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## BEESTON COMMUNITY FORUM

### **Beeston Forum General Meeting - 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

#### **Agenda**

- 1. Chairman's Opening Remarks**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Guest Speakers-**
  - I) Insp Chris Bowen, West Yorkshire Police**
  - II) Jane Holland, Beeston Live at Home Scheme**
- 4. Minutes of the meeting of the Beeston Forum held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013**
- 5. Report of the subgroup dealing with a Neighbourhood Plan for Beeston**
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- 7. Correspondence**
- 8. The Beeston Forum Annual General Meeting - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013**
- 9. Any Other Business**

**Members of the Forum are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the Forum will take place at 7.30p.m on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Officers and Members of the Committee wishing to remain in office are required to seek re election. Any resident of Beeston (as defined by the Constitution of the Beeston Community Forum) who is interested in serving as a member of the Committee is more than welcome to speak to any committee member.**

Minutes of the meeting of the Beeston Community Forum held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013

Attendance:- Christine Thornton (in the chair) , Mr. J.K. Adamson, Mr. D.C. Bottomley, Insp. C. Bowen (West Yorkshire Police) Mrs. D. Brooke, Mr. R. Casserley, Mrs. R. Casserley, Mrs. M. Cook, Mr. J. Cunningham, Mr. J. Fenton, PCSO S. Goulding (West Yorkshire Police) Mrs. M. Hobson, Mr. J. Hodgson, Mr. J. Hook, Mr. R. Hunt, Miss P. Johnson, Mr. A. Kirby, Mr. A. Mahmood, Mr. Y. Mahmood, Mrs. M. Mason, Mr. A. McGrath, Miss E. Newton, Councillor A. Ogilvie, Mr. M. Parry, Rev. L. Pearson, Mr. G. Turton, V. Wella and Mr. R.J.W. Winfield

- 1. Chairman's Opening Remarks-** Christine Thornton welcomed those present to the meeting on what she described as a rough evening
- 2. Apologies for absence** were received from Bill Birch, Richard Bell, Councillor David Congreve, Mary Dinsdale, John Peckham and Noor Zaman
- 3. Guest Speakers –** Christine Thornton introduced the guest speakers as follows:-

Izabella Astraszkiwicz, Lead Officer, Transition,, Governance and Capacity, Leeds City Council Childrens Services

Sara Harris, Learning Improvement Advisor, Leeds City Council Childrens Services  
Chris Lees, Head Teacher, Beeston Primary School  
Margaret Beesley, Head Teacher, Hugh Gaitskell School  
Lisa Leonard- Head Teacher, St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

It was noted that Viv Buckland, who was listed as a guest speaker on the agenda, was unable to be present at the meeting .

