

Community Forum Action Notes

Forum: Gornal, Upper Gornal, Woodsetton

Date and time: Monday 18th September 2017
18:30-20:30

Venue: Bramford Primary School

Attendance: Councillors: Cllr Stanley (chair), Cllr Perks (vice-chair), Cllr Scott-Dow
Officers/police: PC Mark Lewis
Members of the public (number):18

Apologies: Councillors: Cllr Millward, Cllr Casey, Cllr Aston

Vision for Dudley Borough

The council, with its partners and local people, will be developing a vision for the borough to 2025. Attendees were asked to provide some feedback on two questions. This feedback will be compiled and used with other information to help come up with an agreed vision over the next few months.

Police and Communities Together

Subject

Action/Response

Crime figures

Multiple incidents involving small number of perpetrators.
No specific ward area is being targeted.
Crime targeted at the elderly and commercial vehicles.

Question was tabled regarding the accuracy of the reported figures and how the crimes are being categorised. PC Lewis addressed this question.
The public were urged to continue to report crimes.

Information on break-ins
'Lock snapping'

PC Lewis shared information on 'lock snapping' trends and answered questions regarding suitable 'anti- snapping' locks.

Security cameras/ASB

Confirmed that the security camera in the precinct are working and will be scrutinised if an incident is reported.
Re: ASB incidents- John Jones the anti-social behaviour officer is an effective contact should members of the public have concerns.

Crime Priorities-ASB

Dudley Safe and Sound Community Partnership has an opportunity for residents to ask questions about how the partnership tackles crime and disorder, including ASB. Residents were encouraged to attend the public board meeting on October 30th 2017 and raise ASB as a priority and how it is being addressed. Discussions at this forum should be shared with MP's and recommendations made to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Listening to you

Subject

Action/Response

Change to GP surgery
hour opening times

The opening hours for surgeries have changed and patients may be asked to attend another surgery. Why is this being done?
Surgeries in the ward are under pressure to offer longer opening hours. Extended hours are available at surgeries across the wards for non-emergency cases- 'out of hours'. Therefore patients may be asked to attend another surgery in this instance.

Railings outside Redhall
School

Question about why the railing haven't been repaired.
This is a specialised job and has been put out to tender; a response is awaited.

Sainsbury's in Gornal
village

Dropped curbs have been fitted but cars are still parking across this area. It was suggested that road marking may stop people from parking.

Vale Street scheme

A letter from Alun Lunt was read with information about an 'outline scheme' that is acceptable for Highways officers, Planners (in principle) and Conservation officers. The work is likely to begin in early Spring 2018.
There was a discussion about the detail of the project and potential additions.
Cllr Stanley proposed that this outline scheme be accepted.
This was agreed.

Working with you

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action/Response</u>
St Peters Church yard	This has been cleared using 'community payback' workers. It was suggested that other schemes could include working with 'community payback', which is good value for money and of benefit to the local community.
Vale Street Community Centre	The building is beginning used by a fitness instructor and the intention is get the facility more in use.
Litter picks	These have been very successful and the participating organisations were thanked.
Friends of Cotwall End Valley	Meeting on October 10 th 7:30. An update on the outcome of this meeting will be presented at the next forum

Funding

The liaison officer referred to the recent review of community forums. Arising from this, there will be the opportunity for more flexibility in how forums spend their allocation in the future, whether on grants as at present, or for forums to allocate to address local priorities, or a combination of both. There will be a fuller discussion on this at the next forum meeting.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Gornal Together	Cllr Stanley to meet with other Gornal councillors and representatives from this group to discuss bid.
DMBC Environmental Services- 2 applications	The 2 applications will be considered as part of the discussion with Gornal Together.

Meeting ended at: 20:40