



Community Forum Action Notes



Forum: Kingswinford North and Wall Heath, Kingswinford South and Wordsley

Date and time: 20th January 2020 at 6.30pm

Venue: Royal British Legion, Summerhill, Kingswinford

Attendance: Councillor M Rogers (Chair)
Councillors L Johnson, D Harley, P Harley, D Tyler, P Miller, K Lewis,
E Lawrence

Officers/Police: Jayne Catley (Area Liaison Officer), Linzi Pearson
(Community Development Worker), PCSO Hickman and PCSO Harris

Members of the public: 35

1. Apologies and declarations of interest: Apology from Councillor N Richards

2. Police and Communities Together

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action/Response</u>
Incidents in Ploverdale Crescent. Particularly break ins, vehicle crime, youths racing in front of cars, trying the doors.	Police patrol regularly in cars. A request was made for 'bobbies on the beat' – the Police recommend that members of the public request foot patrols from West Midlands Police.
Question raised regarding what happens to reports from Community Forums once the Police take back to the Sargent.	Noted. People were encouraged to sign up to street watch.
Query regarding what the law deems to be 'reasonable' when confronting thieves.	Police advised that there were no guidelines regarding the term 'reasonable' and that people should not confront thieves or put themselves in danger.

3. Listening to you

Subject

Wall Heath Ladies Choir gave feedback regarding a funding grant. Helping other organisations within the community. Thanks given to the Council.

A resident spent £4,800 to repair a roof. Request was made for the Council to remove the Preservation Order on the trees in Barton Lane. The resident advised he would be going to the national press with these concerns.

A query was raised regarding 800 houses being built by South Staffordshire District Council on the periphery of the Borough and if the Council had any jurisdiction to have a say in what is being build.

Action/Response

Received very positively.

Noted. A question form was completed and to be passed to Green Care by Area Liaison Officer for response.

It was advised that South Staffordshire District Council were doing a review of the land that they hold, normally annual activity regarding area plans and were picking up potential shortfalls in housing land. Dudley MBC could enter into conversations with neighbouring authorities regarding strains on local services.

4. Working with you

Subject

No items raised.

Action/Response

Noted.

5. Funding

Applicant

Dudley Sports Bowling Club at Kingswinford Park. Requesting £5,000 to build shelters; wide range of supported social activities for members; offers services to a wide sector of the community.

Recommendation

Approval of £5,000 to be divided between Kingswinford North and Wall Heath community allocation and Kingswinford South Ward community allocation - £2,500 each

50 Plus Club. Requesting grant of £900 for its 36 members for social activities; combats loneliness for elderly people; members pay members fees, however it does not cover running cost of the operations.

Approval of £1,500 from Wordsley Ward community allocation.

6. Next Meeting

6.30pm on 23rd March, 2020. Venue to be confirmed.

Meeting ended at: 7:30pm