3.1 Izabella Astraszkievicz noted that she is from Learning Improvements Services, and that her work falls under the general heading of education in the locality. She noted that she would address issues such as how schools are doing and school improvements . She apologised if she says anything which is already known to Forum members, but she noted that she had not previously appeared as a guest speaker at the Forum. She pointed out that there are three types of schools; Local Authority maintained schools, which divide into three categories community schools, voluntary controlled schools and voluntary aided schools. These are maintained and funded by local authorities. Other types of schools are emerging; academies, which re completely independent of local authority control ; they are funded directly by the government and the local authority has no say in the school. There are also free schools . Any new school opened is a free school, and generally must, by law, be an academy. There are , however certain exceptions to this rule including one in Beeston. Izabella Astraszkievicz referred to the handout given to members of the audience which lists all the schools in the area. She noted that Column 2 of the handout is headed Trust. She noted that a Trust is a group of schools coming together to work in partnership to enhance the experience of the school; foe example, South Leeds Learning Trust in Beeston. The schools share good practice and leadership and the schools support each other. Some Schools, for example Faith Schools, whether Roman Catholic or Church of England Schools cannot be members of a trust as they are part of another trust. However, they can be associate members of a trust but without voting rights in the trust. She noted that the cluster to which schools belong is listed in the third column in the handout. Izabella Astraszkievicz noted that it is worth highlighting other schools ; some areas of Beeston come close to boundaries, and some children in Beeston attend these schools. Clapgate School is listed as Westwood Primary School collaborates with Clapgate which is on an improvement curve. Christine Thornton noted that she would not consider Westwood Primary School as being in our area Chris Lees pointed out that when clusters were arranged, Beeston Primary School, Hugh Gaitskell Primary School , St Anthony's School and Cottingley School were part of an extended cluster. This cluster was too small to maintain for the purposes of Local Authority Care , and as such it was merged with the Middleton Cluster. It was noted that the South Leeds Academy is sponsored by the Schools Partnership Trust. It was noted that the education journey starts with the Childrens Centre and that Lane End Primary School does not yet exist. Izabella Astraszkievicz noted that the trust members have taken on the task of a new primary school. This school will not be an academy as it was in the early stages of planning when the legislation requiring all new schools to be academies was passed. This will be run by the trust. The site of the school is in another cluster. There will be a new 11-11-19 Academy sponsored by the Gorse Academy Trust which runs Morley Academy. The academy will be sited in this area but no site had been identified. The Education Authority is in the process of finding a site. Christine Thornton noted that the school is expected to be opened in September 2014, but no site had been found for it. Izabella Astraszkievicz noted that the Education Authority believed that site had been identified (Water Lane) but this was not accepted as a site as it was not deemed to be a safe place for staff and children. Izabella Astraszkievicz referred to the table on the third place of the handout ; dealing with work since 2009 in expanding schools, for example Beeston Primary (60-90) which requires 30 extra places. New challenges are coming; the pressure on schools will not go away with increased birth rates. Izabella Astraszkievicz noted that the map on page 4 of the handout gives details of the situation with primary schools in 2014/5 , whilst the map on page 5 of the handout gives the comparable situation with secondary schools. It was noted that blue shading on the map on page 4 indicates a situation which is good. Beeston is coloured pale blue , which is not too bad, due to the new school which will relieve some pressure. Hoever, Beeston is at risk of shifting into red. With regard to High School places, Beeston is coloured red. The new academy will bring some relief to the situation but Beeston will still be coloured red. This means that high school pupils will struggle to find places in this area. In addition, Primary School pupils will place pressure on the second area. She added that there is a problem in finding suitable sites which will gain planning permission. Izabella Astraszkievicz noted that there had been some creative thinking by local head teachers , who had decided to establish a post 16 free school; in the process stopping sixth forms and moving the sixth forms and staff onto a new site. This will create classroom space for High School Students

3.2 Chris Lees pointed out that there is a difference between a cluster, which is an authority grouping which involves attendance officers, support agencies and social services, and a trust. It was noted that Beeston, St Anthony's , Cottingley and Huh Gaitskell Schools had been deemed to be too small to form a cluster and as such these schools had been merged with the Middleton Cluster. Matters such as school health and police support for schools are handled by cluster. The aim of a cluster is to ensure that children are gaining a fairly similar experience to others. It was noted that Beeston Primary School may need to work on numeracy. It is intended that other schools gain from the experience of successful schools . It was noted that on a national level, the government is stripping local education authorities of responsibility and passing it to schools . Schools in the trust are mutually supportive and gain from the experience of others. Chris Lees noted that his school is in the second phase of the trust. It was noted that St Anthony's School is an associate member of the trust as it is a member of a faith school trust. Hugh Gaitskell is one of the first five schools in the trust . There is an action plan dealing with how the schools can benefit from working together. New action plans, incorporating targets , were set up informally in September 2012. One important question is how performance in local schools is measured against the performance of other schools in the city, and all schools. OFSTED says how local schools are performing against national criteria, but local schools are proactive in looking at strengths and weaknesses and standards of achievement and attainment . Narrowing the gap is also an important objective; the trust is concentrating on childrens' level of attainment with the object of closing the gap with the average. Deprivation levels in the area are more than the average; 60% of families are in he bottom 20% of deprivation as measured by income support and car ownership. There is a job of work to do in the community to narrow this gap, and ensuring that the schools serve the local community. In enlarging

schools, it is important to speak to parents about the shape of the schools.

