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BEESTON COMMUNITY FORUM

Beeston Forum General Meeting – 2nd April 2015 Agenda

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Guest Speakers
 - I) Dennis Holmes, Deputy Director, Adult Social Care, Leeds City Council
 - II) Paul Kilroy, Leeds City Council and a representative of Unity Housing Association, who will speak about the proposed disposal of land on the Parkwood Estate
4. Minutes of the meeting of the Beeston Forum held on Thursday 5th March 2015
5. The Beeston Neighbourhood Plan including possible recommendations to the Beeston Neighbourhood Forum
6. Report of the Committee meeting held on 19th March 2015
7. Correspondence
8. Possible Co-options to the Committee
9. Any Other Business

Members of the Forum are reminded that the next meeting of the Forum will take place on Thursday 14th May 2015 (7.30p.m., Beeston Village Coimmunity Centre)

Minutes of the Meeting Held On 5 March 2015 (Secretary's Note:- As with the meeting on 5th February, I am grateful to Mark Parry for taking the minutes of the meeting, which are set out below, in my absence, Robert Winfield)

Attendance: Christine Thornton (in the chair) Mark Parry, Greg Turton, Doris Brooke, Mary Dinsdale, Myra Munro, S. Rushworth, Mary Adamson, J. Hook, J. Cunningham, Sean Sturman, Jean Birch, Cllr Angela Gabriel, K. Burton, S. Burton, D. Bottomley, Jeremy Morton, Stella Gawthorpe, Brian Weatheril, Bronwen Cole, John Cole, Steve Francis, Pauline Johnson, E. Newton, Richard Bell, Ken Hewson, Christine Thornton, Colin Hendrick Ward, Sharon Waugh, Peter Glossop, R & S Casserley, A. Kirby, D. McGinge, M. Broadbent, Fiona Orr, Lynne Lewis, Peter Lewis, J. Fenton, C. Filby, R. Nivens, K. Brigham, P. Aee, S. Oldroyd, Matthew While, C. Sweatton, Luke Senior, A. Roberts, PCSO 244, B. Dyer, A. Mahmood, A. McGrath, Bill Birch.

Apologies: John Peckham, Robert Winfield, David Congreve, Adam Ogilvie.

Speakers Mark Burns- Williamson and Inspector Chris Bowen: Our Police Commissioner and local inspector updated us on Police matters. Despite an increase for the Police in council tax, other budget cuts mean an overall reduction in officers for the next financial year. Mark's initiative the "Proceeds of Crime" was successful in taking £700,000 from criminals and allocated to 130 community groups across the county. West Yorkshire Police are the first to have a human trafficking unit which has made 123 referrals for people to be rescued. The structures and processes for child abuse have been checked and there are 30 new investigators, however, government bodies need to work together more. A Help for Victims website has contact details for organisations that help victims. Banks may provide resources to the Police to combat cyber-crime. Over 2014 Leeds crime has reduced by 5% and there is now a greater confidence to report sexual offences. Crime is

slightly higher than average in Leeds, but this is typical for a city. In Beeston and Holbeck there were 250 more offences since last year, but 344 of those were in the new Police Station handling arrests. The recent spate of burnt out cars is because of a local family dispute. The force is the first to introduce the use of secure tablets and laptops by front line police helping to offset cut backs. They run campaigns against speeding motorists. We can call into the Police Station with concerns and are encouraged to report activities even if it could turn out to be a false alarm. The Police should always give feedback on how a case is proceeding that you may have witnessed or been caught up in. New officers are to be recruited by Specials and PCSOs which have a higher % of ethnic minorities and women. They hope to use more Specials given the budget cuts. Installation of CCTV is a council matter.

Minutes for 5 February 2015: were approved.

Matters arising from the 5 February Minutes: A general update was given on the ASDA situation involving recent correspondence. Another application has gone in, again without consulting us. Also, ASDA are not following planning conditions and the Council has not challenged them. ASDA have said, since our last meeting, that litter patrols have been introduced twice daily, the opening times are to be reviewed after a year. They re-stated the opening times as being until 22 hours on Sundays (probably an error). The automatic petrol station will be open for the same hours. All deliveries will be via Dewsbury Road. A pedestrian crossing is proposed as agreed within the applications.

Action: Robert to reply to ASDA asking why they did not consult with us about their latest application. Why have they not voluntarily reduced the hours as we requested? Highlight the Sunday opening hours stated by email as being for more than 6 hours, is this in error?

Action: Committee to ask why the Council is not enforcing planning conditions.

The situation with horses grazing near the Parkwoods is being remedied. Health for All have bid for funding to re-build the Community Centre.

Neighbourhood Plan: The next meeting will be on 11 March 2015 at 19:45 hours. New members and supporting members will be voted on. New committee members are also needed to lead on tasks such as leading a task group. An update on the Wolverhampton trip will be given. Our Mayor will be taking a message of goodwill to Wolverhampton.

Committee Meeting: The Community Forum committee reviewed their forward planning and the Neighbourhood Plan. They received an email on air pollution and invited to suggest sites for monitoring. They suggested Wesley Street/Town Street, Tommy Wass and Dewsbury Road/Westland Road. They gave a vote of thanks to Mark Parry who has resigned after becoming secretary of the Neighbourhood Forum.

Art Students: Four students from the Leeds College of Art attended, they are working in partnership with Health for All. They are working to demonstrate the benefits of the Community Centre. They intend to film people using the Centre which will help with funding bids for re-building. They also want to produce a book about the building as a library and then a community centre. Stories and photos can be shared with them at two events in the Community Centre: 26 March 16:00 to 19:00 hours and 1 April 10:30 to 12:30 hours.

Correspondence: Painting volunteers are requested to paint the railings at St. Matthews in Holbeck.

Some maisonettes on the Parkwoods are to be replaced by affordable housing by Unity Housing. The Council did not consult with us and in ignorance of their proposals the Neighbourhood Forum has objected to the sale of the land. This objection will stay until the Neighbourhood Forum is satisfied, but it is wanting to take a broader strategic view of the area. James Kilroy, a council, project officer, is to speak at the Community Forum about this issue in April.

Any Other Business: The Forum agreed to have a stall at the Beeston Festival on 6 June.

Save Our Beeston Campaign have objected to the Aspiring Communities development and recommended attendees to view their website.

John Cole, from Morrison Utilities warned of impending works for Yorkshire Water to replace lead piping. He offered to do a presentation.