

NOTES of AREA FORUM EAST

5th February 2013

The Area Forum East met at 6.30pm in The Partnership Centre, Atherstone

Present: Borough Councillor Anne Forwood - Chair

County Councillors C Fox, M Shaw
Borough Councillors, T Wykes, N Dirveiks, D Pickard

In Attendance: A Rigby, N Darwen, T Willis - Warwickshire CC
R Beggs - North Warwickshire BC
PC Carter, PCSOs L Udall, A Wynder, D Hoskin, – Warks Police
D Clews, R Jarvis - Atherstone TC
J Arrowsmith, K Meads, – Mancetter PC
J Mawson, D Atkin, D McMurdo, J McMurdo, K Harper, D Key, J Meer, N
Bailey, B Hammonds, M Wrigley, D Clay, R Cocking

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from T de Kretser, L Dirveiks, T Hopkins, L Freer, Mj Singh-Gill

2. Minutes and Matters Arising of the meeting held on 20th November 2012

This included updates on: safer routes to schools project in Hartshill; future events and consultations by WCC Library & Information Service; new timetables for local bus services.

3. Police Update

As part of the Safer Neighbourhoods Team update the following comments were made:

- Carlyon Road Industrial Estate – many businesses have outgrown their premises, there is no longer a business forum representing local business users, there's an increase in residential traffic using the estate as a cut through
- Police to talk to local businesses on Market Street, Atherstone re: vehicles parking
- Police to monitor parking in Church Close, Hartshill at school times
- Speed humps, Witherley Road, Atherstone – to be looked at again after new school development at QE School has been agreed

Three priorities chosen:

Priority: Parking and speeding – Outwoods School, Margaret Road, Atherstone

Priority: Parking, speeding, unlicensed vehicles - Carlyon Road Ind Est, Atherstone

Priority: Parking – Nathaniel Newton School, Victoria Road, Hartshill

4. Pride in Atherstone

Lorna Ferguson and James Meer presented an initiative to bring shoppers back to Atherstone high street – ‘Pride in Atherstone’

For more details see www.atherstonetown.co.uk

5. Mancetter Extra Care

Tim Willis, WCC gave an update on the development of the Extra Care site in Mancetter to provide 80 units by Spring 2015.

Tim Willis also gave an update on the handover by WCC of Bracebridge Court Residential Home to Runwood Homes which took place on 4 February.

6. Tell us your issues

More information requested about the Portas Fund programme to support market towns.

Clearer information requested on the impact of the Welfare Reform changes on families and the opening times of the Mancetter Bob Hub.

7. Any other business

None

8. Suggestions for items / themes for next meeting

Street lighting – impact and lessons learnt from switch-over in other areas
HealthWatch

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 11 June 2013