



**Area Forum East
Partnership Centre, Coleshill Road
Atherstone, CV9 1BN**

Tuesday 7 February 2012

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 last meeting)**
- 3 Police Update:**
Safer Neighbourhoods Team
Police Authority update
- 4 Tell us your issues** - An opportunity for issues of local concern to be raised (Please contact Jo Giblin if you wish to speak)
- 5 George Eliot Hospital Trust** – securing a sustainable future
- 6 Funding: Queen's Diamond Jubilee grants (NWBC)**
- 7 Any other Business**
- 8 Suggestions for items/themes for the next meeting**
- 9 Date of next meeting:**
Tuesday 12 June 2012
Tuesday 11 September 2012
Tuesday 20 November 2012

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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

George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – securing a sustainable future: Fact sheet

At the Trust's September 2011 Board meeting, it was agreed by the Board of Directors that the Trust would no longer seek to pursue foundation trust status as a 'standalone' organisation, and instead look for a 'partner' organisation, with whom we can work to secure a strong and sustainable future for the George Eliot and local healthcare services.

The Board of the George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust had originally planned for the Trust to become a standalone Foundation Trust, as this would have been our first choice, but there are many challenges to overcome for this to become a reality, some of which are within our control, and others not.

Over recent months we have been involving staff and local stakeholders in our discussions around our potential future 'organisational model' and we have been very open about the challenges we would face in attaining authorisation to proceed to FT status alone.

There is now a growing recognition nationally that smaller acute hospitals, like our own, may need to work collaboratively to achieve FT status. So, in recent weeks, we have been developing options that will identify a strategic partner to provide clinical and financial sustainability, as well as high quality and accessible services in the long term.

We developed an initial 'long list' of 14 possible 'organisational shapes' the Trust could explore as part of its process to find a partner organisation and this long list has now been focused into a short list of six possible organisational models, as follows:

	Option description
1	Merger equal – Join another NHS trust of a similar size to create a joint organisation
2	Merger specialist – Join a specialist NHS trust looking to broaden its range of services or strengthen its balance sheet
3	Merger unequal – To become part of a bigger organisation, probably a regional centre
4	Vertical integration – Creates a single organisation across a health economy, primary, secondary and social / continuing care and mental health
5	NHS super chain – A chain of several hospitals, possibly geographically spread, with similar values, systems and common senior management
6	NHS / Independent Sector partnership – A partnership with an Independent sector health organisation

While this short list helps to identify the possible partnership options for the future, it does not identify which organisations would be suitable partners; that decision process comes next.

By choosing to seek an alternative way of working, the Trust remains in control of the process and the Board has pledged its absolute assurance that any potential options for the future will be assessed against a robust set of criteria that will prioritise the best interests of local people, patients and our staff.

The Quality Assurance Group

A Quality Assurance Group (QAG) has been created, with members responsible for the overview and scrutiny of the project and to provide assurance that it will deliver an acceptable solution. The group is made up of key stakeholders including staff and patient representatives, trade unions and clinicians, amongst others. It had its first meeting on 7

November, and minutes will soon be available on our website at www.geh.nhs.uk/foundation-trust/ along with the group's terms of reference and membership.

What's next?

The Trust will be compiling an Outline Business Case (OBC) during December. The OBC reviews the available options to identify the preferred way forward, and will propose the preferred partnership option. As part of that OBC development, we will be inviting potential partners to come and discuss how they might work with us in the future. This is an informal 'throwing of hats in the ring' at this stage.

The OBC is planned for completion by May 2012.

The whole process to identify and agree a partnership is expected to take around 12-18 months.

In short: Ten key facts about the process

1. George Eliot Hospital (GEH) is looking at partnership options to help it reach Foundation Trust status, as all hospitals must do by 2014.
2. The priority for this process will be to find a solution that provides sustainable, accessible, well-managed services for patients, ensuring quality and delivering value for money.
3. All options are being considered to ensure a sustainable future for the hospital. There is no pre-existing grand plan for a takeover or merger.
4. GEH is not being privatised.
5. Whatever future partnership arrangement GEH may arrive at, patients will continue to receive the NHS services they need.
6. The GEH board is absolutely committed to keeping local services local.
7. The process for identifying a suitable option for GEH's future will be open and transparent.
8. The public and staff are being involved in the process. There will be numerous ways in which people can feed in their ideas and practical suggestions.
9. It's "business as usual" during the process, with safe and effective patient treatment remaining the priority.
10. This process is separate from The Arden Cluster's plan to hold a public consultation on women's and children's services in the region. The results of the women's & children's consultation will, however, be factored in to the Trust's project around its future.

Women's and children's services

We recognise there has been much speculation surrounding women's and children's services and although this is an entirely separate piece of work being led by the Coventry and Warwickshire primary care trust cluster, the outcome of this review process may impact on the George Eliot and its plans for the future outlined above.

The George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust took immediate action earlier this year to strengthen the staffing of children's services after a review recommended that current paediatric trainees should be withdrawn, due, primarily, to the small number of children and limited range of conditions and illnesses doctors treat on the site. In order to fill a number of staffing gaps created by the removal of trainees, the Trust has recruited additional doctors to ensure services for local children are improved.

In the longer term, the Arden Cluster (Warwickshire and Coventry primary care trusts) is due to undertake a public consultation to ensure the sustainability of safe, effective and

accessible children's services for north Warwickshire. Clinicians and managers at the George Eliot are fully committed to working with health care partners to identify a solution that ensures the maximum number of children can continue to be treated locally and it is our hope that once an appropriate, sustainable solution is found we will once again be able to provide appropriate training on our site for junior paediatricians.

