

**ACTION NOTES OF THE MEETING OF BELLE VALE, HAYLEY GREEN
AND CRADLEY SOUTH COMMUNITY FORUM**

Wednesday, 13th November, 2013 at 6.30 p.m.
at Lutley Community Centre, Brookwillow Road, Halesowen

PRESENT:-

Councillor Burston (Chair)

Councillor Ms. Nicholls (Vice Chair)

Councillors James, Russell, K. Turner and Mrs. H. Turner

OFFICERS:-

Mr. P. Coyne (Lead Officer to the Forum), Directorate of the Urban Environment and Mr. R. Sanders - Directorate of Corporate Resources together with 11 members of the public.

14. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and made announcements in relation to the literature circulated.

15. **LISTENING TO YOU – QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS**

- A local resident raised a question and requested a response on an issue he had raised previously regarding potholes and the poor condition of a length of Hagley Road past the Lidl supermarket. The Lead Officer agreed to arrange for a response to be expedited.
- A member of the Forum requested information regarding the repair cycle for potholes. The Lead Officer agreed to arrange for a copy of the maintenance policy to be forwarded to the member.
- A local resident queried the position regarding over-hanging branches and bushes at a property situated on the corner of High Farm Road and Phillip Road. The issue was referred to the relevant Directorate for a response.
- A local resident asked about progress on a request he had made previously for the Council to reconsider the situation concerning railings along the footpath outside 4 Abbey Road, Halesowen. The Lead Officer advised that this was being looked at and agreed to arrange for an update to be provided.

- In the context of site security and anti-social behaviour, a local resident raised the issue of poor lighting at Bredon Court. The issue was referred to the relevant Directorate for a response.
- A local resident raised the issue of leaf fall at Fallowfield Road. The Lead Officer agreed to arrange for the issue to be raised with the relevant Directorate.
- A member of the public, supported by members of the Forum, referred to the need for resurfacing of the footpath from Fox Lea Road to Moor Foot, via the Squirrels and Mendip. The matter was referred to the relevant Directorate.

16. WORKING WITH YOU – TOPICS RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Further to issues concerning the Community First Panel having been raised at the previous meeting by Councillor Ms. Nicholls, at the request of that Member, an update on the funding arrangements of the Panel was given by Councillor James. In this regard, Councillor James explained the manner in which applications for funding were to be submitted and the arrangements made for meetings to determine applications received.

17. AREA GRANTS

A report of the Lead Officer was submitted on two applications for funding, those received were from the Halesowen in Bloom Group, towards the Group's work in providing and maintaining planters, etc. and from Unit 3 Sixty CIC towards the creation of a local community enterprise/facility for young people at Mill Race Lane in Stourbridge, this revolving primarily around the provision of an indoor skate park and associated facilities. A representative of Unit 3 Sixty CIC attended the meeting to expand on their proposal and answer questions.

After some debate by members it was:

AGREED

- (1) That the Director of Corporate Resources be recommended to approve the making of a grant of £2074.80 to the Halesowen in Bloom Group towards the Group's work in providing and maintaining planters, etc., as referred to in the report now submitted.
- (2) That the Director of Corporate Resources be recommended that the application by Unit 3 Sixty CIC be refused.

18. DATE, TIME OF VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Forum would be held at Windsor High School on Wednesday, 5th February, 2014 at 6.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.