela Gabriel noted that this is a cleansing responsibility. She added that one problem which makes a solution more difficult is that of obscurity as to the ownership of the paths. It was noted that Tom Smith, who had agreed to investigate the ownership of the paths had left his position with Leeds City Council and been replaced by Kris Nenedic. The meeting agreed to a proposal from Robert Winfield that we write to Kris Nenedic to ensure that the issue is not forgotten.