

NOTES of AREA FORUM EAST

12 September 2013

The Area Forum East met at 6.30pm Hartshill Community Centre

Present: County Councillor A McLauchlan - Chair
County Councillor N Dirveiks
Borough Councillors, T Wykes, L Dirveiks, M Davis, K Johnston, D Pickard

In Attendance: A Rigby, L Hargreaves – WCC; S Cox – NWBC
PC Carter, PCSO L Udall, SS Dave Turner 3114 and Megan Evans 3876, – Warks Police
M Shaw – Atherstone TC; T Hopkins, J Marshall – Mancetter PC
J Randle – Hartshill PC
D McMurdo, J McMurdo, R Cockayne, R Herd, M Bell, J Lapworth, N Bailey, K Griffiths, P Moore, M Flick, B Paintin, A Gad, C Fox

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from T De Kretser, D Atkin, A Forwood

2. Notes and Matters Arising of the meeting held on 11th June 2013

Notes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Police Update

PC Carter presented the Safer Neighbourhoods Team update. The following comments were made:

- Phil Moore, Road Safety Officer, Warwickshire Police
- Hartshill Hayes access gate by cemetery could be upgraded to a RADAR gate.
- St Mary's church porch being used as a place to loiter
- Friar's Gate - Holte Road alley way, Atherstone. Trim trees around street light
- Investigate 17T weight limit on canal bridge Atherstone Road, Hartshill
- Inconsiderate driving by Tarmac Lafarge lorries to be reported to Quarry site manager tel. 01827 712324
- Antisocial behaviour -Rowan Centre & HSBC car park, Ratcliffe Rd, Atherstone
- Inconsiderate parking – Market Street / Church Street, Atherstone Town Centre
- Off road motorcycles using Hartshill Hayes
- Parking - Church Close, Hartshill. Police to speak to Head, Michael Drayton School. Cllr McLauchlan to speak to Highways, WCC
- Scene of Crime Investigators are less likely to attend crimes in outbuildings as evidence is harder to gather

Three priorities chosen:

Priority: ASB around Market Square and St Mary's Church, Atherstone

Priority: Parking around The Green & Grange Road, Hartshill

Priority: Speeding on Manor Road & Margaret Road, Mancetter

Carol Fox introduced herself as the local area Community Safety Ambassador reporting back community issues relating to crime to Ron Ball, Police & Crime Commissioner. Contact email: carolfox@northwarks.gov.uk

4. New household recycling service

Sophie Cox, NWBC demonstrated the new borough-wide recycling scheme that starts on 21 October. Full details are in a special 'recycling' issue of North Talk. Local drop-in sessions have been organised to help answer residents' queries.

6.30 – 8.30pm 15 October Council Office, Atherstone

6.30 – 8.30pm 16 October Hartshill Community Centre

New red top recycling bins will be delivered to every household from 23 September

5. George Eliot Hospital – outcome from Keogh Review & sustainability future project

R Herd, Non-executive director, George Eliot Hospital (GEH) gave an update. Keogh inspection recommended an increase in pace of improvements towards operating a full seven day a week service.

Approval granted by NHS Trust Development Agency for the hospital to seek a partner organisation to secure a sustainable future for GEH

Paediatric day care provision has increased with 10 full time equivalent

paediatricians employed. There is no longer an inpatient paediatric service

Friends & family independent survey has revealed that 84% of patients are extremely likely to recommend GEH services.

The following comments were made:

Concern that families are not being kept informed of patients' condition

Request to keep public up to date on progress to secure a partner by March 2015

Comments & complaints by the public about GEH can be made to Security Board, (Health & Public Care), NWBC.

6. Local Funding opportunities

Alistair Rigby, WCC promoted the Councillor Grant Fund, WCC. Each County Councillor has £5,000 to support local groups in their area. Closing date 1st October.

Community Computers , WCC is recycling computers including 100 laptops free to community groups and Parish Councils. Closing date 1st November

More information: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grants

7. Tell us your issues

Castle Road, Hartshill concerns about personal safety from part night lighting

More information: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/partnightlightingmap

Request to review 60mph speed limit between Ridge Lane and Birchley Heath

Request for bus lay-by and pedestrian crossing on Church Road, Hartshill

Improvements discussed for Woodford Lane / A5 junction to improve road safety

Fencing down around Mancetter playing field

8. Any other business

None

9. Suggestions for items / themes for next meeting

None

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 3 December 2013 – Mancetter Memorial Hall