

# Area Forum West

Tuesday 28 February 2012

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

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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 13 October 2011, copy herewith, to be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters Arising and You said – We Did (Update on issues raised at the previous meeting)

**4. Safer Neighbourhoods – (Warwickshire Police/NWBC)**

Up to half an hour is available for this item. This will include an outline of the purpose and format of the Safer Communities agenda, 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. Police Authority Update – Councillor Carol Fox**

**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. HS2 – latest development and news. - WCC.**

**8. Libraries Update**

- ❖ Water Orton Library and Community Centre – Councillor Allan Holland
- ❖ Kingsbury Mobile Library Service

**9. Health Update**

- ❖ George Eliot Hospital – securing a sustainable future. – Kath Kelly
- ❖ Local HealthWatch – strengthening the voice of patients and the public. – Monika Rozanski.

**10. Area Forum Fund – Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Grants – NWBC**

**11. Future Agenda Items**

**12. Any Other Business**

**13. Date of the Next Meeting**

Thursday 31 May 2012 – Kingsbury Methodist Church Hall, Barlow Court, Kingsbury.

**MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM WEST**

28 February 2012

**13 October 2011**

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

**Present:** County and Borough Councillor B Moss in the Chair.  
Borough Councillors Holland, Lewis, M Moss, and Payne.

**In attendance:** Angela Coates, Jenny Price, Zoe Davies, and Robert Beggs  
-North Warwickshire Borough Council  
Alistair Rigby, Louise Hargraves and Bob Perks –  
Warwickshire County Council  
PCSO Beale and Sgt Fildes - Warwickshire Police  
Ian and Jean Thomas and Julia Rawlins – PCA  
Carol Fox – Warwickshire Police Authority  
A Vaughton, P Ross, A Rimmer, M Weatherley and G  
Bullivant – Curdworth Parish Council  
C Ayasamy – Kingsbury Parish Council  
Dr M Caley – NHS Warwickshire  
Tony Hardman – NW Neighbourhood Watch  
K Hares – Kingsbury resident  
T Foley – Water Orton Parish Council  
Sharon Meanley and John Poole – Lea Marston Parish  
Council  
Kirsty Lowrie and Amina Mamoojee – WCAVA  
D McKenzie, S Selvey, J Pickworth – Residents  
J Rowland, D Williets and D Williams – Middleton Parish  
Council

**Apologies:** County and Borough Councillor Lea  
Borough Councillor Phillips.

**1. Minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2011.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2011 were agreed as true record and signed by the Chairman.

**2. Matters Arising and You Said**

Kirsty Lowrie (WCAVA) informed the meeting of the launch of the Three Village Rural Project. The project aims to provide a range of youth activities to the young people of Hurley, Wood End and Piccadilly. Kirsty appealed for local people to volunteer to work in the local community to support the project. Volunteers would be offered support and training to enable them to work with young people.

Zoe Davies (NWBC) highlighted the Tame Valley Project. A £2 million Heritage Lottery fund. The project aim was to create a wetland landscape rich in wildlife and accessible to all. Zoe asked for those present to complete a questionnaire to support the project bid.

Alistair Rigby (WCC) presented 'You said – We Did' reporting back on the actions from the last meeting. A copy of the presentation can be viewed at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk) via the link for meetings and minutes.

The recurring issue and associated problems caused by lorries ignoring the highway warning signs for a low bridge at Piccadilly were highlighted.

**ACTION:** WCC to contact the Chief Executive of DSV to arrange a meeting to discuss the issue.

### 3. **Safer Neighbourhoods**

PCSO Peter Beale (Warwickshire Police) and Robert Beggs (NWBC) fed back on Safer Neighbourhood Team activity over the last three months including the three priorities chosen at the last meeting. The presentation can be viewed at [www.northwarks.gov.k](http://www.northwarks.gov.k) via the link for meetings and minutes.

Leaflets on how to report anti-social behaviour were circulated at the meeting.

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

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

- ASB – Attleboro Lane, Water Orton
- ASB – Kingsbury Recreation Ground
- ASB – Church Lane, Marston and Old Kingsbury Road, Lea Marston.

### 4. **Police Authority Update**

Update given by Carol Fox, Police Authority representative.

- Police and Crime Commissioner elections to be held on 15 November 2012. Commissioner to appoint Chief Constable.
- Police Authority to be replaced by a Crime and Disorder panel made up of 10 councillors and 2 independent co-opted members. Home Office could give permission for up to 20 people to be on the panel. The Panel's role is one of scrutiny.
- New police telephone number to be launched in November. Dial 101 for non urgent matters.

- Team of senior officers to oversee the new strategic alliance between Warwickshire and West Mercia Police.

## 5. **Public Questions and Parish Issues**

No matters were raised under this item.