3.3 An important issue is what the trust has done to narrow the gap. To this end, it is necessary to look at standards in literacy and numeracy. It was noted that the local authority asks schools to concentrate on attainment and attendance and reducing the number of NEETs (people who are not in education, employment or training). The local authority has set up working parties comprised of and chaired by local teachers. Attendance targets have been set up. The level of attendance at local schools is good; attendance in Leeds (95.3%) is better than the national level of attendance (95.2%). The performance in literacy and numeracy is below the national average but the gap is being closed, particularly at Cockburn. It was noted that the South Leeds Learning Trust does not include Cockburn but has other partners. Cockburn School was applauded for building on the work done in primary schools. It was noted that local heads work quite closely together; the latest thing is to ensure that trust has an impact in classrooms. Teachers can talk to each other through online forums and social media. Ideas are being exchanged as to how to develop mathematics lessons. Pupils benefit from the experience in other schools. Margaret Beesley said that the heads of local schools work closely together and share a vision to be the best.

3.4 The meeting then opened up to questions and comments from the floor. Amongst the issues raised are the impact of dyslexia, autism, laziness and rowdy behaviour, the treatment of pupils with special needs, individual learning plans, the implications of the rise in the birth rate, the extent to which local children leave the area to be educated, specialist High Schools,

4. The Minutes of the meeting of the Beeston Forum held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were accepted as a fair and accurate record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

5. Police Report. Christine Thornton introduced the new Inspector of the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Insp. Chris Bowen

5.1 Insp. Bowen noted that in addition to his duties with the Police Force, he is a School Governor. He took over his new duties last week. He explained that he was pleased when he got the position, the offer of which came out of the blue. He has been a member of the Police Force since the 1990s, and, in 2000 had been posted as a Community Beat Officer for Beeston Hill and Holbeck, before being promoted to Bradford. He specialises in public order (riot control and the prevention of riots), and ran a national public order team during the Olympics and the London Riots. He noted that he has been trying to visit a number of Forums, some of whose members remember him from his previous involvement in the Police Force in this area. He also noted that the Councillors for this area had not changed. However, police structures are changing again due to reduced funding. He explained that he would be appearing before the Forum again next month and would explain the new police structures when more details are available. The current 17 Neighbourhood Policing Teams will be reduced to 11. The names and boundaries will change but ideally, the service will get better. The force will also be moving to a new building at Elland Road, which, Insp. Bowen said 'looks nice'. He noted that the building incorporates some community meeting rooms and he said that the Forum could hold a meeting there. He explained that he is trying to organise an open day, after the building has been finished but before it goes into use. Insp. Bowen noted that he is on twitter. He suggested that when he next appears at the Forum members could send in questions in advance to the Secretary of the Forum. The meeting then opened up to questions and comments from the floor.

5.2 Roy Casserley asked whether the police would remain on bikes or instead patrol on foot. Insp. Bowen said that he would discuss this issue with the Sergeants; he has misgivings about bikes but he acknowledged that bikes can cover more distance and police patrolling on bikes can more easily catch criminals who are running away. However, this needs to be balanced against the need for old fashioned policing. He noted that the Beeston Forum is the fifth Forum or residents association which he has visited in the past ten days, and this is the third time that this issue has been mentioned.

5.3 John Hook wondered whether Insp. Bowen had any information about the riding of bikes on Gipsy Lane. He noted that there had been an update in the Police Newsletter.

5.4 John Cunningham wondered what would happen to the old police station. Insp. Bowen said that he was unsure and would ask. He noted however that the present Millgarth Police Station would become the premises for John Lewis. Councillor Adam Ogilvie added that he had not heard about specific plans for the police station; he had heard about retail, but there were no specific plans. Insp. Bowen noted that it is a decent sized site. Mary Mason said that she understood that the old police station would be demolished and a car park built.

