

NOTES of AREA FORUM EAST

11th December 2014

Area Forum East met at 6.30pm in NWBC Council Chamber

Present: County Councillor C Clark – Chair
County Councillor N Dirveiks,
Borough Councillors M Davis, D Pickard, L Dirveiks, K Johnston

In Attendance: A Rigby – WCC; R Beggs - NWBC
PCSOs L Udall, S Fretter, C Murray – Warks Police
R Jones – Office of Police & Crime Commissioner
M Shaw – Atherstone TC; T Hopkins – Mancetter PC
R Cockayne, N Ritchie, J Marshall, N Dyson, B Macrow, P Macrow, D
Atkin, D McMurdo, J McMurdo

1. Apologies for Absence.

PC Baxter, T Wykes, T De Kretser, R Jarvis, M Singh Gill,

2. Notes and Matters Arising of the meeting held on 11th September 2014

Minutes were agreed. Matters Arising:

T Hopkins updated on A5 cross-border Parish Council discussions to put pressure on Highway Agency to improve road safety around the Mancetter traffic island.

Market Street, Atherstone request made for engineer to relook at engineering solutions to improve road safety. Report that 3 street lights on Market Street are not working.

T Hopkins satisfied with the response received from NWBC on organisation of Badgers Road Race 2014.

3. Police Update

PCSO Udall presented the Safer Neighbourhoods Team update. The following comments were made:

- New PCSO Sarah Fretter for Mancetter & Hartshill
- Police making enquiries following damage to shop windows in Atherstone town centre
- A mobile camera could be used to monitor people hanging around Friars Walk. Permission from church is needed to mount camera.
- Parking congestion Grange Road, Hartshill around Malt Shovel public house on Sunday's
- Speeding Nuneaton Road, Mancetter by Anchor public house and Brockwell timber merchant
- Parking outside Michael Drayton School at drop off / pick up times
- Ray Cockayne, resident to find volunteers for Community Speed Watch

R Beggs updated on the Community Safety Partnership's work.

- The group of youths causing problems in Atherstone town centre has been supported to join local youth projects including B.E.A.T.S (11-25 year old Youth Music project)
- Warwickshire Rural Watch scheme – tackling rural crime across the borough.
www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk

Three priorities were chosen:

Priority: Anti-social behaviour by youths in Atherstone Town Centre hotspots

Priority: Speeding along Harpers Lane & Mancetter Road, Mancetter

Priority: Speeding through Ridge Lane

4. Introduction to Canal & River Trust and Hartshill Yard

Item deferred to next meeting as officer taken ill.

5. Tell us your issues

Atherstone Rail Users Group met with Department for Transport. In May 2015 the London Midland franchise ends with a two year rolling programme to May 2017. Request for local authorities to publically support retention of current train service and timetable.

6. Any other business

Update on progress of Hartshill bus layby at next meeting.
WCC Councillor Grant Fund still open to applications.

7. Suggestions for items / themes for next meeting

Introduction to Canal & River Trust and Hartshill Yard
Warwickshire Rural Watch Scheme

8. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 26th February 2015 at Hartshill Community Centre