



Beeston West Community Action Team Minutes Tuesday, 17th October 2017 Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Foster Avenue, Beeston

1. Welcome and introductions

Councillor Janet Patrick (in the chair) welcomed everyone. County Cllr Steve Carr, Cllr Greg Marshall and Steffan Saunders, Head of Neighbourhood and Prosperity, and 13 members of the public were present.

There were 4 apologies.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 7pm in the Old Council Chamber, Foster Avenue were circulated **and agreed.**

3. Police: Crime Statistics and Update

No representation despite a reminder about the meeting being sent to the police. Concern about traffic in front of the former Post Office and through the interchange was expressed and would be sent to them.

4. The Planning Process

Steffan Saunders had been invited to talk on how residents can get the best out of the Planning Process.

- He explained that the policies of the council were set out in the Local Plan.
 This was again open for consultation until 3rd November and response forms were distributed to those members present. After consideration by the council of comments, the Plan would then go to a Planning Inspector for approval.
- Neighbourhood Forums could be set up and could make suggestions, within the Local Plan.
- Re individual planning matters, Steffan pointed out that residents could always have a free preliminary discussion with a Planning Officer. Planning lists are published weekly, and comments can be made over the telephone. In theory there is a three year limit to any planning approval. At present there is only one Enforcement Officer, though it is hoped there will be more in the future.
- Decisions on planning matters are taken by officers for non-controversial applications, or otherwise by the Planning Committee.

- Conservation Areas have stricter rules. Their policy is "to preserve and enhance the character" of the neighbourhood.
- The problem of 'A' boards on pavements was said to be a County Council matter.

5. Residents' issues

- Tarmac surface of the Round Hill twitchell (GM).
- Taxis travelling the wrong way down Albion Street and over the space in front of the old Post Office (SC).

6. Actions on previous issues

- The Victorian road sign at the bottom of Grove Avenue has been replaced.
- Re aggressive behaviour by salespeople on the High Road The Council is expected on 18th October to inaugurate a policy of Consent Streets where such selling could be controlled.
- Re litter next to Round Hill School This has been cleared by parents, Cllr Patrick and Notts County Council. It was noted that there is now a problem with overhanging trees but this matter is being resolved by a parent at Round Hill School.

7. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 20th March 2018. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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