



## **Area Forum East 20 November 2012**

**The Partnership Centre,  
Coleshill Road, Atherstone, CV9 1BN**

### **6.00 – 6.30 – Surgery Session**

Please come along and talk to councillors, council staff and the Police about issues you might have.

### **6.30 – Main Meeting**

- 1 Welcome from the Chair, Cllr Carol Fox**
- 2 Apologies, Minutes, You said We Did (update on issues raised at the last meeting)**
- 3 Police Update:**  
Safer Neighbourhoods Team
- 4 Financial Inclusion, Debt & Loan Sharks (Sally Roberts, NWBC)**
- 5 NWBC update**  
Area Forum Fund
- 6 Tell us your issues** - An opportunity for issues of local concern to be raised (Please contact Jo Giblin if you wish to speak)
- 7 Any Other Business**
- 8 Suggestions for items/themes for the next meeting**
- 9 Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 5 February 2013 - venue to be confirmed

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**Note of the Area Forum East meeting held at Mancetter Memorial Hall,  
Mancetter on Tuesday, 18 September 2012**

**Present:** Councillor Forwood in the Chair. Councillors Davis, N Dirveiks, Johnston and Wykes. County Councillor/Police Authority Fox and County Councillor Shaw.

**In Attendance:** L Hargreaves, T de Kretser, A Rigby and T Willis – Warwickshire County Council. C Bridges – North Warwickshire Borough Council. PC Carter and PCSO Wynder – Warwickshire Police. M Dade and H Norgrove – George Eliot Hospital. D Clews, T Clews and R Jarvis – Atherstone Town Council. M Airey, Z Askill, D Atkin, D Clay, D Dowell, Mr and Mrs Jones, S Luke, D McMurdo, J McMurdo, D Taberer, C Thay and M Wrigley – Local Residents.

**Apologies:** Councillors L Dirveiks, Freer and Pickard, A Macchi, M Singh, T Moore, J Marshall, A Wright, G Davis, B Hanson

**1 Safer Neighbourhoods**

As part of the Safer Neighbourhoods Update the following three priorities were agreed:

- Parking – Nathaniel Newton School, Victoria Road, Hartshill at drop off/pick up times.
- ASB off-road motorbikes – back of 3M site to Royal Meadow Drive, Atherstone
- Speeding- Manor Road, Mancetter.

**Police Authority**

Police Authority will cease to exist from 22 November when the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner will take up post.

**2 George Eliot Hospital – Securing a Sustainable Future**

Heather Norgrove, Director of Stakeholder Engagement and Malcolm Dade, Non-Executive Board Member presented a summary of the progress made in respect of Securing a Sustainable Future for the hospital.

**3 Adult Social Care, WCC Update**

Tim Willis, Strategy Commissioning Project Lead, WCC presented an update. He reported that Bracebridge Court Residential Care Home will be independently run in the future by Runwood. The home is likely to become a specialist care provider as alternative care models, eg Mancetter Extra Care project become available.

4 **WCC Update**

- Councillor Grant Fund, WCC - £10,000 is available to voluntary and community groups across AFE. County Councillors Fox and Shaw each have £5k to support local community projects in their area. Deadline date for receipt of application forms is 28 September 2012.
- Community Computers Scheme provides 125 ex-WCC computers to be recycled each year into the community. 25 are free for NW community groups and Town/Parish Councils. Deadline date for applications 26 October 2012.

5 **Any Other Business**

- Request to look at private dwelling development at Cherry Tree Farm and driveway used by residents (though not a right of way) to access Hartshill Hayes Country Park.
- Request for NWBC to extend recycling scheme to include all 'scrap metals' to counter the rise in scrap metal merchants locally and to look at criteria for granting licences to local operators.

6 **Date of Next Meeting** – 20 November 2012 at the Partnership Centre, Coleshill Road, Atherstone.

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Area Forum Fund

**Recommendation**

**That the two eligible applications to the Area Forum Fund be given consideration by Borough Council Members as indicated in the report.**

**1 Summary**

- 1.1 This report summarises the Area Forum Fund's eligibility criteria and informs Borough Council Members of the monies available for disbursement and the applications received for consideration.

