

## MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM WEST

14 October 2010

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

- Present:** Borough Councillor Payne in the Chair  
Borough and County Councillors B Moss and Lea  
Borough Councillors Lewis and M Moss.
- In attendance:** Linda Bird, Jenny Price and Robert Beggs -North  
Warwickshire Borough Council  
Alistair Rigby and Bob Perks – Warwickshire County Council  
Sergeant Shaun Albrighton, and PCSO Tim Strathen,  
Warwickshire Police  
Jean and Ian Thomas – Piccadilly Community Association  
Steve Turner – Wood End Community Association  
Carol Fox – Warwickshire Police Authority  
Paulette Ross and Anne Rimmer – Curdworth Parish Council  
Jenny Pearson – Hurley Community Association  
John Rowland – Middleton Parish Council  
John Fenton, Tony Hardman, Mick Levy, N. Wigglesworth,  
and Chris Passey – Kingsbury residents  
Kevin Oakley and John Poole – Lea Marston Parish Council  
David White – WCAVA
- Apologies:** Councillors Phillips, Simpson and Swann, Sue Turner,  
Carolyn Piper and Alan Vaughton.

### 1 Minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### 2 Matters Arising

#### EMR

WCC County Highways confirmed that the vegetation had been cut back adjacent to signs on Trinity Road and that they have recommended the hedges be cut back more with a flail mower, both sides of the bridge.

#### Car Boot Sales – Dog Inn Car Park, Water Orton

It was confirmed that the car boot sales would be moving to Coleshill Town Football Club.

### Signage

Designs and site plans for new/replacement signage at Kingsbury Link and Wishaw Lane, Curdworth were shared.

## 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. 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.

### Anti Social Behaviour – Range Way, Kingsbury

In response to an email and letters received by the Borough Council and points raised by residents at the meeting concerning the possibility of a gating order to close off the walkway at Range Way, Kingsbury, it was agreed that the matter would be looked into further and a detailed written reply be sent to all concerned. It was also agreed that the broader issue of gating orders should be brought back to a future meeting to give a greater understanding of these orders.

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:-

- Anti-Social Behaviour – Range Way, Kingsbury
- Anti-Social Behaviour – Wood End
- Anti-Social Behaviour – Glebefields, Curdworth

It was also noted that reports of anti-social behaviour and possible drug dealings at Piccadilly Community Centre car park was raised. Reports of any incidents or intelligence will be monitored during the next period.

The Chair reported that Sgt Ron Drake (Warwickshire Police) had retired from the Police after 36 years of service and wished to pass on his and the Forums appreciation of the service provided by Sgt Drake over the years. They wished him well in his retirement and looked forward to his continued good work in his new role.

Ron Drake subsequently responded – *“I would like to thank Councillor Payne and the Forum for the good wishes. I have enjoyed a good working relationship over the years with the Borough, County and Parish Councils in North Warwickshire. During my 36 years of service I have met lots of people and enjoyed my time in the job. I will look back with fondness”.*

## 5 **Police Authority Community Confidence**

Carol Fox, Police Authority representative for Area Forum West introduced herself to the meeting and explained her role. Carol highlighted the difficult task of managing future budget cuts and sought ideas, input and feedback from the community on the use and roles of special constables and community crime fighters.

## 6 **Public Questions and Parish Issues**

Tony Hardman referred to problems around the EMR site at Kingsbury, which were;

- abuse of the 7.5 tonne weight restrictions in Trinity Road ;
- vehicles getting stuck at the Trinity Road bridge; and
- acrid yellow smoke from the EMR site;

### Response:

- WCC County Highways confirmed that existing signs would be maintained as required with replacement items ordered.
- The safety aspect of breathing in smoke fumes from the iron cutter used on the EMR site would be investigated and reported back.

Further issues were raised concerning signage for the low bridge at Piccadilly. It was reported that the sign opposite the farm had been flattened and that the vegetation surrounding existing signs was overgrown and obscuring them from sight.

It was requested that the owners of the illuminated sign for Kingsbury Link be contacted to maintain the sign better.

### Response:

- WCC County Highways to respond to the above and to a request for an update on 7.5 tonne weight limit signs for Wood End.

## 7 **North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy Funding**

Robert Beggs (NWBC) introduced a new development to identify projects that help address the priorities of the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy. The Borough and County Councils together had allocated a fund of £20,000 to each Area Forum to enable focused activity to happen in each of the Forum areas to take forward the three priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS);

The priorities are :

- Developing healthier communities
- Improving access to services
- Raising aspirations, educational attainment and skills.

The forum was asked to consider some potential project proposals together with some identified evidence information about the issues and needs of the wards and parishes within the forum area.

Those present split into small groups and were encouraged to discuss the projects and express their views on the project proposals or to come up with ideas of their own.

Details of each proposed project together with local information produced by Warwickshire Observatory were given to each group. All of the information coming from the discussions at the meeting would be collated and considered by the Borough and County Councillors who have responsibility to make a decision on the allocation of funding.

A further update on the project proposals and the allocation of the funding would be provided at the next meeting of the forum. All those taking part in the forum discussions were thanked for their participation which had generated a lot of useful comments and ideas.

## 8 **Future Agenda Items**

- .EMR issues – update/progress
- Gating Orders.
- Sustainable Community Strategy Funding

## 9. **Any Other Business**

David White reported that Warwickshire CAVA had applied to the LEADER project for funding to provide a Rural Youth Worker for the three villages of Hurley, Wood End and Piccadilly. The role of this post would be to promote positive activities for young people. Support for the project was sought from Councillors and other groups.

Alistair Rigby (WCC) highlighted the Community Computers 2010 project. Warwickshire County Council has 125 recycled desktop computers available free to voluntary and community groups within Warwickshire. Application deadline was 5pm on 25 October 2010. More information and application details were available from [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)

Steve Turner (Wood End Community Association) reported that the three villages of Wood End, Hurley and Piccadilly had applied and received funding for a printer to produce a two year calendar. This had now been produced and included past and present pictures of the villages. The calendar was priced at £4.00 and was available from local shops and community groups etc.

## 10. **Future Meeting Dates**

The future meeting dates for 2011 were noted.

The next meeting of Area Forum West will be held on Thursday 27 January 2011 at St Nicholas Church Hall, Glebefields, Curdworth.

Chairman