## 6. **Health Update**

Dr Michael Caley, NHS Warwickshire, presented the Annual Report by the Director of Public Health.

The five key priorities for public health in North Warwickshire were set out, these were;

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

A copy of the full report was available to view on the NHS Warwickshire or Warwickshire County Council websites.

The transition of the Public Health service from NHS Warwickshire to the County Council was highlighted.

## 7. **WCC/NWBC Updates**

### Libraries

Bob Perks (WCC) reported that the proposal to provide a community library at Water Orton had been approved subject to some financial arrangements. WCC would cease to run the library service in Water Orton from 31 March 2012.

Kingsbury community library proposals had not been accepted at the moment. The current library service would cease on 31 March 2012. However dialogue on the provision of a community library facility in Kingsbury would continue with interested parties.

The full libraries report could be viewed on the County Council's website.

### Youth Service

Notice had been served on Kingsbury Youth centre. The youth service would end on 25 November 2011. Future youth provision would be served from Atherstone. Negotiations on the future use of the facility were ongoing.

Members of the Forum voiced their concerns and disappointment at the loss of the library service, the youth centre and the reduced bus services in Kingsbury.

Draft Core Strategy – Report noted.

Community Hubs – Report noted. It was noted that an open meeting had been arranged for 8 November 2011 at 7 pm at the Council House, Atherstone, for anyone interested in the Community Hub project.

8. **Funding Update**

Area Forum Fund

A single eligible application to the Area Forum Fund was considered by Borough Councillors.

**Resolved:**

**That Curdworth Parish Council be awarded the sum of £509 towards the project as set out in the report.**

Sustainable Community Strategy Fund

12 projects had been granted funds. Some of those granted funding included;

- £1,500 for leaflets publicising a youth service to aid access to higher education, books and travel costs.
- £1,000 to the supportive growing project which provides assistance to OAP's to tender gardens.
- Lofty – grant to improve loft insulation.
- Boost – grant towards boiler renewal.
- Walking Group – grant to train walk leaders for a walking group in the Kingsbury area.

9. **Future Agenda Items**

None were highlighted.

10. **Any Other Business**

Alan Vaughton, Curdworth Parish Council, provided photographic evidence to highlight the difference in the standard of verge maintenance at Kingsbury Road, Curdworth, on the Birmingham / Warwickshire County border.

**ACTION:** WCC to investigate.

11. **Future Meeting Dates**

2012 meeting dates were highlighted.

Chairman

**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:

	<b>Option description</b>
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/](http://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

# Shaping Local HealthWatch in Warwickshire

## What do we know about HealthWatch?

**“HealthWatch will be the independent consumer champion for the public – locally and nationally – to promote better outcomes in health for all and in social care for adults.”**

Nationally there will be an organisation called HealthWatch England, which looks at services across England. In each local area, there will also be an organisation called Local HealthWatch.

## What is HealthWatch England?

- Healthwatch England will be part of the Care Quality Commission
- It will use evidence from Local HealthWatch organisations and from carrying out its own work to identify concerns and poorly performing services
- Local Healthwatch will be able to report concerns to Healthwatch England
- There will be a legal requirement for its views to be taken into account by the Secretary of State and the NHS Boards and Regulators

## What is Local HealthWatch?

As part of the Health and Social Care Bill currently making its way through Parliament, new consumer champions for users of local care services will be created, these will be known as Local HealthWatch. They will replace Local Involvement Networks, also known as LINKs, retaining all of their functions and gaining more, as outlined below.

## What will Local HealthWatch do?

Local HealthWatch will be a key point of contact for individuals, community groups and voluntary organisations around their experiences of health and social care. It will influence local decisions by representing the views of local people. In particular, Local HealthWatch will:

- Collect and analyse consumer feedback on local health and social care
- Give consumers a chance to suggest ideas to care professionals that may help improve services
- Investigate specific issues and concerns and make recommendations to care professionals
- Provide information and support to individuals to help them make choices
- Provide independent support to people who wish to make an NHS complaint

## What sort of organisation will HealthWatch be?

It is proposed that Local HealthWatch organisations will be autonomous “corporate bodies” which will be able to appoint their own staff.

## How will Local HealthWatch be provided?

- The responsibility for making sure there is an effective Local HealthWatch in each area will be with the Local Authority which will commission Local HealthWatch arrangements and services (funding is yet to be determined by the Government; for Warwickshire it is expected to be in the region of 250 – 400k)
- Local HealthWatch will be an autonomous body
- Local Authorities will ensure the Local HealthWatch arrangements are effective and value for money and representative of the local community



Area Forum West – 28 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 West 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 West 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 West has a total sum of £10,369 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 £2,369 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 West'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, NWBC, (01827 719492).