



Community Forum Action Notes



Forum: Kingswinford North, Kingswinford South & Wallheath and Wordsley

Date and time: Wednesday 12th March 2018 at 6.30pm

Venue: Royal British Legion, Kingswinford

Attendance: Councillors Peter Miller (chair), Ed Lawrence (vice-chair), Paul Brothwood, Kerry Lewis, Dave Tyler, Luke Johnson, Matt Rogers, Nicola Johnson and Patrick Harley
Officers/police: Carol Tromans, Jayne Catley, Sergeant Alex Sobolewski and PCSO Jim Keeley
Members of the public (number):

1. Apologies and declarations of interest: None

2. Police and Communities Together

| <u>Subject</u> | <u>Action/Response</u> |
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| Crime figures for the end of the year indicate that this area is one of the lowest within the borough. | |
| The top issue was vehicle crime | Sergeant reported that there had been 8 custody arrests |
| There continue to be ASB issues at both McDonalds and Wordsley Green | The police continue to monitor this |
| A resident also added that there were drug issues in the alleyway next to his home and asked that the Police send a patrol to investigate | Sergeant confirmed he would look into this and do their best given the resources at their disposal. He also encouraged people to report using 101. |

3. Vision for Dudley Borough

Following lots of conversations with different people, an initial version of the vision for the borough in 2030 had been drafted. Attendees at the forum were given the

opportunity to contribute and were encouraged to take part in a big conversation about the vision to be launched during March.

4. Listening to you

Subject

A resident asked for an update with regard to the shops in Sandringham Place in Wordsley asking if there had been any further development with regard to Co-Op taking occupation.

The residents (Mr Leddinton) behind the trees in Barton Lane in Kingswinford asked again if the Council could assist in forcing Taylor Wimpey to remove some very high trees.

Mr Kevin Billingham asked that the 'dog fence' around the play area on King George the V park be reinstated as dog fouling was escalating and starting to have an impact upon the surface itself

The Forum asked for a breakdown of all the committed monies for the next meeting

Action/Response

Cllr Brothwood explained that there was progress and the sale should be happening sometime soon

Cllr Harley confirmed that the Council had made a formal complaint to Taylor Wimpey in line with the high hedge legislation and would update the forum when a response had been received.

Jayne Catley informed that a service request for this would be raised by DC+ the following morning.

Jayne agreed to make this available.

5. Working with you

Subject

Cllr Tyler informed that the potholes around the borough were being addressed but the inclement weather had taken precedent over the repairs.

Action/Response

N/A

Cllr Richards asked that a request for a meeting with the Highway Engineers be escalated as she had been unable to get one arranged. Parking in Broad St/Park St/Oak St Kingswinford was becoming an issue.

Jayne Catley informed she would raise this as a policy issue with Matt Williams the following morning.

6. Funding

There were no new applications for funding presented at this forum. There was an update on The Friends of Cot Lane £5000 application. The group had secured their additional funding and there would be a schedule of work presented to the forum at the earliest opportunity.

Meeting ended at: 19:35