



## **Area Forum East**

The Partnership Centre, Coleshill Road  
Atherstone, CV9 1BN

**Thursday 21 July 2011**

### **AGENDA**

#### **6.00 – 6.30 – Surgery Session**

Please come along and talk to Councillors, Council Staff and the Police about issues you might have.

#### **6.30 – Main Meeting**

- 1 Welcome from the Chair, Cllr Carol Fox**
- 2 Apologies/Minutes/You said We Did (update on issues raised at last meeting)**
- 3 Safer Neighbourhoods update**
- 4 Police Authority – Cllr Carol Fox**
- 5 Tell us your issues - An opportunity for issues of local concern to be raised (Please contact Jo Roberts if you wish to speak)**
- 6 Updates:-**
  - **HS2 (WCC & NWBC)**
  - **Libraries and Youth Service (WCC)**
  - **Funding News (WCC)**
- 7 Representatives on Outside Bodies (NWBC)**
- 8 Any other Business**
- 9 Suggestions for items/themes for the next meeting**
- 10 Date of next meeting:**  
Thursday 6 October 2011

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## MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM EAST

14 April 2011

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

**Present:** Borough Councillor M Davis in the Chair

County Councillor / Police Authority - C Fox

County Councillor M Shaw

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

**In Attendance:** A Rigby, B Perks - Warwickshire CC  
S Maxey, C Bridges - North Warwickshire BC  
Sgt Fildes, PC Carter, PCSO Hoskin, Mander, Smith – Warks Police  
R Robinson – NHS Warwickshire  
R Jarvis, G Davis, A Wright - Atherstone TC; J Randle - Hartshill PC; T Hopkins – Mancetter PC; R Barrow, M Horner, D Atkin, G Hieke

### 1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from M Davey, D Clews, K Johnston, A Macchi, N Dirveiks, S Healy, A Newth, J Marshall

### 2. Minutes and Matters Arising of the meeting held on 11 January 2011

The minutes were agreed as a true record with following amendments: record Cllr D Pickard as present and remove J Randle from attendance list.

The results of the UK Youth Parliament elections open to secondary school pupils returned 4 members to Youth Parliament and 4 deputies. No representatives from North Warwickshire. Local young people were elected to North Warwickshire Youth Council. They are: Abigale Jackson, Connor Ealing, Debbie Horton. Over 2500 North Warwickshire pupils took part in the elections which also recorded their key issues. They are: Relationships, sex education; Drugs, alcohol & smoking.

14 pupils from QE School, Atherstone have joined the Young Firefighters at Atherstone Fire Station. They have begun a 15 week course to improve life skills.

New weight limit signs to go up on B4116 and on Sheepy Road to restrict HGV movement through Atherstone.

New pedestrian crossing in place on Coleshill Road, opposite School Hill, Hartshill.

Beeline Community Transport have received a further year's funding from both the County and Borough Councils.

New local bus service for Atherstone to be announced shortly – bringing in residents from Mancetter and neighbouring estates in Atherstone to the town centre.

A request was raised to clarify the proposed changes to bus services for Piccadilly.

### 3. Safer Neighbourhoods Update

PC Leon Carter is the new Beat Manager for SNT East. PC Carter highlighted the local changes of the new police model that will take effect from 9 May. Some changes have already happened: the local restructuring of SNT staff led by Sgt Fildes and live briefings and updates from police HQ to local stations.

Police activity in the local area over the last 3 months was reported back as well as a summary of the progress to address the Area Forum priorities chosen at the last meeting. A 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.

Other work highlighted:

- To set up more Neighbourhood Watch Schemes locally
- Use of Community Pay-back scheme to remove graffiti from Atherstone, Mancetter, Hartshill
- Arrest of serial burglar
- Focus on business thefts at Dobbies and Brobot premises

The North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment 2010/11 summary was highlighted. Copies of which were circulated at the Forum meeting. The success of Soloman Theatre group workshops to all secondary schools in North Warwickshire was shared.

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

Comments made:

- Investigate signage outside Costcutter, Hartshill encouraging parking outside shop
- Request for police to attend Parish Council meetings
- Check licences of local scrap metal collectors
- Parking on footpaths - Little Church Walk, Atherstone opposite school & Willow Close, Chapel End

Priorities for next 3 months:

**Priority:** Parking - Long Street, Atherstone

**Priority:** ASB - Under age drinking in PH, Atherstone town centre

**Priority:** Speeding – Coleshill Road, Chapel End

**4. Police Authority**

Cllr Fox reported on the move of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (North & East) from Atherstone police station to Old Bank House, NWBC in the near future and reported on the approach with West Mercia Police Force for a common strategic alliance.

The Atherstone police front desk is now at the One Stop Shop, NWBC. Trained Borough Council staff are the first point of contact for the public when requesting a police service.

Cllr Fox to look in to the queuing system to speak to a police officer.

**5. Health & Wellbeing in North Warwickshire**

Rachel Robinson, NHS Warwickshire Public Health, presented a case history as background to a presentation highlighting the key health issues for North Warwickshire.

These were: increasing numbers of alcohol related hospital admissions; higher level of obese children in reception classes compared to the county average; higher level of families in fuel poverty compared to the county average.

R Robinson emphasised the role of the Public Health agenda in preventing illness and improving general health by drawing a link between deprivation, education, healthiness and overall life expectancy.

Comments made:

- Request for life expectancy data comparing the borough with county and Nuneaton and Bedworth figures
- Link between individuals on low incomes buying inferior foods and levels of obesity

R Robinson to circulate Annual Report from Director of Public Health and highlight health issues and actions that the Forum could help to address.

**6. Volunteer Centre North Warwickshire**

M Horner, Project Officer and Cllr L Dirveiks, Trustee presented the core functions of the Volunteer Centre which includes a brokerage service matching volunteers to placements and development of volunteer opportunities. The presentation highlighted a number of successful projects including 'Garden Buddy Scheme', 'North Warwickshire's Got Talent' and gave an overview of strategic planning for the future.

**7. Tell us your issues**

In response to a question about changes to traffic calming measures on Witherley Road, Atherstone, Cllr Fox replied that the road is a priority for speed cameras, should the County Council provide a budget for installing new cameras.

In response to a question on the future of the Youth Service, proposals are currently out to consultation to changes on the future use of premises. The consultation deadline is 16 May.

**8. HS2 update**

B Perks gave an update on the consultation process that closes on 29 July. HS2 Ltd is holding one public event on 11 June at The Link, Water Orton. For more information online go to:

<http://highspeedrail.dft.gov.uk>

The lack of public events in North Warwickshire has been challenged with HS2 Ltd. Meanwhile local action groups are being encouraged to host their own public meetings to give more opportunity to local people to find out more and have their say.

**9. Area Forum Fund update (NWBC)**

No applications received. Next deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> August. There is a pot of £8,000 to fund local projects.

**10. Any other business**

A national scheme rating Environmental Health inspections of food outlets has been launched.

[www.food.gov.uk/ratings](http://www.food.gov.uk/ratings)

A request was made to check licences of gold buying and loan giving businesses in Atherstone.

**11. Items for next meeting**

None.

**12. Date of next meeting**

Thursday, 21 July 2011.

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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 2012.

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