5.5 Dennis Bottomley asked whether the junction between Cross Flatts Grove and Wooler Avenue would be altered to slow traffic. He noted that at 12 midnight, a car had driven straight across the junction. There had been accidents and he feared that there would be deaths. Christine Thornton noted that there had been a lot of bike races up and down Cross Flatts Grove and Cross Flatts Avenue.

5.6 John Hodgson noted that there had been a scheme for a 20 mph zone in the area between Old Lane and Cross Flatts Park, but he noted that sensible drivers drive at responsible speeds, but many people will ignore the speed limit. He said that a 20 mph zone is only good if it is enforced and pointed out that this area is dangerous, particularly late at night. Insp. Bowen said that he would mention these issues to the roads policing unit.

5.7 Greg Turton said that there needs to be some kind of cycling proficiency scheme. He said that some young people are all over the shop and treat the road as a playground. Some children have no clue about bicycles on the road. Ash Mahmood added that he has seen

this himself and noted that schools teach about cycling. He also asked what is the average response time if he reports dangerous drivers. He noted that he has seen fast cars or quad bikes riding up Tempest Road and Hardy Street at about 60-70 mph. On Tempest Road vehicles sometimes travel even faster and any children going into the road would be flattened. Insp. Bowen said that he could not give the response time, but noted that any call to the police is graded against fixed criteria. Where there is an emergency; for example a crime in progress or people at risk, the response time is 15 minutes. If there is a burglary happening when the crime is reported, this is treated as a matter of priority and the expected response time is one hour. There is no set response time for standard calls to the police.

Insp. Bowen stressed that there are only so many police officers and there is therefore a need to prioritise calls. He noted that there is a mapping system in a control room. Dots are used to indicate the current location of police officers from their radios. Sometimes, police happen to be in the right place at the right time. He urged members of the public to keep phoning the police if there is no response as this paints a picture of where crimes occur. Members of the public should ring the 101 non emergency number. The person answering the call creates a log on the system and allocate an officer to deal with the matter. Christine Thornton asked how long it takes for the information to be sent to Holbeck Police Station when someone rings 101. Insp. Bowen said that when a call is made on 101 the call is answered in Wakefield; the details are written down and the operator presses send, which ensures that the details go to Holbeck. This process is expected to take three minutes. Yasir Mahmood asked which details are logged. Insp. Bowen said that he could look into this.

5.8 Insp. Bowen said that 95% of emergency calls are dealt with within 15 minutes and the percentage of priority calls dealt with within one hour is in the high 80s. There is no log as to how long standard calls take to receive a response but every log is reviewed to check that the matter has been handled appropriately. If someone who witnesses something and has reported the matter to the police is safe and there are no welfare concerns, the person is asked whether they want the police to come immediately or whether they would prefer the police to come the following morning. The police could even call the following week if this suits the caller better. This situation means that there is no purpose in measuring the time taken to respond. Dennis Bottomley noted that he had used the 101 number on the previous Saturday and it had only taken the police five minutes to respond. Insp. Bowen noted that if the call centre at Wakefield is full, an overflow facility is used. Ash Mahmood suggested that Insp. Bowen gets someone to look at speeding traffic on Tempest Road and Hardy Street. Pauline Johnson also urged Insp. Bowen to investigate the speed of traffic along Cross Flatts Grove. She had heard a comment from a gas service man about the speed of traffic.

5.9 Rosemary Casserley asked for clarification of the area covered by Holbeck NPT. She noted that she lives on the edge of Middleton Woods and wondered whether her area comes under Rothwell. Insp. Bowen noted that Holbeck NPT covers Beeston, Holbeck, Hunslet, Stourton and Cottingley. Middleton and Belle Isle come under Rothwell. He added that Holbeck NPT will become the Inner South NPT; the boundaries will come into line with the boundaries of the Leeds City Council Area Committee. The Inner South NPT will include Middleton and Belle Isle. This will happen in April and Insp. Bowen said that he would expect to have more information about the changes when the Forum meets next month.