**2 Area Forum Fund**

- 2.1 A sum of £35,000 has been allocated to the Area Forum Fund, this figure being based on a formula of £1,000 per Ward Member. This method of allocation results in each Forum having the following sums available for local disbursement: Area Forum North £10,000; Area Forum South £9,000; Area Forum East £8,000 and Area Forum West £8,000.
- 2.2 A process has been established that invites applications from parish/town councils and any formally constituted community group with its own bank account. Applicant organisations, however, must be able to satisfy each of three main eligibility conditions:
1. Bids must be signed by a Borough Councillor to indicate his/her support for the project.
  2. Bids should be for one-off projects that provide lasting benefit to the community.
  3. Projects will only be eligible for support from one source of Borough Council funding, of which the Area Forum Fund is one. Organisations will be signposted to other schemes of assistance if a more appropriate source of funding can be identified.
- 2.3 The Fund was developed to support projects that address issues of importance to local communities. Accordingly, projects that satisfy the above eligibility conditions must also be able to identify a link to at least one of the

three priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy that have been established by the community of North Warwickshire. Particular consideration will also be given to projects that promote social inclusion.

- 2.4 Awards can be made for up to 60% of the total annual fund available to the relevant Forum, resulting in maximum possible awards of £6,000 for Area Forum North, £5,400 for Area Forum South and £4,800 for Area Forums East and West. Community organisations must be able to provide at least 30% match funding for the project for which a grant is sought. Parish/town councils must provide at least 50%. This match funding can include in-kind support.

### **3 Area Forum Fund Applications**

- 3.1 The 2012/13 budget for Area Forum East is £8,000. An additional sum of £3,341 has been carried forward from 2011/12 resulting in a total sum of £11,341.
- 3.2 At the June Forum meeting, £4,747 was granted to three organisations, leaving a residual sum of £6,594 available for disbursement at this meeting.
- 3.3 Two eligible applications have been received for consideration at the meeting. The applicants have requested financial assistance in a cumulative sum of £2,007.

### **4 Applications for Consideration**

#### **4.1 Atherstone Arts Circle**

- 4.1.1 Atherstone Arts Circle is a weekly painting and craft group, providing activities for the people of Atherstone and surrounding communities. The Group is located at Community House and is open to everyone.
- 4.1.2 The Arts Circle wishes to attract new members and would like to provide taster sessions delivered by a professional artist. New members will also be provided with basic starter packs. The total cost of the project is £737. The group is providing match funding in kind and through the provision of refreshments, which equates to the 30% match funding requirement. A sum of £522 is being requested from the Forum Fund.

#### **4.1.3 Recommendation to the Forum**

- 4.1.4 The project links to the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities of Raising Educational Attainment, Aspirations and Skills, Developing Healthier Communities and Improving Access to Services. It is recommended, therefore, that Members give consideration to awarding the project the requested award of £522.

#### **4.2 Atherstone Theatre Workshop**

4.2.1 Atherstone Theatre Workshop is a drama group that teaches drama and performance skills to young people within the community. Improving the self confidence of its members is also a key priority. The Workshop wishes to update and extend its sound system. This will allow the group to develop the skills of the young trainees working with up-to-date equipment. The total cost of the project is £2,121, towards which the Theatre Workshop has requested the sum of £1,485 from the Area Forum Fund.

#### 4.2.2 **Recommendation to the Forum**

4.2.3 The project links to the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities of Raising Educational Attainment, Aspirations and Skills and Improving Access to Services. It is recommended, therefore, that Members give consideration to awarding the project the requested sum of £1,485.

### 5 **Area Forum Fund – Financial Implications**

5.1 If Members grant the requests in the sums indicated in the report (a total of £2,007), the Forum will have £4,587 to carry forward to 2013/14. The next deadline for applications to be considered by the Forum is 2 April 2013.

The Contact Officer for this report is Jaki Douglas (01827 719492).