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## BEESTON COMMUNITY FORUM

### Beeston Forum General Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015

#### Agenda

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Guest Speakers
  - I) Stewart Robinson, International Fun Fairs
  - II) Mark Burns-Williamson, OBE, Police and Crime Commissioner, West Yorkshire Police
  - III) Insp. Chris Bowen, West Yorkshire Police
4. Minutes of the meeting of the Beeston Forum held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015
5. The Beeston Neighbourhood Plan including possible recommendations to the Beeston Neighbourhood Forum
6. Report of the Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015
7. Correspondence
8. Possible Co-options to the Committee
9. Any Other Business

Secretary's Note. I am very grateful to Mark Parry for taking the minutes of the last meeting of the Forum , which are appended below, in my absence from the meeting ,due to my attendance at an event involving the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. I shall again be absent from the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March, but hope that those who are able to be present have a successful meeting. Robert J.W. Winfield

#### Minutes of the Meeting Held On 5 February 2015

It was with regret that the meeting heard of the recent sudden death of Doris Kenny who will be sadly missed.

Attendance: Mark Parry, Eddie Leathem, Greg Turton, Doris Brooke, Mary Dinsdale, Myra Munro, S. Rushworth, Katie Adamson, John Adamson, J. Hook, J. Cunningham, Sean Sturman, Jean Birch, Cllr Angela Gabriel, Cllr Adam Ogilvie, F. Swift, K. Burton, S. Burton, D. Bottomley, Laura Harrison, Simon Gowler, Andrew Lowry, Jeremy Morton, Stella Gawthorpe, Brian Weatheril, Bronwen Cole, John Cole, Anthony Roberts, David Parkes, Valerie Milner, Michael Milner, Steve Francis, Pauline Johnson, B. Drimon, E. Newton, Richard Bell, Ken Hewson, Ken Drimon.

Apologies: Bill Birch, Adam Cooper, Arthur Kirby, John Peckham, Robert Winfield, David Congreve.

Police Update: From 1 January to 5 February, 5 dwellings were burgled and 2 other burglaries. There were 5 thefts from cars and 3 robberies. Extra officers are patrolling because of the burglaries. 4 people are locked up after the spate of burnt out cars.

Stewart Robinson (International Fun Fairs) and Martin Wright (Leeds City Council): The fair will take place from 12 until 22 February 2015. On the 12 Feb the fair will open at 13:00 only for children with special needs and the fair

will be opened fully to the public by the Mayor at 17:00. The Park and Ride will not be affected. On the 14 February, Millwall are playing Leeds at the Football Stadium so the fair will not open until 18:00. The model show will again take place in the Banqueting Suite on Sunday 15 February and is free. The Charity is Martin House.

Leeds Involving People – Amy Revane: This group engages people and gives them a say in their NHS services. It is advising people to only take antibiotics when necessary. For example, people should only take things such as paracetamol for a cold and if it persists for over 3 weeks visit their Doctor.

ASDA – Laura Harrison (Public Relations Consultant) Simon Gowler (Area Manager) Andrew Lowry (Store Manager): They hope to see the store open on 13 July 2015, the old store closing on 31 May. There has been a problem with excessive amounts of litter blowing off the site which they will look into. There are also concerns about the lack of a pedestrian crossing for Old Lane near the store. It was pointed out that we withdrew the Forum's objection to their planning application on condition that the opening hours were 07:00 until 23:00 amongst other undertakings. But now the opening hours are to be from 06:00 until 24:00 Monday to Saturday and 10:00 until 16:00 on Sunday. Deliveries will be from 06:00 until 23:00 Monday to Saturday and from 07:00 until 22:00 on Sundays and public holidays. This was discussed at a special meeting which we consider was poorly advertised and at which only 5 people attended. Both Cllrs Gabriel and Ogilvy confirmed that ASDA was told of our concerns.

**Action: ASDA agreed to write to Christine Thornton promising to fully consult with the Forum in future. ASDA to provide the list of addresses the letters advertising the special meeting were sent to and also to provide a set of plans for the store. Robert Winfield to pass on these minutes to ASDA.**

It was suggested, that despite the planning conditions approved, that ASDA voluntarily restrict their opening and delivery hours to appease those residents living in the area. Debbie Jackson is the in store Community Representative.

Minutes for 8 January 2015 and for the Annual General Meeting December 2013: were approved with no matters arising.

Neighbourhood Plan: Greg Turton updated everyone by outlining the plans and funding arrangements. The trip to Wolverhampton was mentioned and people wanting to go on this should contact Mark Parry. The inaugural meeting will be on 17 February at 19:30 in the Community Centre at which the new committee will be elected. Documents for this will be emailed or posted.

Committee Meeting: This was focussed mainly on the Neighbourhood Plan as well as arranging future speakers.

Correspondence: Cllr Angela Gabriel had sent a response from the Council saying pollution problems in Beeston were not bad but that they were happy to investigate any areas of concern. Nigel Roberts emailed Robert Winfield on 17 January about the delay in getting minutes on our website, this was because Robert had computer problems. Andrew Lester (Hardhat consultant for ASDA) apologised by email on 22 January about the Forum not being invited to the ASDA special meeting. It was pointed out that the Council and ASDA claim we were invited! A letter on 23 January from Kate Mansell at the Council said the Plans Panel did take account of our concerns over the ASDA issues. There was also a summary of the ASDA special meeting of 15 October 2014.

Two Forums: We now have the Beeston Community Forum and the new Beeston Neighbourhood Forum. It was suggested we consider the need for all the meetings and if we can reduce any duplication despite the two bodies having different purposes.

Any Other Business: Greg Turton mentioned a rumour that the future of the Old Lane Post Office is unclear. News of the development of the Community Centre was requested.

**Action: Christine to ask Pat McGeever for an update.**

A group of students want to talk to some of us about when we used the Community Centre building when it was the Library. The use of the green space near the Waincliffe garage for horses was challenged as we suspect no permission has been granted and this makes it impractical for dog walkers and children.

**Action: Robert to report this to Chris Nederdic at the One Stop Centre.**

Sean Sturman pointed out that in their reduced plans Aspiring Communities had removed the Community Room. Jeremy Morton responded by saying space was available elsewhere in the building although not necessarily available all the time.