



# Area Forum West

Curdworth, Hurley, Kingsbury, Lea Marston,  
Middleton, Nether Whitacre, Piccadilly,  
Water Orton, Wishaw, Wood End

## Area Forum West

Thursday 29 April 2010

The Area Forum West will meet at Water Orton Primary School, Attleboro Lane, Water Orton. B46 1SB at 6.30pm.

Reports available in large print if requested.

For general enquiries please contact Jenny Price, North Warwickshire Borough Council on 01827 719450 or <mailto:jennyprice@northwarks.gov.uk>

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### 6.00 – 6.30 pm - Police Surgery

Call in if you have specific concerns that you would like to discuss with your local Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team.

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2010, copy herewith, to be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters Arising

**4. Safer Neighbourhoods – Partners and Communities Together (PACT) Sergeant Ron Drake (Warwickshire Police)**

Up to half an hour is available for this item. This will include an outline of the purpose and format of PACTs, feedback on actions undertaken since the last meeting and any other updates, details of current Community Safety issues identified within the Forum area and an opportunity for individual members of the public to raise any further concerns, advice on how these issues will be taken forward, and details of communications/publicity planned on Community Safety issues.

Community Safety concerns can be raised verbally or in writing at the meeting, or submitted in advance to Jenny Price on 01827 719450 or via email to [jennyprice@northwarks.gov.uk](mailto:jennyprice@northwarks.gov.uk)

**5. Water Orton Primary School – Traffic Management update and other local issues – Carl Lewis, Water Orton Primary School**

**6. Public Questions and Parish Issues**

Up to half an hour is available for members of the public to ask questions. Individual members of the public can speak for up to three minutes. To ensure that an answer to a question can be given at the meeting, details of it must be submitted to Jenny Price or via email to [jennyprice@northwarks.gov.uk](mailto:jennyprice@northwarks.gov.uk). Otherwise, please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting and ensure that Jenny Price has notice on the matter on which you wish to speak.

**7. Sustainable Community Strategy – Developing Forum Priorities – Bob Perks (Warwickshire County Council)**

**8. Funding in North Warwickshire – Jaki Douglas (NWBC) and Alistair Rigby (WCC)**

**9. Future Agenda Items**

**10. Any Other Business**

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 29 July 2010 – venue to be confirmed,

## MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM WEST

4 February 2010

The Area Forum West met at Piccadilly Community Centre, Piccadilly at 6.30pm.

**Present:** Borough and County Councillor Lea in the Chair  
Borough and County Councillor B Moss  
Borough Councillors Lewis, M Moss, Phillips and Swann.

**In attendance:** Angela Coates, Jenny Price, and Robert Beggs -North Warwickshire Borough Council  
Bob Perks, Alistair Rigby and Michelle McHugh – Warwickshire County Council  
Sergeant Shaun Albrighton, Inspector Alan Bamford and PCSO's Warwickshire Police  
Carol Fox – Warwickshire Police Authority  
Andy Bates – Warwickshire Fire and Rescue  
Claire Cardus – Warwickshire LINK  
Jean Thomas – Piccadilly Community Association  
Katy Harper – Beeline Community Transport  
Steve Turner – Wood End Community Association  
Malcolm Brown, John Poole and Kevin Oakley – Lea Marston Parish Council  
Robin Pearson – Coleshill and District Civic Society  
Carl Lewis – Water Orton Primary School  
Janet White - UHCW

**Apologies:** Councillor Payne, John Rowland and David Williets (Middleton Parish Council), Sue Turner (Wood End Community Association) Mrs J Pickworth and Keith Woodward (Nether Whitacre Parish Council), Louise Baudett, Alan Vaughton and Paulette Ross (Curdworth Parish Council)

### 1 **Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2009**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2009 were agreed as a true record subject to the following amendments;

- In Attendance: Jon Illsley and J Leavie – Kingsbury Residents (not Parish Council); and

- Item 6 – Signage for Heavy Goods Vehicles - problem sites to read Curdworth Bridge, Wishaw Lane.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

## 2 **Matters Arising**

None.

