

Area Forum West

Tuesday 27 November 2012

The Area Forum West will meet at Piccadilly Community Centre, Perryman Drive, Piccadilly, B78 2ER 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 20 September 2012, 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)

5. Public Questions and Parish Issues

Up to half an hour is available for members of the public to ask questions. 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. Health Update

- Alzheimer's Society Early Diagnosis Pilot - Tony Robinson
- Public Health update & overview of local health delivery - Rachel Robinson.

7. Funding

Area Forum Funds – NWBC

8. Future Agenda Items

9. 2013 Meeting Dates

- Thursday 7 March 2013 – Venue to be confirmed.
- Thursday 13 June 2013
- Thursday 19 September 2013
- Thursday 28 November 2013

MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM WEST

20 September 2012

The Area Forum West met at Water Orton Primary School, Attleboro Lane, Water Orton at 6.30pm

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

In attendance: J Price, C Bridges, S Roberts -North Warwickshire Borough Council. A Rigby – Warwickshire County Council. PC Beaty. PCSO's McMurchie and Scott- Warwickshire Police. J Thomas, I Thomas and J Rawlins – Piccadilly Community Association. C Ayasamy - Kingsbury Parish Council. R Pearson – Coleshill and District Civic Society. W Lees – Water Orton Parish Council. M Dade and K Kelly – George Eliot Hospital. P Ross and A Vaughton – Curdworth Parish Council. C Lewis – Water Orton Primary School. F Foley and S Evans – residents.

1 Apologies

Councillors Fox, Payne and Simpson. Anne Rimmer – Curdworth Parish Council. John Rowland – Middleton Parish Council.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2012 were agreed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising and You said – We did

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 via the link for meetings and minutes.

4 Safer Neighbourhoods

PCSO Caroline McMurchie and Cheryl Bridges (NWBC) presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken on the priorities nominated by the Forum at its last meeting. A copy of

summary detailing these actions can be viewed on the Council's website www.northwarks.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes.

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

It was decided that the priorities to take forward from Area Forum West this time were;

- ASB– Glenville Avenue and Meadow View, Wood End.
- Contravention of one-way restriction at Old Church Road, Water Orton.

Although not a priority, it was agreed that the Police would monitor the anti-social behaviour at Water Orton Church graveyard.

A request was made to address the problem of vehicles parking on the verge on at the crossroads of the A4097 (Coleshill Road/Wishaw Lane) Curdworth. **Action:** WCC to follow up.

5 **Police Authority Update**

It was noted that the Police Commissioner elections were to take place on 15 November 2012.

6 **Public Questions and Parish Issues**

There were no public questions or parish issues.

7 **Community Hubs Project Update**

Sally Roberts (NWBC) presented an update on progress of the scheme across the Borough. A summary of the points raised were;

- there would be 13 hubs in total. 7 already up and running
- each Hub has a number of laptops plus printer/scanner and pre-programmed phone to help the user contact a number of key organisations e.g. NWBC, CAB, Severn Trent etc
- “strategic” hubs also have video conferencing facilities.

8 **George Eliot Hospital Trust : Securing a Sustainable Future Project**

Kath Kelly and Malcolm Dade, George Eliot Hospital Trust, presented a summary of the progress made in respect of Securing a Sustainable Future for the hospital. A copy of the presentation can be viewed on the Council's website www.warwickshire.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes online.

9 **Warwickshire County Council Update**

Alistair Rigby (WCC) informed the meeting of the following;

- Councillor Grant Fund - each County Councillor has a fund of £5,000 available to support local community projects in their area. Application deadline for submission - 28 September 2012.
- Community Computers – 25 recycled WCC computers were available free for local community groups, town and parish councils. Each has a three month warranty. Application deadline for submissions – 26 October 2012.

10 **Future Agenda Items**

- A request from Middleton Parish Council to include an agenda item on 'potholes' was considered. However, Councillor Lea suggested that arrangements for County Highways to attend a future parish meeting would be more appropriate.
- HS2 Update.

11 **Date Of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 27 November 2012 at Piccadilly Community Centre,
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Area Forum Fund

Recommendation

That the single eligible application to the Area Forum Fund be given consideration by Borough Council Members as indicated in the report.

1 Summary

- 1.1 This report summarises the Area Forum Fund's eligibility criteria and informs Borough Council Members of the monies available for disbursement and provides details of the single application received for consideration.

2 Area Forum Fund

- 2.1 A 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. 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.
- 2.2 A process has been established that invites applications from 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.
- 2.3 The 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 three priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy that have been established by the community of North Warwickshire. Particular consideration will also be given to projects that promote social inclusion.
- 2.4 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 and £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 Area Forum Fund Applications

- 3.1 The 2012/13 budget for Area Forum West is £8,000. An additional sum of £2,369 has been carried forward from 2011/12, resulting in a total sum of £10,369.
- 3.2 At the May Forum meeting, £4,745 was granted to a single organisation, leaving a residual sum of £5,624 available for disbursement at this meeting.
- 3.3 A single eligible application in the sum of £4,800 has been received for consideration at the meeting.

4 Application for Consideration

4.1 Water Orton Bowls Club

4.1.1 Water Orton Bowls Club provides crown green bowling for its 60 members. The Club has its own green and pavilion where members meet, not only to participate in their chosen sport, but also to benefit from social interaction in the community. The Club's facilities are also used every week by Heart Throbs (an organisation that helps local people who have had heart attacks or strokes).

4.2 The Bowls Club needs funding to improve access to the green by replacing the hard surface around the perimeter. Subject to a successful award, the Club will be holding an open day to attract new members to the improved facilities. The total cost of the project is £6,860. The group is providing match funding in cash and kind to the value of £2,060, which equates to the 30% match funding requirement. The maximum award of £4,800 is being requested from the Forum Fund.

4.3 Recommendation to the Forum

4.3.1 The project links to the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities of Developing Healthier Communities and Improving Access to Services. It is recommended, therefore, that Members give consideration to awarding the project the requested award of £4,800.

5 Area Forum Fund – Financial Implications

5.1 If Members grant the requested sum as indicated in the report (£4,800), the Forum will have £824 to carry forward to 2013/14. The next deadline for applications to be considered by the Forum is 2 April 2013.

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