

Area Forum East
Mancetter Memorial Hall, Old Farm Road,
Mancetter, CV9 1QN

Tuesday 11 January 2011

AGENDA

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 and Matters Arising from the meeting held 12 October 2010**
- 3 Safer Neighbourhoods update & the Police Model**
- 4 Police Authority – Cllr Fox**
- 5 Tell us your issues** - An opportunity for issues of local concern to be raised (Please contact Jo Roberts if you wish to speak)
- 6 High Speed Rails (HS2) Mandy Walker WCC – further information on this item can be found on Warwickshire County Council's website – www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hs2**
- 7 North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy Fund (NWBC)**
- 8 Any other Business**
- 9 Suggestions for items/themes for the next meeting**
- 10 Date of next meeting:**
Thursday 14 April 2011
Thursday 21 July 2011
Thursday 6 October 2011

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MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM EAST

12th October 2010

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

Present: Councillor M Davis in the Chair

County Councillor / Police Authority - C Fox

County Councillor M Shaw

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

In Attendance: S Robson, A Rigby - Warwickshire CC
S Garner, C Bridges, K Barrow, J Taylor - North Warwickshire BC
Sgt Fildes, PCSO Mander, PCSO Hoskin, Kirven - Warwickshire Police
K Gray, J Freer – NHS Warwickshire
A Wright, R Jarvis, G Davis - Atherstone TC; J Randle - Hartshill PC; J
Arrowsmith – Mancetter PC
J Sims, K Harper, I Filmer, C Wykes, S Lamb, M Horner

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from B Hanson, Mancetter PC, S Healey, J Marshall, D Clews, G Roberts, Robin Turton

2. Minutes and Matters Arising of the meeting held on 27 July 2010

The minutes were agreed as a true record with the following amendment:

To include under apologies for absence Cllr T Wykes

Boxing Academy for Atherstone is progressing slowly. The project is currently awaiting commitment from partners now that planning permission has been granted.

LEADER representative for Area Forum East is K Harper.

3. Safer Neighbourhoods Update

Sgt Fildes presented an update on police activity over the last 3 months and gave a summary of the progress and actions to address the Area Forum priorities chosen at the last meeting. A copy of the summary detailing these actions can be viewed on the Council's website www.northwarks.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes.

On 12 September Warwickshire Police and partners held a Community Safety Day in Hartshill to find out the views on how safe young people felt. Generally young people felt safe but wanted more visible policing and known crime hotspot areas improved to deter further crime.

Sgt Fildes summarised Warwickshire Police 150 Plus Programme in responding to budgetary cuts. The Force is looking to reduce costs by £5.7m in 2010/11 and by £13.4m over three years. Some of this will be achieved through rationalisation of senior management.

There are currently no proposals to merge with any neighbouring police forces. The Safer Neighbourhood Teams will continue to be based at Atherstone and Coleshill stations. The new opening times for the front desks at both stations will be 8am – 4pm.

Comments made:

- Over 40% of violent crime involves alcohol. This issue affects a wide range of different age groups.
- Tannery Close – life for residents is getting worse. Recent incidents include: graffiti, broken bottles, drug dealing, fighting, verbal abuse, urinating in public. Local PCSO to respond by visiting Mr Lamb and to collect the incident list recorded by Mr Lamb. Partners to look at siting of mobile CCTV camera and to check existing street lighting provision
- Parking at bottom of School Hill, Chapel End. PCSO Hoskins to speak to company concerned

Priorities for next 3 months

The following priorities were agreed:

Parking – Long Street, Atherstone

ASB – Alcohol related crime Atherstone Town Centre

ASB – Tannery Close, Atherstone

Sgt Ron Drake has retired from Warwickshire Police but will continue to work in the local area as the newly appointed Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator – funded by Community Safety Partnership for 12 months from 1 November.

4. Police Authority Representative

Cllr Fox introduced herself as the North Warwickshire lead for the Police Authority.

For details on how the Police Authority is responding to the government's Comprehensive Spending Review visit:

www.warwickshirepa.gov.uk

Views were invited on the role of Special Constables within Warwickshire Police. Currently a considerable number of civilians have volunteered to be trained as warranted officers.

A request was made for the Police Authority to approach the Chief Constable to look again at giving additional powers to PCSOs to issue parking tickets.

5. North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy Fund

S Robson introduced the new Fund which supports local projects to help address the 3 priorities of the new North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy (NWSCS):

- Developing Healthier Communities
- Improving Access to Services
- Raising Aspirations, Educational Attainment & Skills

North Warwickshire Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council have allocated £20,000 to Area Forum East to support projects that have been commissioned by North Warwickshire Community Partnership.

8 projects were discussed. Everyone was encouraged to make comments on the individual projects and indicate which of the eight projects they thought were most appropriate for the Forum area.

