



Beeston West Community Action Team Minutes of Meeting Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Foster Avenue

Tuesday, 12 March 2019

1. Welcome and introductions

Councillor Janet Patrick (in the chair) welcomed Councillor Greg Marshall, County Councillors Eric Kerry and Kate Foale, PCSO Paula Hipkiss and 16 residents who had signed in. Twenty three people attended the meeting and one apology was sent.

2. Police Update

PCSO Paula Hipkiss reported that:

- there continued to be a low incidence of auto crime, bicycle and purse thefts and burglaries in the area, and advised on preventive measures.
- speeding on bicycles and even scooters was being taken seriously, and Cycle Coding events were being organised
- a Knife Amnesty week was being held, and police were addressing anti-social behaviour, including knife carriage and cannabis use, through Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs), patrols and school assemblies
- Neighbourhood Alerts were available through the Nottinghamshire Police website.
- A new CCTV camera had been installed at Imperial Road.
- The non-emergency telephone number 101 was always available.

3. Voter ID Pilot Scheme

Sue Rodden, Head of Broxtowe's Administrative Services, introduced the new scheme being piloted in the Borough before introduction nationally by the time of the 2022 General Election. The purpose is to help prevent voter fraud.

Voters will need to provide documentary proof of identity at the polling station: either a single photo-ID [e.g. passport, driving licence] or 2 documents establishing name and address [one of which can be the poll card]. Alternatively, the council will issue a 'certificate of identity' on an application countersigned by a person of standing [just as a passport application is].

A flyer giving more details was distributed, and further information is available on the Voter ID page of the council website.

Related topics covered were:

- registering to vote
- postal and proxy voting
- the careful handling of voting rights of care home residents, especially those with dementia, who are unable to provide a consistent signature on documents.

4. Residents' Issues

a. Update on the Last Post junction problems

County Councillor Kate Foale reported on progress with the area around the Last Post which is now a pedestrian zone with no waiting at any time except where space had been provided for users of the long-gone Post Office.

It is known that there is frequent parking there in contravention of regulations. NET works did not include removing road markings and there are signage issues as well. NET have still not handed the land back but VIA have been given the job to put some of it right.

Residents mentioned again that drivers were frequently seen using Commercial Avenue / Foster Avenue as a cut-through, probably to avoid traffic lights and Middle Street.

The traffic lights to turn right at the Middle Street/ Station Road junction have been logged as a defect several times.

b. Update on Bramcote Avenue pavements

The condition of some of the pavements on Bramcote Avenue and Grove Avenue is still very bad, and nothing has been done to improve them since this was raised at previous CAT meetings. It was noted that Nottinghamshire County Council had inspected the pavements, but none of the areas met intervention levels.

c. New Issues

i. Street parking

Concerns were raised about the volume of car parking moving up from the centre to smaller roads and side streets. Inconsiderate parking is taking place very close to road junctions and can be dangerous and lead to accidents by reducing visibility. A resident asked why there were only double yellow lines on two corners of the Park Street/ Bramcote Road junction not all four. It was suggested that residents should contact the County Councillors with details about problems.

- ii. A suggestion was made that there should be a yellow box at the Albion St /Lace Road junction.

iii. Concerns were raised about the lack of parking for the proposed new cinema development in the Town Centre.

iv. A resident asked if there could be a clock in the town square.

5. Date of next meeting

16 July 2019 at the Town Hall. Beeston

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