5.10 Ray Casserley asked about government policies aimed at removing people from housing benefit and taking people off the dole. Insp. Bowen said that it is the aim of the police force to keep burglaries down; any trend would reflect enforcement, intelligence and prevention. Insp. Bowen added that the police had recently raided an address in Cross Flatts and found a large amount of stolen property. He added that he does not know of anyone who needs 13 lawn mowers! He noted that it is important that people make a note of the serial number of items as it is otherwise hard to identify stolen property to its owner. Ash Mahmood asked what would happen if police are unable to identify the owners of stolen property. Insp. Bowen said that a lot of effort is made to identify owners, but if this fails the property is auctioned. The police would often ask possible owners of stolen property to come and inspect it. It is easier to prosecute a thief if the actual owners of stolen property are identified.

## 6. Report of the Subgroup dealing with a neighbourhood plan for Beeston.

6.1 Greg Turton noted that the subgroup had dealt with the designated area and all relevant paperwork is with Leeds City Council. The issue can go no further until the consultation had been completed. He added that the notice in the Yorkshire Evening Post was intended to have been published on 4<sup>th</sup> October but will not now be published on this date. Greg Turton added that there had been no meeting of the subgroup as its members have been given various responsibilities. He added that there had been consultation with the Beeston Forum Committee about the text of the leaflet which will be circulated to all Beeston residents. The text had been sent to Ian Mackay for his confirmation that it is factually accurate and Richard Bell would put the text into the form of a leaflet. The issue of how we can best consult with ward councillors had been discussed by the Beeston Forum Committee which had resolved to invite the Councillors to a special meeting of the Committee. Discussions are taking place as to when the councillors would be available for such a meeting; in the meantime, they had been issued with all relevant documents. There had also been discussion about the design and content of a questionnaire to residents. There had also been discussion of a SWOT analysis. The subgroup had identified a website called a road map to neighbourhood planning. This had enabled the subgroup to identify a number of questions which Greg Turton had circulated to the Committee with a request for comments. The subgroup had also considered the arrangements for the return of residents' questionnaires. There will, for example be a facility to enable residents to return completed questionnaires online. Greg Turton noted that there is a big, and also steep learning curve. He added that before the leaflet is circulated to residents, it is necessary to spread the word. To this end, Mark Parry had taken on the role of publicity. Others would be asked to help but we need a strategy for publicity; for example, how do we use posters, flyers and press releases. Amongst publications which the subgroup would deal with are the Beeston Parish magazine which has a large circulation, South Leeds Life and the Yorkshire Evening Post. Word of mouth is also important. We could convey the message 'the Beeston Plan is coming'. Greg Turton said that he would not wish the leaflet about the neighbourhood plan to be treated in the same way as a takeaway leaflet. Greg Turton said that public meetings would be an important part of the group's publicity strategy. He acknowledged that there had been a difference of opinion about the timing of public meetings when the subgroup had been set up but

all the members of the subgroup had come round to the view that public meetings are important, but only when the subgroup has something to say. Public meetings will enable priorities to be thrashed out. Such meetings could take place in two or three different places.

6.2 Greg Turton noted that three members of the Beeston Forum Committee (himself, Arthur Kirby and Robert Winfield ) had attended a seminar dealing with neighbourhood planning at Huddersfield University earlier in the day. Greg Turton described the seminar as useful and noted that it had been addressed by Mick Duggan of the Department of Communities and Local Government. Those who attended had picked up a lot of information. Amongst issues dealt with was why the take up of neighbourhood planning is lower in the North of England than in the remainder of the country. The seminar included two case studies; Holbeck and Boston Spa, both of which were very good, but different. There was a discussion about engagement standards in neighbourhood planning, but many of those who were present felt that engagement standards were not the right way of going about neighbourhood planning. We need principles to deal with all aspects of the process. Important questions include 'have we engaged with the community at this stage?'. The neighbourhood plan then goes to the examination and referendum. Only then will we get more chance of the community saying yes.