## 3 **Safer Neighbourhoods – Partners and Communities Together (PACT)**

Sergeant Shaun Albrighton, Warwickshire Police, together with Robert Beggs, North Warwickshire Borough Council, presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken on the three PACT priorities nominated by the Forum at its last meeting (Hams Hall, anti-social behaviour – Birmingham Road, Water Orton and off road bikes at Edge Hill, Wood End). A copy of the summary detailing these actions can be viewed on the Council's website [www.northwarks.gov.uk](http://www.northwarks.gov.uk) via the link for meetings and minutes.

The Forum was informed that additional funding had been secured for a mobile CCTV camera to be used on play areas around the Borough.

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

It was decided that the priorities to be taken forward from Area Forum West were:-

- Hams Hall
- Anti-Social Behaviour – Curdworth
- Off road bikes at Edge Hill, Wood End.

Carol Fox, Warwickshire Police Authority representative, introduced herself to the Forum and gave an overview of the role of the Police Authority.

## 4 **Public Questions**

No public questions were received.

## 5 **University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire**

Janet White, University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire gave a presentation on the background of the hospital and outlined the proposal to apply for NHS Foundation Trust status and how this would benefit the community.

A plea was made to those present to help shape the future of the trust by signing up to become a trust member or to consider standing for election as a Governor.

Information leaflets and application forms were circulated. For more information contact: [www.uhcw.nhs.uk/foundationtrust](http://www.uhcw.nhs.uk/foundationtrust)

## 6 **Warwickshire LINK**

Claire Cardus gave a presentation on the role of Warwickshire LINK and how they could work with local people to take forward issues of concern relating to health and social care. Those present were encouraged to complete a questionnaire about their experiences of health and social care services within Warwickshire. Further information on the role of Warwickshire LINK could be found on their website – [www.warwickshirelink.co.uk](http://www.warwickshirelink.co.uk)

## 7 **Green Space Strategy Fund**

Councillors Phillips, Lewis, B and M Moss declared a personal interest in this item by reason of being members of Kingsbury Parish Council.

Alethea Wilson (NWBC) detailed the results of the consultation carried out on the allocation, through the Area Forum, of funding that had been made available for projects that helped deliver the key priorities of the adopted North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy 2008-2018.

Alethea outlined the proposed allocation of funding as set out in the report and it was

### **Resolved:**

- a) **That £5,500 be offered to Kingsbury Parish Council for the provision of improved play facilities at Church Lane Recreation Ground, in accordance with key priority AP020 of the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy 2008-2018; and**
- b) **That £4,500 be offered to the RSPB for the development of recreation and community activity opportunities at Middleton Lakes, in accordance with key priority AP017 of the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy 2008-2018.**

## 8 **Parish Issues**

The Spinney, Curdworth - it was reported that a new tree officer was in post at the Borough Council and was looking at a work plan. He would contact the Parish Council.

Lea Marston Parish Council reported problems experienced with local car boot markets and highlighted the notice which had been produced for event holders to complete. However the Parish Council was unhappy with

the lack of detail contained in the notice and requested a more stringent notice which was more specific.

**Action: Councillor Lea agreed to speak to Steve Maxey (NWBC).**

**10 Future Agenda Items**

None were identified at the meeting.

**11. Any Other Business**

Robin Pearson informed the meeting that the North Warwickshire Heritage Forum had met at Polesworth. Unfortunately, no Borough Councillors were present at that meeting and he urged Councillors to attend the next meeting in May.

Steve Turner reported that he had attended a presentation by IM Properties which outlined the possible expansion of the Birch Coppice site. The plans included the purchase of 42 hectares of land and the possible use of the Birch Coppice access road by freighters into the waste transfer station at Lower House Farm.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 29 April 2010 at Water Orton Primary School.

Chairman

**Area Forum West – 29 April 2010**

**Area Forum Fund**

**Recommendation:**

**That the two eligible applications to the Area Forum Fund be granted awards as indicated in the report.**

**1. Summary**

1.1 This report summarises the Area Forum Funds eligibility criteria and informs members of available funds and applications received.

**2. Area Forum Fund - Background**

2.1 The Area Forum Fund was established following a report to the Executive Board in July 2003, which recommended setting up the Fund to support projects of importance to each local Forum area.

