

## **Note of the Area Forum East meeting held at Queen Elizabeth School & Sports College, Atherstone on Tuesday, 12 June 2012**

### **Present:**

Borough and County Councillor Fox in the Chair. Borough Councillors Davis, Ferro, Forwood, Freer, Wykes, Humphreys

### **In Attendance:**

M Gibbins, J Giblin, A Rigby, L Hargreaves, C Page, M Pitkin, Tejay De Kretser – Warwickshire County Council. D Barratt, R Beggs, D Harris – North Warwickshire Borough Council. PS Fildes, PC Carter PCSO Careless, PCSO Mander and PCSO Wynder – Warwickshire Police. Mary Roberts, Tony Wilmot, Rebecca Hill, Representatives from School Council, Year 7 class, Year 8 class – Queen Elisabeth School. E Peapell – Arden Cluster NHS. G Davis, A Wright – Atherstone Town Council. T Hopkins, K Meads – Mancetter Parish Council, J Barsby, E Barsley, A Dug, B Hiath, J Holland, T O'Neill, M Triss, S Wilson

### **1 Police and Young People Discussion**

Councillors led discussions around tables with pupils and police on the local issues concerning young people. Each table was asked to look at one of the following issues: bullying, alcohol & drugs, parks, places to go

All issues were recorded and actions taken would be reported back to the pupils via the school.

Pupils helped to decide on one police priority:  
Anti social behaviour along Alley Way beside Tannery Close

### **2 Broadband Consultation**

Chris Page, WCC gave a visual presentation focusing on what young people use broadband for: music downloads, homeworking etc. Chris also showed a video comparing travel speeds between broadband and other modes of transport. He highlighted the benefits for communities and local business having superfast broadband. Chris emphasised the importance for everyone to support the project and show a demand for broadband services locally. This includes completing a questionnaire and appointing yourself as a local broadband champion.

### **3 Safer Neighbourhoods**

As part of the Safer Neighbourhoods Update the following priorities were agreed:-

- ASB along Alley Way beside Tannery Close
- Fear of crime – Increase officer presence and more effective use of CCTV in Atherstone town centre
- ASB - Chapel End, Hartshill

#### 4 **Police Authority Update**

Carol Fox, Police Authority confirmed the election date for the Crime Commissioner – 15 November and the dissolution date of the Police Authority – 22 November.

#### 5 **Tell us your issues**

Questions raised in response to Arden Cluster – NHS Coventry & NHS Warwickshire consultation by Mrs Hiatt

- Regarding closure of Catrina ward, can UHCW really cope with intake of further patients?
- Does the PCT understand the impact this closure will have on local families?
- Why can't you revert back to having children taken to George Eliot by blue light ambulate instead of going straight to UHCW?
- Doesn't the PCT feel they are discriminating against children by closing Catrina ward, whilst still providing care for all other age groups on the George Eliot site?
- Could the PCT make public meetings more known to general public? e.g. articles in newspapers, radio and television?

**Mrs Holland** raised the following:

- number of bins being left out by residents after they are emptied and asks whether we have the powers to fine people for doing this.
- number of weeds around the area where she lives and in particular around the Wilson and Stafford factory – none of which appear to have been sprayed.
- amount of dog mess in the area.
- the state of the road between Long Street and South Street where Gisbourne's shop and Royal Mail are situated

#### 6 **North Warwickshire Borough Council Update**

- **Core Strategy**

Mike Dittman (NWBC) reported that the public consultation on the Local Development Framework had commenced and ends on 23 August 2012. The LDF comprises a number of documents including the Core Strategy which set out the long term vision for North Warwickshire and the strategic policies required to deliver the vision. A display and copies of the documents were available at the meeting.

Mike explained that this is the last opportunity for individuals to give their thoughts on the Strategy, and urged residents to look at the documents provided and forward any questions they may have to Forward Planning at NWBC ([forwardplanning@northwarks.gov.uk](mailto:forwardplanning@northwarks.gov.uk)).

- **Area Forum Fund**

The Borough Councillors noted the awards made under the two Queen's Diamond Jubilee grant awards schemes.

Borough Councillors were then asked to consider the eligible applications to the Area Forum Fund.

**Resolved:**

**That the applications to the Area Forum Fund be awarded as outlined in the report.**

- **Reps on Outside Bodies**

**Resolved:**

Borough Councillors agreed to keep the same appointments as last year.

**7 AOB**

Request for update on Mancetter Extra Care project and future of Bracebridge Court Residential Home

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 18 September 2012. Venue to be arranged.