6.3 John Hodgson noted that the seminar had included a contribution from those setting up the Holbeck Neighbourhood plan. He noted that the team in Holbeck had not yet established boundaries, nor set up a constitution after one year. He suggested that the team setting up the Beeston Neighbourhood Plan should be careful and not rush. Greg Turton said that we must measure whether there has been community engagement and the examiner will want to see evidence of this. He noted that the Holbeck team had been given £20000 of public money in the early stages of neighbourhood planning. Christine Thornton noted that the Holbeck neighbourhood plan had been suggested by Leeds City Council whereas the initiative for the Beeston Neighbourhood Plan had come from the Beeston Forum. Greg Turton noted that the only time the Beeston neighbourhood plan team can get money is when the consultation stage had been completed. He had been talking to a printer and designer about the leaflet but can go no further until the consultation stage had been completed. A grant application form can then be submitted.

6.4 Ash Mahmood asked whether Greg Turton and his team can learn from the experience in Holbeck. Greg Turton noted that Denis Kitchen and Ann Hooper from the Holbeck team had been present at the seminar and had told him that they would welcome the presence at their meetings of anyone interested in setting up a Beeston Neighbourhood Plan as observers. Greg Turton noted that the Beeston Community Forum has been in existence for 13 years. Christine Thornton noted that those seeking to set up a Beeston neighbourhood plan could be pulled back if they go too quickly.

6.5 Rosemary Casserley asked about the area which would be covered by the Beeston Neighbourhood Plan. Greg Turton said that this would be the Beeston Forum area which is bounded by the M621, Middleton Woods, the outer ring road and the far end of Cross Flatts Park. He noted that a query had arisen as to whether Holbeck Cemetery would be included in the area, but it was noted that a previous Forum meeting had discussed drug dealing in Holbeck Cemetery. Ash Mahmood asked whether the area around Tempest Road would be included. Greg Turton explained that it would not be included.

7. Report of Committee meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Christine Thornton noted that the meeting had discussed the possible introduction of charges for residents' car parking permits, the Neighbourhood Plan and Beeston Village Community Centre.

7.1 Robert Winfield noted that the last Forum meeting had instructed him to write to Leeds City Council to explain that the Forum is minded to take the view that the points raised by Mr John Cockburn, a local resident, in relation to what he considered to be inaccurate information being given to residents as part of the consultation process and the legality of the scheme. Robert Winfield noted that he had received a holding reply from the Leeds City Council Officer with responsibility for the scheme, who explained that he would need to consult with Andrew Hall, who has ultimate responsibility for this area, and who is currently on holiday. Robert Winfield felt that unless Leeds City Council could come up with a persuasive case as to why the points made by Mr Cockburn are wrong that the proposals should be abandoned. He had not, however made this point in his original letter as he believed that he had no mandate from the Forum to do this. He now proposed that he write such a letter. John Hodgson observed that all councils are short of money, and suspected that residents would pay between £35 per year and £75 per year. He was still waiting to see what charges would be proposed for the Wesley Street scheme which is match days only in contrast with the scheme on the Heath estate, which applies at all times. John Hodgson added that he was led to believe that councillors would be subject to a three line whip in relation to the proposals. Greg Turton said that the consultation process is confusing and he does not know what the Council want. Christine Thornton wondered whether Adam Ogilvie knows more about the proposals. Adam Ogilvie explained that he is trying to get more information about the proposals from the Highways Department. Robert Winfield pointed out that the Committee had resolved to invite speakers dealing with the proposals for charges for parking permits to a future Forum meeting, if necessary organising a special meeting of the Forum. John Hodgson said that the sooner a speaker comes to the Forum the better. Greg Turton understood that there was a spare slot at the November meeting; it was however noted that Insp. Bowen and a speaker representing the St Andrews Live at Home Scheme would be speaking at the Forum. Greg Turton felt that Leeds City Council are not consulting in a timely fashion, and that this criticism also applies to the proposals for a Park and Ride Scheme. He noted that traffic lights which were a part of the Park and Ride Proposals had been erected before the consultation process had been concluded. Greg Turton wondered whether the charges for parking permits would be rolled out before we can get a speaker to a meeting. Robert Winfield felt that the points made by John Hodgson and Greg Turton were reasonable.

