



Area Forum West

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

Area Forum West

Thursday 15 October 2009

The Area Forum West will meet at St Nicholas Church Hall,
Glebe Fields, Curdworth, B76 9ES at 6.30pm.

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Warwickshire Borough Council on 01827 719450 or
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officer named in the report.

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 30 July 2009, 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

5. Public Questions

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. 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.

6. Warwickshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service Consultation – Dave Clarke (WCC)

7. Signs for Heavy Goods Vehicles – Jonathan Simkins (WCC)

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

9. Area Pledge Updates – Dave Clarke (WCC)

10. Parish Issues

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Any Other Business

13. Future Meeting Dates

Please note the future dates of Area Forum West meetings are as follows;

4 February 2010
29 April 2010
29 July 2010
14 October 2010.

MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM WEST

30 July 2009

The Area Forum West met at Hurley Village Hall at 6.30pm.

- Present:** County Councillor Lea in the Chair
- Borough and County Councillor B Moss
- Borough Councillors Lewis, M Moss, Payne, Phillips and Swann.
- In attendance:** Angela Coates, Jenny Price, Alethea Wilson, Dorothy Barratt, Mike Dittman and Cheryl Bridges -North Warwickshire Borough Council
Bob Perks and Martin Gibbins – Warwickshire County Council
Inspector Andy Davis, Sergeant Ron Drake, PCSO's Peter Beale, Gavin Scott, and PC Louise Baxter – Warwickshire Police
John Rowlands and David Williets – Middleton Residents
S Turner – Wood End Resident
J Whitby – Kingsbury Parish Council
M Brown – Lea Marston Resident
Steve Turner – Wood End Community Association
Mark Davey – WCC Youth Service
Jon Illsley – Kingsbury Youth Club
Keith Woodward – Nether Whitacre Parish Council
Roger Upton – Resident
Anne Rimmer and Alan Vaughton – Curdworth Parish Council
Ian Evans - Resident
June Evans – Kingsbury Cluster Extended Services
G & H North – Curdworth Residents
Jenny Pearson – Hurley Community Association
Andy Bates – Warwickshire Fire and Rescue
Sue Rodger – Hurley Resident

1. **Apologies**

None.

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2009**

The minutes of the held on 30 April 2009 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising**

None.

4. **Local Development Framework Core Strategy Feedback and Update**

Mike Dittman, NWBC, introduced the Local Development Framework (LDF) which is a new plan being prepared by the Council to guide future planning development to 2026.

Key issues have been identified by the Council which need to be addressed for planning the future of the borough over the next 15 years. The LDF proposes several different ways, or Options, of dealing with these issues. The consultation will provide the opportunity for local residents to decide which Option would work best and whether the right issues and options have been identified.

The full document can be viewed on the Council's website www.northwarks.gov.uk

Mike informed the meeting of the current consultation by NWBC to gain residents' opinion on the five Options for housing development and retail/commercial development in the Borough.

The first stage in the preparation of the Core Strategy is the issues and Options consultation, which identifies the issues to be included in the Core Strategy and what the strategic planning options could be. All parish councils have been sent copies of the full document and have been invited to comment. The closing date for comments is 6 August.

5. **Safer Neighbourhoods – Partners and Communities Together (PACT)**

Inspector Andy Davis and Sergeant Ron Drake, Warwickshire Police, together with Cheryl Bridges, 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. A copy of the summary detailing these action can be viewed on the Council's website www.northwarks.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes.

A request was made to set a priority to tackle the problem of heavy container lorries ignoring weight restrictions and travelling into Wood End village, getting stuck and turning round in residential roads and private driveways. However, the Police advised that they would be willing to consider it as a priority but pointed out that it would be unenforceable until the highway signs were all in place and correct. It was agreed not to include as a priority at this stage.

ACTION – Warwickshire County Council to look at highway signage and take the matter forward.

Sergeant Drake then asked the Forum for the priorities to take forward to the PACT Panel for this round of forums. A general discussion took place about the next set of priorities. From this discussion it was decided that the priorities to be taken forward from Area Forum West were:-

- Hams Hall
- Anti-Social Behaviour – Birmingham Road shops area, Water Orton
- Off road bikes at Edge Hill, Wood End.

6. **Public Questions**

There were no public questions.

7. Area Pledge Update

Bob Perks, Warwickshire County Council, informed the meeting that work was being undertaken on the agreed pledge to address activities for young people. It was envisaged that a draft set of proposals would be brought back to the October meeting of the Forum.

8. Green Space Strategy Fund

Alethea Wilson, NWBC, reported that the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy had been formally adopted and approved, in principle, the supporting Action and Funding Plan.

£10,000 had now been made available to each Area Forum for the implementation of projects that deliver key priorities identified in the Strategy. These projects may be on land within the control of parish and town councils, other organisations or the Borough Council. Alethea would be writing to each parish/town council and partner organisations to draw their attention to the key priorities in the Strategy for their sub area and asked that the relevant Parish Councils indicate which projects they would like to be taken forward. If their choice is a project on land that they control, they will also be asked to complete an 'Expression of Interest' form to indicate how much support they would be seeking from the Fund and, in outline, how this money would be spent in the delivery of the project.

The deadline for return of information will be early November 2009. The results of the submissions from parishes and partners and any Expressions of Interest will be reported to each Area Forum in January 2010. The decision on the allocation of the Green Space Strategy Fund will also be presented to those meeting.

9. Representation on Outside Bodies

The Borough Council asked for recommendations for appointments to the outside bodies 'local' to the area covered by this Area Forum.

It was agreed that the following should be appointed for a period of one year with the exception of Kingsbury Youth Centre and Sports Hall Management Committee which is for a four year term, expiring on 31 August 2013.

Kingsbury Liaison Group – Councillor B Moss
Middleton Hall Trust – Councillor Lea
Piccadilly Community Association – Councillor Lewis
Stanyer's Charity – Councillors B and M Moss
Wood End Community Centre – Councillor Phillips
Kingsbury Youth Centre and Sports Hall Management Committee – Councillor B Moss

10. Parish Issues

None.

11. **Future Agenda Items**

None.

12. **Any Other Business**

Bob Perks, WCC, highlighted the Local Transport Plan 3 consultation for 2011-2016. The plan will set out the transport strategy for Warwickshire and outline a programme of transport schemes and initiatives to be delivered over the short to medium term during 2011-2016. The plan covers all modes of transport including walking, cycling, public transport, car based travel and freight.

The County Council are currently carrying out the first phase of consultation focussed on 'Issues and Priorities' consultation to identify the most important issues. These issues identified would then help determine the plan for the future. The closing date for comments was 31 August 2009.

13. **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 15 October 2009 – St Nicholas Church Hall, Curdworth.

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Area Forum Fund

Recommendation

Members are asked to note and promote the next funding deadline of 1 February 2010.

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 the following changes to the Area Forum Fund application process:
- 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 / Financial Implications

- 4.1 The 2009/10 budget for Area Forum West was £8,000. In April, four eligible applications were awarded grants that used the whole sum for 2009/10. There is, therefore, no funding available for disbursement at this time.
- 4.2 The 2010/11 budget of £8,000 will be available for disbursement at the April round of Area Forum Fund meetings. The next deadline for applications is 1 February 2010.

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