



**Area Forum East**  
**Queen Elizabeth School & Sports College**  
**(Upper School Hall), Witherley Road, Atherstone,**  
**CV9 1AE**

**Tuesday 12 June 2012**

**1.45pm** – Main Meeting with pupils from QE School, Atherstone

- 1. Welcome from the Chair, Cllr Fox**
- 2. Police & Young People discussion**
- 3. Broadband consultation**

**3.00pm** – **Surgery Session**

A chance to talk to councillors, council staff and the Police about issues you might have

**3.15pm**

- 4. Apologies, Minutes/You said We Did (update on issues raised at last meeting)**
- 5. Safer Neighbourhoods Update:**  
Safer Neighbourhoods Team  
Police Authority update
- 6. Tell us your issues** - An opportunity for issues of local concern to be raised (Please contact Jo Giblin if you wish to speak)
- 7. North Warwickshire Borough Council Update:**  
Core Strategy  
Area Forum Fund  
Reps on Outside Bodies
- 8. Any Other Business**
- 9. Suggestions for items/themes for the next meeting**
- 10. Date of next meeting:**  
Tuesday 18 September 2012; Tuesday 20 November 2012

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## MINUTES AREA FORUM EAST

7 February 2012

The Area Forum East met at 6.30pm Partnership Centre,  
Coleshill Road, Atherstone

**Present:** County Councillor / Police Authority - Carol Fox  
County Councillor M Shaw

Borough Councillors: L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, L Freer, D Pickard, T Wykes, A Forwood

**In Attendance:** A Rigby, T de Kretser, L Hargreaves - Warwickshire CC  
R Beggs - North Warwickshire BC  
PC Carter, Sgt Fildes, PCSO T Smith – Warks Police  
H Norgrove – NHS Warwickshire  
D Clews, R Jarvis - Atherstone TC  
B Hanson – Mancetter PC  
D Bates, A Murray, K Harper, L Hanson, C Ardbury, D Atkin

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Hartshill PC, K Johnston, J Randle, A Macchi, M Singh

**2. Minutes and Matters Arising of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

A Rigby presented 'You said – We did' reporting back on the actions from the last meeting that were followed up by Warwickshire County Council, (WCC) and NHS Warwickshire. This included Mancetter Extra Care development; faster broadband consultation and update on local Public Health projects

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.

**3. Police Update**

Safer Neighbourhoods Team

PC L Carter, Beat Manager for SNT East fed back on Police activity over the last 3 months including the three priorities chosen at the last meeting. The presentation can be viewed at [www.northwarks.gov.uk](http://www.northwarks.gov.uk) via the link for meetings and minutes.

General points raised by PC L Carter:

Little interest locally in Pub Watch scheme

Shop Watch / Radio Link scheme to be offered to shop keepers. 16-20 radios purchased in 2002. Need funding to replace batteries

PCSO T Smith, Safer Schools Officer based at Hartshill School introduced herself. Robert Beggs, NWBC announced new indoor skate park on Carlyon Road, Atherstone to open in March.

D Atkin, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator to circulate minutes of meetings to Parish Councils / Residents Associations for posting on local noticeboards. And to circulate through the Forums.

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

Comments made:

- Atherstone shop keepers concern for safety especially around end of day when cashing up
- Cross border work in Chapel End with Nuneaton team to address anti-social behaviour and with SNT South to address nuisance motorcycles on Bretts Hall estate
- Police to continue monitoring use of cones by retailers in Long Street, & Coleshill Road, Atherstone
- Police to look out for off-road motorcyclists around 3M site, Atherstone
- Police to monitor parking outside Nathaniel Newton School, Hartshill
- Councillors to look at ways to support the police in reducing the fear of crime
- Approach to Co-Op to remove alcove on Long Street
- Request for the 'Sold' sign to be removed from police station / former Magistrate Court site, Atherstone
- Request to find a venue for Atherstone boxing club

Priorities for next 3 months:

**Priority:** Fear of crime – Increase officer presence and more effective use of CCTV in Atherstone town centre

**Priority:** ASB - Chapel End, Hartshill

**Priority:** Fear of crime – Increase officer presence at recreation area and shops, Mancetter

#### Police Authority

Update given by Cllr C Fox.

Police Authority considering proposal to raise share of Council Tax bill by 3.9% which equates to 36 additional police officer posts across the county.

Police Authority and NWBC finalising lease with solicitors for Safer Neighbourhood Teams to move into Old Bank House, Atherstone in April.