There was also the opportunity for people to put forward their own project ideas to help address the priorities of NWSCS.

Cllr Davis thanked everyone for their contributions. A report will be presented to councillors which will include the views expressed by the Forum. North Warwickshire Borough Councillors and Warwickshire County Councillors will then vote to allocate the funding on behalf of the Forum.

6. Tell Us Your Issues

None were raised

7. Any Other Business

A Rigby announced an opportunity for local community groups and town / parish councils to apply for up to 2 recycled computers from WCC. Application forms were made available. The closing date for the scheme was 22 October.

Concern was raised over the lack of adequate cover for the post of Dog Warden, NWBC. Angela Coates, Assistant Director Housing, NWBC to respond with an update at the next meeting.

Rubbish bins continue to be a problem, particularly at the back of residential properties. Commercial waste bins are also being left unattended. Cllr Shaw to pass on further details.

Mancetter Parish Council requested that all local councils are consulted on the future dates of Area Forums to avoid clashes of meeting dates.

8. Suggestions for item / themes for the next meeting

None were raised

9. Date of Next Meeting

11 January 2011 at Mancetter Memorial Hall

Area Forum East – 11 January 2011

Sustainable Community Strategy Fund 2010/11

Recommendations

That the Members approve the proposals for the use of the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy Fund 2010/11, as set out in this report.

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report summarises the proposals for the use of the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy Fund 2010/11.

2. Background

- 2.1 North Warwickshire Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council established a joint fund of £20,000 for Area Forum East to support local projects that contribute towards the priorities within the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy.

- 2.2 The SCS Fund aims to support initiatives that help to contribute towards the delivery of one or more of the three Sustainable Community Strategy priorities. These are:

- Developing Healthier Communities
- Improving Access to Services
- Raising Aspirations, Educational Attainment and Skills.

3. Funding criteria

- 3.1 The funding is available for projects or initiatives which will help improve the priorities within specific communities or areas within each Area Forum. All project ideas must meet basic criteria, funding limits and show that they will impact on the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities.

4. Decision making

- 4.1 Whilst a combined fund has been agreed the decisions on the projects to be supported are the responsibility of the individual Councils.
- 4.2 In deciding the projects to be supported by the SCS Fund it was agreed that the total allocation per Forum from both Councils (£20,000) is used as the basis for determining the overall projects to be supported. However, the Area Committee will make decisions on its contribution to the Fund whilst the

Borough Council has delegated decision making on their contribution to the Fund to the Councillors who attend their respective Area Forums.

5. Project proposals

- 5.1 A number of applications were tabled at the October Area Forum meeting. The initial project ideas provided the forums with an indication of the types of activity that could be undertaken.
- 5.2 Proposals were discussed in small groups. Supporting information such as the locality profiles and priorities set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy were used to assist with the prioritisation and recommendation of projects.
- 5.3 At the meetings a number of project queries and new project ideas were highlighted and these have been followed up and were reported at the various briefing sessions for Councillors. The briefing sessions provided an opportunity to discuss the content of the project proposal and to prioritise projects.

6. Recommendation to Area Forum East

- 6.1 The 2010/11 total budget for Area Forum East is £20,000.
- 6.2 Fourteen eligible applications have been received for consideration. Ten projects have been recommended totalling £20,000 (Cook and Taste will be partially funded) to ensure that Area Forum East does not exceed its budget.
- 6.3 If the Forum grants the requests in the sums indicated in this report, it will have spent all available funds.

Priority order	Project name	Cost
1	Hartshill Pavilion	£2,000
2	Peer Mentoring Scheme	£4,561
3	Me to college	£1,500
4	Locality forums for young people	£2,000
5	Supportive Growing Project	£3,046
6	Lofty	£1,000
7	Boost	£1,000

8	Atherstone Holiday Club (Easter) (Part funded)	£2, 400
9	Walking Groups	£796
10	Cook & taste sessions	*£1697 (-453 short)

Projects not supported

Project name	Cost	Reason
Disability benefits support	£1,250	<p>Hopeful that other forums will support this project as there was some uncertainty about the areas of duplication between the work of CAB and services of NWBC/Bob the Bus.</p> <p>Currently there is an existing contribution from NWBC to support CAB work.</p> <p>It was felt that Atherstone is well served by having an office located in the town.</p>
Atherstone Town FC community engagement Project	£5,600	This project was not deemed to be a priority at this time.
Year 11 'Girls only' fitness club	£1,076	This project was not deemed to be a priority at this time.
Atherstone Holiday Club	£10,000	Part funded. Easter Holiday Scheme to be supported.
Fuel Poverty / Affordable Warmth	£3750	Support for the delivery of measures to improve fuel poverty and affordable warmth was given to the Lofty and Boost projects. Other options to establish a database for the infrastructure need to be explored.

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