The George Eliot's preferred option

As part of the pre-consultation process, the George Eliot has provided a proposed model for women's and children's services for local people. This model has been submitted to the primary care trust cluster for their consideration to include within the formal consultation.

This option would see the least amount of change to services at George Eliot Hospital. Whilst child inpatient cases and some emergencies would be seen at University Hospital, Coventry, a new short stay assessment unit at George Eliot Hospital would look after children who needed to remain in hospital for a few hours. The short stay assessment unit would most likely be open 8am until 10pm. The unit would be covered by a team of paediatric consultants who provide medical support on site 24 hours a day seven days a week, supported by specialist paediatric nursing staff and junior doctors.

Any children who arrive after 10pm and require observation or an overnight stay would be transferred to University Hospital in Coventry.

The current maternity service offering consultant delivered and midwifery delivered births and gynaecology services will continue unchanged at the GEH and there will continue to be Special Care Baby Unit.

In brief, the George Eliot's preferred model would entail:

- No change to maternity services (i.e. continue to provide a consultant-led service)
- No change to women's gynaecology services
- No change to special baby service (level one neonatal care with senior paediatric medical cover 24/7)
- Paediatric Outpatients as currently provided
- Minor injuries and illnesses treated at A&E
- Emergency arrivals at A&E taken to new assessment unit (likely to be open 8am-10pm)
- Movement of inpatient paediatric care to UHCW
- Paediatric Day case surgery provided at GEH
- Ambulances as current service (straight to UHCW)
- We would also like to see the development of much stronger community based paediatric services

The George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust believes this model would be in the best interests of providing good quality, accessible care to local people. The Arden Cluster primary care trusts will take the lead on deciding which options to include within their consultation in the new year.

December 2011

Area Forum East – 7 February 2012

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Grants

Recommendation

Borough Council Members are asked to identify the maximum sum to be made available in Area Forum East to support the undertaking of community-based activities in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and to note the resultant impact on the sum available for disbursement through the Area Forum Fund in 2012/13.

1 Summary

- 1.1 This report summarises the Diamond Jubilee Grants eligibility criteria approved by the Community and Environment Board at its meeting held in January 2012. It also asks Borough Council Members to identify the maximum sum to be made available to support the undertaking of related community-based celebratory activity and to note the resultant impact on the sum available for disbursement through the Area Forum Fund in 2012/13.

2 Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Grant Schemes

- 2.1 This year, and specifically over the Bank Holiday weekend from 2 to 5 June, the Queen will be celebrating her Diamond Jubilee. To assist community groups and individuals to come together and celebrate this momentous occasion, the Borough Council is offering two celebratory grant schemes, one for constituted community groups and the other for very locally-based street party type events. At its meeting held on 23 January 2012, the Borough Council's Community and Environment Board approved a minimum allocation of £1,000 from each Area Forum to support related activity. The Board, however, granted discretion for each Area Forum to allocate more than this sum should it so wish.
- 2.2 The first scheme will provide grant awards of £500 to constituted groups for community-based activities, such as fun days, carnivals, etc. These awards will be distributed on a first come first served basis, with a simple application form that will need to be endorsed and signed by a local Borough Councillor.
- 2.3 The second scheme will encourage communities to come together and celebrate by organising localised street parties. Awards of £100 will be available through this initiative. Written applications from community groups and / or individuals will need to be submitted with the support of five local residents. An endorsement from a local Borough Councillor will also be required from applicants.

2.4 Although both forms of award require an endorsement from a local Borough Councillor, decisions will be made by the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) in consultation with Area Forum East Borough Council Members. It should be noted that all activities funded through the award schemes would be promoted on the Borough Council's website.

3 Area Forum Fund – Financial Implications

3.1 The Area Forum Fund in the East has a total sum of £11,341 available for disbursement in the 2012/13 financial year. This sum is made up of the 2012/13 allocation of £8,000 and underspend of £3,341 from 2011/12.

3.2 As identified, a minimum sum of £1,000 is to be allocated by each Area Forum to the two Diamond Jubilee Grant schemes. This could support the following levels of celebratory activity:

1. Two community grant awards of £500 (and no street party awards)
2. A single community grant award of £500 and five £100 street party awards
3. Ten £100 street party awards (and no community grant awards)

3.3 Borough Council Members are asked to consider if they wish to increase this allocation and, if so, to identify the maximum cumulative sum to be made available to support the undertaking of related community-based celebratory activity. Members may also wish to set a limit on the sum available for each form of Diamond Jubilee Grant award. For ease of reference, several potential options are detailed in the tables below.

Number of awards available	Community Group Grants (£500 each)
1	£500
2	£1,000
3	£1,500
4	£2,000
5	£2,500
6	£3,000
7	£3,500
8	£4,000

Number of awards available	Street Party Grants (£100 each)
5	£500
10	£1,000
15	£1,500
20	£2,000

3.4 Clearly, an increase in the money that is made available to support Diamond Jubilee-related activity will result in a corresponding reduction in the sum available for other Area Forum grants.

3.5 Any Diamond Jubilee Grant funding that remains unallocated by 31 August 2012 will be returned to the East's Area Forum Fund and will be available for disbursement for other forms of community activity at the meeting to be held in November.

The contact officer for the report is Jaki Douglas (719492).