Conditional offer has been accepted on sale of police station / former Magistrate Court site, Atherstone. Planning application could be submitted in 2 / 3 months.

#### **4. Tell us your issues**

Request for better promotion of future consultation events around the Mancetter Extra Care scheme, Mancetter.

Request for enforcement on individuals / businesses to remove wheelie bins from pavements in Atherstone town centre after collection day.

David Bates, Youth Worker, WAYC ( Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs) announced a new youth project in Mancetter. 'Mancetter Youth Futures' is an 18 month project supported by LEADER funding to engage and support young people. The project offers a youth setting at St Peter's Church, Mancetter 6.30 – 8.30pm on Mondays (term time only). Sessions are free and include snacks and drinks.

The project is looking for volunteers to train and help deliver the project.

## **5. George Eliot Hospital Trust**

Heather Norgrove, Director of Stakeholder Engagement presented the Trust's ambition to seek a strategic alliance with a similar organisation in order to secure Foundation Status.

Further information and a questionnaire is available at [www.geh.nhs.uk](http://www.geh.nhs.uk) Otherwise call tel. 024 76 865383 for a questionnaire. A wealth of information has been posted on the hospital's website to give people all the background information.

In a separate piece of work being led by the Coventry & Warwickshire Primary Care Trust public consultation is planned for the future of women's and children's services at George Eliot Hospital.

The George Eliot Hospital Trust has proposed a preferred model of services to be provided by the hospital which will be considered by Coventry & Warwickshire Primary Care Trust before wider consultation begins

## **6. Funding: Queen's Diamond Jubilee grants (NWBC)**

Borough Councillors agreed to make available £3,300 to support local communities celebrate The Queen's diamond jubilee. They agreed to divide the pot equally between the communities of Atherstone, Mancetter (inc Ridge Lane) and Hartshill.

Funding would support up to 6 constituted groups provide community based activities (£500) and up to 3 groups / individuals put on a street party (£100).

## **7. Any other business**

Look into opportunity of Portas Pilot competition launched by Local Government Minister Grant Shapps.

## **8. Suggestions for items / themes for next meeting**

None.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, 12 June 2012

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Area Forum Fund

**Recommendations**

- a) That the three eligible applications to the Area Forum Fund be given consideration by Borough Council Members as indicated in the report; and,
- b) That Members note the awards that have been made under the two Queen's Diamond Jubilee Grant award schemes.

**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 the applications 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 East is £8,000. A sum of £3,341 has been brought forward from the 2011/12 budget, resulting in a total sum of £11,341 being available for disbursement at this meeting.
- 3.2 Three eligible applications have been received for consideration at the meeting. The applicants have requested financial assistance in a cumulative total sum of £4,747.

### **4 Applications for Consideration**

#### **4.1 Friends of Atherstone Heritage**

- 4.1.1 The aims of Friends of Atherstone Heritage are to protect the local history of Atherstone and the surrounding villages and to make information held by the organisation easily available to the general public.
- 4.1.2 The Friends of Atherstone Heritage has recently taken possession of a warehouse that is providing storage space for its archives. The organisation wishes to develop a study centre that will be open to the public. The grant will be used to purchase a computer, software, chairs, rugs and various other items of equipment to make the centre usable by the public. The total cost of the project is £2,662. The Friends is providing the 30% match funding and is requesting a sum of £1,865 from the Forum Fund.

#### **4.2 Recommendation to the Forum**

- 4.2.1 The project links to the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities of Raising Educational Attainment, Aspirations and Skills and Improving Access to Services. It is recommended, therefore, that Members give consideration to awarding the project the requested award of £1,865.

### **4.3 Mancetter Parish Council**

4.3.1 In celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and with the aim of encouraging unity between the villages of Mancetter and Ridge Lane, Mancetter Parish Council wishes to plant six Parottica Persica Pendula Trees along the perimeter of Mancetter Cemetery. Additionally, wild flower seeds will be scattered on the "overflow" field, which is to be used as a burial ground in future years. This will create an area for quiet contemplation for local visitors. The total cost of the project is £804, towards which the Parish Council has requested the sum of £402 from the Area Forum Fund.

### **4.4 Recommendation to the Forum**

4.4.1 The project links to the Sustainable Community Strategy priority of Developing Healthier Communities. It is recommended, therefore, that Members give consideration to awarding the project the requested sum of £402.

