

MINUTES AREA FORUM EAST

6 October 2011

The Area Forum East met at 6.30pm Michael Drayton School,
The Woodlands, Hartshill

Present: Borough Councillor – Anne Forwood in the Chair

County Councillor M Shaw

County Councillor / Police Authority - Carol Fox

Borough Councillors: L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, L Freer, M Davis, T Wykes

In Attendance: A Rigby, T Willis, L Hargreaves - Warwickshire CC
S Maxey, R Beggs - North Warwickshire BC
PC Carter, PCSO Wynder – Warks Police
J Dowsett – NHS Warwickshire
D Clews, R Jarvis, G Davis - Atherstone TC
J Mawson, H Blackburn – Mancetter PC
G Roberts – Hartshill PC
S Holt, J Holt

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from K Johnston, J Randle, D Pickard, A Macchi, J Vero

2. Minutes and Matters Arising of the meeting held on 21 July 2011

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

A Rigby presented 'You said – We did' reporting back on the actions from the last meeting that were followed up by Warwickshire County Council, (WCC) and North Warwickshire Borough Council (NWBC).

A copy of the presentation can be viewed at www.warwickshire.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes.

3. Police Update

Safer Neighbourhoods Team

PC L Carter, Beat Manager for SNT East fed back on Police activity over the last 3 months including the three priorities chosen at the last meeting. The presentation can be viewed at www.northwarks.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes.

Robert Beggs, NWBC reported back on a recent Neighbourhood Watch roadshow in Long Street, Atherstone. 38 new members signed up.

A general discussion then followed about the next set of priorities to take forward for this round.

Comments made:

- Police to continue monitoring parking and use of cones by retailers in Long Street, Atherstone
- Parking outside Costcutter supermarket, Hartshill. Police working with shop owner. Looking to extend pavement railings to deter parking
- Police Special Constables helping to enforce Forum priorities

Priorities for next 3 months:

Priority: ASB - Under age drinking in PH & off-licenses, Atherstone town centre

Priority: ASB - Under age drinking in PH, Chapel End, Hartshill

Priority: Parking - Chapel End, Hartshill

Police Authority

Update given by Cllr C Fox.

On 15th November 2012 a directly elected Police and Crime Commissioner will be appointed. The Commissioner would appoint the Chief Constable.

A Crime & Disorder Panel made up of 10 councillors and 2 co-opted members will be set up. Home Office could give permission for up to 20 people to be on the panel.

The Panel's responsibility is one of scrutiny.

New police telephone number to be launched in November.

Dial 101 for non urgent matters.

A team of senior officers will oversee the new strategic alliance between Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police.

4. Health update

J Dowsett, Health Development Manager, NHS Warwickshire presented the Annual Report by the Director of Public Health.

There are 3 aspects of public health; Health Protection, Health Improvement and Improving Services.

Areas where the health of North Warwickshire residents is worse than the England average is around obesity in children and obesity in adults. 27% of adults are obese.

The Report sets five Public Health priorities to provide the greatest health gains:-

- Obesity
- Alcohol
- Cancer and Screening
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Health Protection – Sexual Health

The Report includes the following recommendations:-

Everyone should play their part by exercising, taking up screening programmes, and raising aspirations about their personal health. Top priority should be for the health of the most disadvantaged in our society

The Public Health Offer is to improve the health of our population, increasing life expectancy and reducing inequalities by working together, investing in prevention and making every contact count”

By 2013 the budget and responsibility for Public Health would be transferred to Warwickshire County Council.

5. WCC update

Mancetter Extra Care

T Willis, Strategic Commissioning Project Lead, WCC announced the award of the contract to Housing 21 to provide Extra Care facilities at 6 sites across the county including Mancetter. A draft plan was shown of how the site might be developed to provide a variety of care facilities to suit individual needs. Bungalows, Extra Care Housing, communal areas and health care provision could all be provided in the care model for Mancetter.

In response to questions:

The future of Bracebridge Court, Atherstone is not affected by this development
The site will have adequate provision of communal space to allow residents to meet and socialise

There will be public consultation on the plans to develop the site

The new facility should be opened in late Spring 2014

Libraries

A Rigby announced that WCC's Cabinet would be making a decision on 13 October in support of establishing community libraries across the County as a way forward to maintaining a sustainable library network.

From 1st April 2012 Atherstone library is likely to have it's opening hours reduced.

Hartshill library is likely to reopen as a community library.

6. NWBC update

Community Hubs

S Maxey gave an update. The project aims to adapt community centres with IT equipment to enable rural villages to access council services remotely. The equipment could also provide villages with the opportunity to host film evenings and other social events as well as providing an IT training facility. It is envisaged that a network of Hubs is established to improve access to services for residents across the Borough.

LEADER funding could help with revenue costs for the project.

An open meeting has been arranged by NWBC at 7pm, 8 November at The Council House for anyone interested in the project.

Local Development Framework

NWBC have prepared for publication a draft Core Strategy which will shape development in the Borough for the next 15 years. The consultation on the draft Core Strategy begins in late October until mid January 2012. All Parish Councils will be contacted to arrange a set of presentations and sent a copy of the document.

7. Tell us your issues

None

8. Funding update

Area Forum Fund

Borough Councillors agreed to fund the following projects:

Atherstone Theatre Workshop - £688

Atherstone Dicken's Night Committee - £2690

Mancetter Community Panel - £1733

The Forum has £3,341 to carry forward. The next deadline for applications is 1 February 2012.

Specific advice was given to Borough Council Members about the bid from the Atherstone Theatre Workshop. Whilst the Council indicated that no further funding would be available for the site following the sale of the building by the Council, delegated powers for this Forum to award grants from the Fund still applied and therefore the Group is eligible to apply to Area Forum Fund

SCS Fund

A Rigby gave an update on the Forum's Sustainable Community Strategy Fund provided by the North Warwickshire Community Partnership. In January 2011 the Forum agreed to award £20,000 to ten projects in the Forum area.

Hartshill Pavilion £2,000. Work to start early 2012 on a new pavilion at Snow Hill
Peer Mentoring Scheme £4,561. Advert placed for youth worker to train 12 students at Hartshill School in OCN Level 2 in Mentoring.

Me to college £1,500 6 grants (£1200) have paid for disadvantaged students to access higher education

Locality forums for young people £2,000. Changes to youth service have delayed start to set up a locality panel for young people

Supportive Growing Project £3,046. 15 gardens have been improved locally. Produce from Hartshill allotment has been distributed via CAB to selected clients.

Lofty £1,000 Five grants awarded to help with loft insulation. £250 spent

Boost £1,000 3 referrals being processing for £200 grants towards a new boiler

Atherstone Holiday Club £2, 400 Pay for club to run over Summer 2011 with support from local schools

Walking Group £796 Part of the North Warwickshire Walking Project. Local walking group to set up in Hartshill area soon.

Cook & taste sessions £1697 Cookery demonstrations and participation by families to improve confidence in home cooking and eating healthily

9. Suggestions for items / themes for next meeting

Update on Registrars service

Update on Extra Care programme – Mancetter

Localities bill and Neighbourhood Planning

10. Date of next meeeting

Tuesday, 7 February 2012