



Community Forum Action Notes



Forum: Belle Vale and Hayley Green & Cradley South

Date and time: Monday 22nd November, 2021 at 6.30pm

Venue: Online on Microsoft Teams

Attendance: Councillors: Councillors Daniel Bevan, Simon Phipps, Peter Dobb, Ruth Buttery, Ian Bevan and Andrea Goddard.

Officers: Charlotte Fletcher, Davinder Tiwana, Carol Tromans (Dudley Council Public Health) and Mandy Wilcox (Area Liaison Officer); Police: Sargent Stephen Crowe
Members of the public: 6

1. Welcome and introduction to the meeting

Welcome and introductions were made.

2. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

Councillor Simon Phipps was appointed as Chair of the forum and Councillor Peter Dobb as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the 2021/22 municipal year.

3. Apologies and declarations of interest

None given or raised.



4. Communities Together

Subject

Action/Response

An in-depth conversation had taken place surrounding traffic, parking of cars and coaches in Halesowen and surrounding the College site.

Councillors confirmed that discussions had taken place with the coach company, however, very little progress had been made due to the response from the company.

Discussions with Halesowen College were positive, however, due to the steps involved there was a time frame. The Police confirmed that they were working with the College. The Police encouraged more involvement with the Council, College and other parties.

Discussions included action being taken at Lutley Primary School.

The Police offered their assistance with regard to this.

Compliments were given by a member of the public regarding the work for Keep Halesowen Beautiful, in particular on Remembrance Sunday.

Noted.

Compliments were given by the Police for the switch on of Christmas lights. Councillor Phipps thanked Halesowen BID and the Council's Communications and Public Affairs Team for their hard work.

Noted.

The 1st Halesowen Scout Group were offering coffee and cake on 16th December 2021 from 2pm to 4pm at its premises at Elizabeth Road, Halesowen B63 4BG to raise funds for a dementia charity.

Davinder agreed to promote this event.

It was reported that the Scout Group would be providing 100 free Christmas meals for vulnerable elderly people. Please contact Ian Dale on 07970 560463.

Noted

5. Police update and discussion

Subject

Action/Response

Sargent Crowe gave a general report on crime and disorder issues and confirmed that two new PCs had been recruited within his team and that this would be very helpful.

Noted.

A query was raised about increased burglaries in Hasbury.

In response the Police advised that crime rate was low in the Halesowen/Hasbury area, however, with the darker nights and connections to surrounding areas, issues could be on the increase.

The Police suggested that people increased their own security and tht the public should call and raise issues to be the “eyes and ears”. Residents were encouraged to report incidents via 101 or live chat, which was quicker and was picked up at Halesowen Station – <https://west-midlands.police.uk/contact-us/live-chat>

It was recommended that residents considered keeping car keys in fridge or microwave and having steering locks.

6. Community form funding

A funding report was presented regarding the funding applications agreed since the last meeting of the forum. No funding applications were considered at the meeting, however, Councillor Phipps encouraged all to consider contacts within local community groups to make people aware that there was money available, providing that the necessary criteria were met.

The remaining balance of funding available was confirmed at the meeting.

7. Arrangements for next meeting

This round of community forums, which were being held online, would be evaluated before a decision was made on the format of future meetings and a date for the next meeting set. Links to a survey and to a review session were shared to enable participants to provide feedback.

Meeting ended at: 7.45pm