### **4.5 Mancetter Village Community Association**

4.5.1 Mancetter Village Community Association was set up in 2004 to promote the interests of the people living in the Mancetter area. The Association intends to bring people together through the provision of activities, shows and events.

4.5.2 To be able to provide good quality events the Association is requesting funding toward an events marquee, heavy duty traffic cones (to mark off an area and provide direction for the public) and folding trestle tables for stalls. The total cost of the project is £3,750. The Community Association is providing £1,270 towards the project and is requesting a sum of £2,480 from the Area Forum Fund.

## **5 Recommendation to the Forum**

5.1 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 sum of £2,480.

## **6 Area Forum Fund – Financial Implications**

6.1 If Members grant the requests in the sums indicated in the report (a total of £4,747), the Forum will have £6,594 to carry forward for consideration at its meeting to be held in November. The next deadline for applications to be considered by the Forum is 1 September 2012.

## **7 Diamond Jubilee Grant Awards**

7.1 At the meeting of Full Council held in February 2012, Members recommended that a sum of £5,000 for each Area Forum be made available from balances as a one-off additional allocation to help fund local community and parish celebrations on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

- 7.2 Two grant award schemes were offered. Community Events grants of £500 were provided to constituted groups to support events that were open to the public. The smaller £100 Jubilee Street Party awards were provided to residents and groups wishing to hold “closed” celebratory parties. The attached table identifies all of the awards from Area Forum East that have been made under these two grant schemes.
- 7.3 The award scheme proved to be very successful and became oversubscribed. As a consequence, Members took the decision to close the scheme from 11 May 2012. A total of six Community Events and 12 Jubilee Parties have been awarded funding in Area Forum East. These awards have resulted in a Jubilee Grant underspend of £800 in Area Forum East. This has been split equally between the other Forums which all overspent their Jubilee Grant allocation.

**North Warwickshire Borough Council  
Queen's Diamond Jubilee Grants**

**Community Events**

<b>Organisation / Resident</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant</b>
Mancetter Village Community Association	Transport from Outlying Villages for Events to be held on 02 and 03 June	500
Atherstone Community Carnival	Atherstone Market Square Street Party on 04 June	500
Alex Community Café	Jubilee Event at Alexander Court on 03 June	500
Hartshill Ladies Group	Indoor Jubilee Party on 31 May 2012	500
Atherstone Royal Jubilee Funday Group	Jubilee Fun Day and Carnival on 02 June	500
St Mary's PCC, Atherstone	A Jubilee Festival of Music and Flowers on 15 and 16 September	500

**Jubilee Parties**

Resident	The Spinney, Mancetter, Street Party on 04 June	100
WI & Youth Club in Ridge Lane	Village Jubilee Celebration on 05 June	100
Atherstone District Gateway Club	Jubilee Party for Members at Age UK building on 31 May	100
Hartshill Over 50's Club	Jubilee Party at Hartshill Community Centre on 06 June	100
Resident	Walnut Drive, Mancetter, Street Party on 05 June	100
The Grove Sport and Social Club, Atherstone	Whist Drive Jubilee Party on 05 June	100
Drayton Court Community Panel, Hartshill	Residents Jubilee Party on 08 June	100
Mancetter WI	Mancetter WI Jubilee Celebratory Event at St Peters Church, Mancetter on 06 June	100
Atherstone and District Social Club for the Blind	Jubilee Party at the Purley Chase Centre on 30 May	100
Atherstone Pensioners Convention	Diamond Jubilee Buffet Celebration at The British Legion Club in Atherstone on 19 June	100
Resident	Merevale Road, Atherstone, Street Party on 04 June	100
Resident	Alder Court, Atherstone, Residents Jubilee Party on 03 June	100

**Total 4,200**

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Representation on Outside Bodies

**Recommendation**

**That the Forum make recommendations for appointments to the outside bodies listed in the report.**

**1 Introduction**

1.1 The Borough Council has requested that Area Forums be consulted for recommendations for appointments to the outside bodies 'local' to the area covered by this Area Forum.

1.2 The Area Forum is invited to recommend to the Borough Council the appointment of representatives to the following outside bodies:-

**Hartshill Hayes Country Park Advisory Committee  
Rowan Organisation**

1.3 The memberships previously comprised:-

**Hartshill Hayes Country Park Advisory Committee – Councillor Wykes –  
Substitute:- Councillor Johnston  
Rowan Organisation – Councillor Forwood**

1.4 The appointments are made for a period of one year expiring in May 2013.

The Contact Officer for this report is Amanda Tonks (719221).