



**Beeston West
Community Action Team Minutes
Tuesday, 18 July 2017
Old Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Foster Avenue, Beeston**

1. Welcome and introduction

Councillor Greg Marshall (GM) in the chair with Borough Councillor Janet Patrick (JP) and County Councillor Kate Foale (KF) welcomed everybody to the meeting. About 22 residents, of whom 19 signed up for email updates, attended.

There were 3 apologies.

2. Police: Crime Statistics and Update

The Police were invited but did not attend.

3. Presentation by Citizens Advice Broxtowe

Sally Bestwick, Chief Executive, gave an overview of the work and challenges faced by this local charity which received £70K funding from the Council for its core services this year. This is 25% of funds that are required. CAB has offices in Beeston and Eastwood with outreach work in Stapleford. It employs one full-time and 15 part-time workers and has around 60 volunteer staff workers. Last year Broxtowe Citizens Advice dealt with 13,000 issues for Broxtowe residents. Welfare benefits, closely followed by debt and then housing were the main issues. £2.66 million worth of additional benefits were gained for Broxtowe, thus helping the local economy, £8.4 million debt was managed, and 181 families were helped to avoid homelessness, thus saving the Council considerable money. In addition, specialist workers supporting clients at tribunals had a 98% success rate.

As well as assisting clients with welfare, debt and personal problems the CAB helps to empower them to help themselves.

Not only is the CAB involved in individual cases but provides evidence of need for changes to the Welfare system and presents this to the government.

Eugene Marshall, a specialist debt advisor, described his work with a wide range of clients whose problems mainly arose from unexpected loss of employment, relationship breakdowns, sickness and changes in Government policy such as the Welfare Reform Act. This was followed by a lively question and answer session.

4. Residents' issues

- a. Overhanging trees/bushes** obstructing pavements:
Cllr Kate Foale to take up with County Council.
- b. Drains blocked by debris from uncleaned streets:**
Residents can report problems directly to Severn Trent online.
- c. Graffiti on Yorkshire Bank windows in The Square:**
Councillors to report matter to Broxtowe Council.
- d. Civic Society notices:**
The chairman brought leaflets promoting the Blue Plaque walks and the September Heritage Days. She also announced a consultation about new Wall Art proposed for the wall on the Station Road side of The Square.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

- a.** Following the complaints about aggressive selling by TalkTalk and Virgin on Beeston High Road the Council resolved to introduce Consent Streets in Beeston. This means you can only sell goods and services with the permission of the Council. The scheme will take effect from 7 August. Any concerns should be raised to the Council – Town Centre Management Team – 0115 917 3043/3446.
- b.** Round Hill School and the County Council have cleared up the rubbish between the fences down by the side of the twitchel.

Items carried over from the previous meeting: the disappearance of the Victorian sign for Grove Avenue and pavement on the bottom of Wollaton Road is narrow and cluttered by sandwich boards. Cllr Steve Carr to follow this up.

5. Beeston Developments

Borough Councillors reported that commercial discussions on the Beeston Square Phase II (ex multi-storey car park to White Lion site) were still ongoing. The favoured plans were based on a modest cinema and evening-economy attractions. No decision had yet been reached as to whether the Council or a developer would drive the scheme. The completion target date of 2017-18 would be over-run.

6. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 17th October 2017 at 7pm in the Old Council Chamber.

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