8. Correspondence- In addition to the items of correspondence mentioned Robert Winfield noted that he had received an e mail from Shaun Harvey, the former Chief Executive of Leeds United FC explaining that he valued his relationship with the Forum. He had passed

the Forum's details to the Club and hoped that someone at the Club would continue the relationship. Robert Winfield noted that he , and David Haigh, Shaun Harvey's successor are following each other on twitter.

## 9. Any Other Business

9.1 Rev Lindsey Pearson noted that she had received a leaflet from an organisation named Beeston Campaign For Affordable Homes, but the leaflet includes no contact details of the people responsible for circulating it. John Hodgson noted that the plans by Aspiring Communities include a Sports Centre and a mosque and that this is an effort to put the situation in the open arena. He had been approached by people with concerns about the proposals but it is hard to get information and know what is going on. He had congratulated the architect responsible for the scheme for reducing the height of the proposed minaret , but had then learned that the height had not been reduced. Lindsey Pearson said that if people circulate leaflets in this fashion, they should include their contact details. Christine Thornton understood that Bill Birch is responsible for the leaflet. Yasir Mahmood said that the leaflet is inaccurate and that those publishing leaflets should get their facts right. Lindsey Pearson said that if there is an issue with affordable housing, has this, or should this be dealt with by the Forum. It was noted that the Forum has considered this issue, which is also linked to the proposals for a neighbourhood plan. Yasir Mohammed said that he would take up the points about the accuracy of the leaflet with Bill Birch

9.2 Robert Winfield noted that South Leeds Life had published an article explaining that proposals for a 20 mph zone in the Cross Flatts Area had been deposited in Morley Library but not in Beeston Library. Robert Winfield felt that this was wrong and might lead local residents to suspect that there is an ulterior motive for the council's action in depositing the proposals at Morley Library not Beeston Library , even if there is no such ulterior motive. Robert Winfield also felt that the Forum should have been informed directly about the plans. The meeting agreed to a proposal from Robert Winfield that we write to Leeds City Council seeking an explanation of this situation

9.3 Robert Winfield noted that despite being told that Leeds City Council would be publishing the results of its survey dealing with the proposals for a park and ride scheme in Elland Road in August, he had not seen the results of the survey even on the Public Access website where the planning application for the scheme had been published. The meeting agreed to a proposal from Robert Winfield that we write to Leeds City Council seeking an explanation of this situation

9.4 Robert Winfield noted that there had been a discussion about lighting in the vicinity of Beeston Village Community Centre at the recent meeting of the Beeston Village Community Centre users meeting. Brian Pine, the facilities manager of Health for All (Leeds) which rents the building from Leeds City Council said that he would look into the possible erection of a light which would turn on and off at times when people would be expected to be entering or leaving the building on the building. It was felt that a light which was on at all times might attract anti social behaviour. In this connection, it was also noted that the canopy between the building and Hugh Gaitskell School provide shelter in the rain. Robert Winfield recalled that some time ago, he had been in contact with Mark Atkinson of Leeds City Council , in connection with the poor lighting in the area of the building. Mark Atkinson had been good enough to come and see the area for himself but Robert Winfield noted that a degree of obscurity about the ownership of footpaths in the area of the building had been an obstruction to a solution to the problem. Roy Casserley wondered whether Tom Smith is still with Leeds City Council. Christine Thornton said that he is but mainly deals with cleansing . The meeting agreed to a proposal from Robert Winfield that we write to Leeds City Council about this matter