2.2 A total 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. Following the May 2008 Forum boundary changes, 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.

2.3 Officers were instructed to establish a system for administering the Area Forum Fund, according to the guidelines established by the Executive Board. Application arrangements were developed along with an Application Form.

2.4 Organisations invited to apply to the Fund include 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.

2.5 The Area Forum 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 seven key themes of the Sustainable Community Plan, which reflect priorities that have been established by the community of North Warwickshire. Particular consideration will also be given to projects that promote social inclusion.

2.6 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, £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 Changes to the Area Forum Fund Application Process**

3.1 Members are reminded of recent changes to the Area Forum Fund application process, which are as follows:

a That with effect from the 2006/07 financial year, applications to the Area Forum Fund are considered twice per annum, in the March/April and September/October cycle of meetings, with fixed application deadlines of 1 February and 1 August; and,

b That town/parish councils no longer be requested to submit a constitution or its annual accounts in support of any Area Forum Fund application.

### **4 Area Forum Fund - Applications**

4.1 The 2010/11 budget for Area Forum West is £8,000.

4.2 Two eligible applications have been received for consideration at this meeting. The total sum requested from the applicant organisations is £9,600. To ensure that Area Forum West does not exceed its budget, both of the following recommended awards have been proportionately reduced from the organisations requested sum.

### **5 Applications for Consideration**

#### **5.1 Kingsbury Methodist Church Outreach Church**



5.2 Kingsbury Methodist Church Outreach Group received funding last year to set up a tumble time session in Kingsbury. The group worked closely with the Partnership and Development team based with North Warwickshire Borough Council to achieve what is now a striving community group. Now with this project successfully up and running, the Outreach Group is going to improve services for older members of the community by setting up a local Luncheon Club. The grant itself will be used to purchase chairs, tables and a variety of kitchen equipment. The service will, once again, be manned by volunteers.

5.3 The total cost of the project (including volunteer time for running the sessions for twelve months) is just over £6,700. Significant in kind support is being provided towards the project and the Outreach Group is requesting a sum of £4,695 towards the purchase of equipment.

#### 5.4 **Recommendation to the Forum**

5.5 The project, which is submitted by Kingsbury Methodist Church Outreach Group, links to the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities of Developing Healthier Communities and Improving Access to Services. To ensure that the Forum does not exceed its budget, it is recommended that the project be awarded a proportionately reduced grant in the sum of £3,956.

### 6 **Rapid Aid - Community First Response**

6.1 Rapid Aid - Community First Response has applied to the Forum for funding to establish a 'community first responders' unit in Middleton. The unit, which will be staffed by volunteers, will be called to 999 incidences where an ambulance has been requested. The coverage will be approximately a three mile radius of Middleton (the vast majority of which is Area Forum West and slightly into Staffordshire). A normal ambulance will be dispatched at the same time; however, due to the rural nature of this community, lives can be saved by having a rapid response unit staffed by volunteers who know the area.

6.2 The current main responder is trained to an intermediate level and will be looking to recruit and train other local volunteers, all of whom will be subject West Midland Ambulance Service's strict recruitment guidelines and training. Rapid Aid will provide monitoring information to the Borough Council for twelve months, identifying the number of calls attended.

6.3 The total cost of the project is over £6,440. Rapid Aid has requested a sum of £4,800 from the Area Forum Fund, with match funding from its own funds and volunteer time in kind. Once funding has been agreed, Rapid Aid will be able to get Charitable Status and will continue with its local fundraising efforts.

#### 6.4 **Recommendation to the Forum**

- 6.5 The project, which is submitted by Rapid Aid - Community First Response, links to the Sustainable Community Strategy priority of Improving Access to Services. To ensure that the Forum does not exceed its budget, it is recommended that the project be awarded a proportionately reduced grant in the sum of £4,044.

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

- 7.1 If the Forum grants the requests in the sums indicated in the report, it will have spent all available funds. The next deadline for Area Forum Fund applications is 1 August 2010; however, if all of the funding is spent, organisations will be directed towards the 1 February 2011 deadline.

The Contact Officer for this report is Jaki Douglas (01827) 719492, North Warwickshire Borough Council.