

Action Notes of the Halesowen North and Halesowen South Community Forum

Tuesday 4th November, 2014 at 6.30pm
at Olive Hill Primary School, Springfield Road, Halesowen

Present:

Councillor K Shakespeare (Chair)
Councillor A .Taylor (Vice-Chair)
Councillors H Bills, S Henley and D Vickers.

Officers:

S.Beckett (Lead Officer) (Head of Dudley Council Plus)) and J.Jablonski
(Assistant Principal Officer - Democratic Services)

together with 6 members of the public

15 **Apology for Absence**

Apology submitted on behalf of Councillor N Gregory

16 **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

17 **Listening to you: Questions and Comments from Local Residents**

Subject

Action

The pay of the new Chief Executive at a time when cuts to services are being made and the appointment process.

Noted.Councillor Bills offer to speak to questioner following the meeting.

18 **Working with you: Topics raised by Local Councillors**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
Councillor Vickers referred to a petition that he had submitted to the Council on behalf of residents of Illey complaining about a number of highway and traffic issues. The speed of traffic using the stretch of road in question and the implications of this were one of the main concerns. A resident expanded on the points raised.	Lead Officer asked to pursue matters raised with the Cabinet Member and DUE. Noted that Councillor Vickers would raise the matter at the next PACT meeting. General concern raised at vegetation obscuring road signs and the need for action to be taken on this.
Councillors Bills gave a further update on the works being carried out in Narrow Lane.	Noted. .

19 **Community Forum Funding**

A further application to those set out in the report submitted, received from Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club, was also considered at the meeting.

Councillors Bills and Vickers indicated that they had an interest in the application submitted by Halesowen in Bloom as they were on that body's committee.

<u>Application</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Black Country Wheels	Refuse, in that it was considered that colleges in the Borough already offered courses of a similar nature and as the body was based in Lye it was queried as to its impact in the area of the forum. .
Halesowen Chamber of Commerce	Approval of £2,500 to the Chamber since the last meeting noted.

Dudley Council's Environmental Management Division

Approve a payment of £1,034.80 only in respect of the one tree cited in the forums area.

(Lead Officer to refer the other tree at St John's Church, High Street, to the Belle Vale, Hayley Green and Cradley South Community Forum for consideration.

Lead Officer to arrange for details of the actual cost in providing the tree and a breakdown of those costs to be reported to be reported to Members)

Dudley Duke of Edinburgh Award Association

Approve a payment of £500.

Halesowen in Bloom

That the Secretary of Halesowen in Bloom be requested to approach other possible sources of funding including CENTRO and Rotary.

If alternative sources are available for the items requested they be invited to submit a further application for other items they require, but if alternative sources of funding are not available the original application be considered again .

Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club

Approve a payment of £2,170.

20 **Dates, Time and Venues of Future Meetings**

27th January, 2015 – Leasowes School – 6.30pm

17th March, 2015 – Olive Hill Primary School – 6.30pm

The meeting ended at 7.20pm