

Action Notes of the Kingswinford North and Wall Heath, Kingswinford South and Wordsley Community Forum

Tuesday 22nd March, 2016 at 6.30pm
at Kingswinford Royal British Legion Club,
Summerhill, Kingswinford, DY6 9JG

Present:

Councillors P Miller (Chair)
Councillor M Rogers (Vice-Chair)
Councillors D Blood, P Brothwood, P Harley, E Lawrence, N Richards, and D Tyler.

Officers:

J Butler (Lead Officer) Place Directorate and L Jury (Democratic Services Officer)

Also in attendance for agenda item no. 5

Representative from Woodcraft Folk.
Representative from Dingle Community Centre.
Representative from Kingswinford Community Association.
Representative from High Acres Group.
Representative from Greek Cypriot Community in Dudley.
Representative from Wordsley Holy Trinity Parish Team.

Together with twenty-three members of the public.

64 **Apologies for absence**

None.

65 **Welcome and Introductions and feedback from last meeting.**

The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting and Members and Officers introduced themselves.

The Lead Officer then gave verbal feedback on the questions raised at the last meeting.

66 **Declarations by Members**

Councillor D Miller declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following grant applications:

- Kingswinford Community Association due to his membership of the association;
- Greek Cypriot Community of Dudley due to his acquaintance with the applicant.

Councillor P Brothwood declared a non-pecuniary interest in the grant application submitted by High Acres Community Group due to his membership of the group.

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

Subject

Action

Concern was raised by a resident that traffic had been allowed to travel along Wordsley High Street during the 2 minute silence at the Service of Remembrance. It was questioned whether assistance could be given by the Council to close the High Street as there is no longer assistance from the Police. Councillor Brothwood replied that Streetwatch were currently raising this issue with the local PCSO. Resident volunteered to recruit marshals from the area to assist.

Noted.

A resident complained about the damaged that had been caused to the back of Wordsley Community Centre by a Blakemore's Food lorry during delivery to the local shop.

Lead Officer to forward details of the damage to the Council's Insurance officers to investigate.

A resident referred to the forthcoming Council elections and commented that she would like prospective candidates who were not elected to continue to show support in their local community.	Noted.
A resident welcomed the installation of the Ferris Wheel in Dudley Town Centre to encourage tourism in Dudley. However, during the negative feedback that had been displayed in the media, the resident questioned the absence of the Dudley Ambassador in defending Dudley and she suggested that the Ambassador and her team be invited to a future Forum meeting to appraise the Forum of the work that they undertake on behalf of Dudley residents.	Noted.
It was questioned whether the costings associated with the wheel and whether it had been successful in creating tourism in Dudley could be reported at a future date.	Noted.
A resident made a positive comment on the installation of new windows to council houses in Wall Heath.	Noted
A resident raised an on-going issue relating to the resurfacing of Bells Lane, Wordsley .	It was noted that the resurfacing of Bells Lane was included in the programme of works for the financial year 2016/17.

Members and residents requested that Engineers revisit the issue of installing double yellow lines further down Bells Lane to address the dangerous parking of vehicles. Lead Officer to raise with Highways.

A resident referred to an on-going issue with Taylor Wimpey not attending to the maintenance of trees on Barton Lane as had previously been agreed. In reply, Councillor Harley reported Taylor Wimpey had tried to contact him today and he would contact them tomorrow to discuss this issue. Councillor Harley to contact Taylor Wimpey to discuss this issue.

Councillor Brothwood reported that although some progress was being made with Severn Trent to address the issues with the brook, it was acknowledged that further work needed to be undertaken. Noted.

A resident made reference to the decision by the Council to close Dudley Museum and commented on the loss of such a worthy establishment. Noted.

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

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
Councillor Brothwood referred to a window that had been broken by youths in a shop on Sandringham Place. It was noted that he had reported the issue to Health and Safety due to the broken glass and the Council would contact the owner to address this issue.	Noted.
Councillor Tyler made reference to the campaign he had launched to obtain a Blue plaque in memory of local hero Duncan Edwards. It was noted that a Plaque (depicting Manchester United's colours) would be placed on Priory Park in his memory.	Noted.

Councillor Harley referred to issues that had been raised by residents recently with regards to Ketley Quarry which seemed to suggest that the road sweeper and wheel wash were not being used, due to the mud deposits on the main road.

Cllr Harley to meet with residents Thursday to discuss further. Lead Officer to investigate.

69 **Community Forum – Love Your Local Community Funding**

Application

Recommendation

Woodcraft Folk

Defer in order for the Lead Officer to investigate with Legal Officers the granting of money to an organisation although situated outside the Borough of Dudley, the majority of users are Dudley residents.

The application for £5,000 for the purchase of a new hut and equipment that was destroyed by fire, be approved by Chair's action should the application be sanctioned by Legal Officers.

Dingle Community Centre

Approved, £5,000 to refurbish the male and female toilets.

Kingswinford Community Association

Defer, pending the outcome of discussions being undertaken with regards to the future of the site.

High Acres Community Event

Defer, pending the receipt of documents referred to on the guidance notes for applications. Upon the satisfactory receipt of documents, the application to be approved by Chair's action.

Greek Cypriot Community of Dudley

Approved, £2,500 to support the cost of teacher's fees.

Wordsley Holy Trinity Community Church Hall

Approved, £5,000 for the installation of a sound and loop system and the refurbishment of the office.

Dudley MBC – Environmental Services Division.

Approved, £4,920.80 for the installation of two live Christmas trees with power supplies in Wall Heath and Wordsley.

70 **Date, Time and Venue of Future Meetings**

Future meeting dates noted as follows:

Thursday 8th September, 2016

Thursday 3rd November, 2016

Thursday 12th January, 2017

Tuesday 21st March 2017

all commencing at 6.30pm and to be held at Kingswinford Royal British Legion Club, Summerhill, Kingswinford.

The meeting ended at 7.55pm.