

Action Notes of the Halesowen North and Halesowen South Community Forum

Tuesday 3rd November, 2015 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 to the Forum (Head of Customer Services) and K Griffiths (Democratic Services Officer) - Resources and Transformation Directorate

Together with 6 members of the public

16 **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting.

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

Subject

Action

A resident referred to ASDA trolleys being deserted in the vicinity of the store and requested that the matter be investigated.

A Member of Halesowen Chamber of Trade undertook to pursue the issue.

The same resident also referred to people vandalising the blue facade opposite Halesowen bus station and requested that the matter be investigated.

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Mention was made to a previous suggestion to combine Community Forum and Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings.

The Chair indicated that there were separate PACT and Community Forum meetings and advised the Forum of the venue of the next Halesowen PACT meeting.

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

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
Councillor D Vickers referred in sympathetic terms to the recent death of John Donegan (former Councillor for Lye and Wollescote Ward between the period 2004 - 2007). Councillor K Shakespeare paid tribute to John Donegan and requested that funeral arrangements be passed to Members of the Forum.	Noted.
Councillor K Shakespeare referred to forthcoming traffic issues on Long Lane, Halesowen.	Noted.
Councillor K Shakespeare referred to the excellent progress of the Shell Corner Partnership Facebook page, which was used to promote businesses in Shell Corner.	Noted.

19 **Community Forum Funding**

<u>Application</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Halesowen Chamber of Trade	Approval of £2,500 from the High Street Innovation Fund/Empty Shops Grant to purchase Christmas lights for Halesowen Town Centre.
Shell Corner Partnership	Approval of £600 plus VAT from the High Street Innovation Fund/Empty Shops Grant to purchase Christmas trees to be mounted on lampposts. (Councillor H Bills declared an interest in the above application as Secretary of the Shell Corner Partnership).

Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club

Approval of £2,170 from the High Street Innovation Fund/Empty Shops Grant to support the fun run and road race, specifically road closure costs, road management charges and car park hire levy.

Coombeswood Sports and Social Club (Bowling Section)

Approval of up to £4,500 to complete the installation of floodlights and electric cable plus fuse boxes around the bowling green, subject to confirmation of planning approval and that the installation would not have a negative impact on local residents and wildlife.

Members indicated that consideration be given to allow non-members to utilise the bowling green.

Halesowen Chamber of Trade

Approval of £7,500 to comprise the remaining balance of the High Street Innovation Fund/Empty Shops Grant funding, with the remainder to be allocated from the Community Forum fund. This would contribute towards the development of a proposal for a Business Improvement District (BID) in Halesowen Town Centre and that the application be referred for consideration at Belle Vale and Hayley Green Community Forum.

The Church of God

It was noted that the funding was no longer necessary.

The Lead Officer referred to previous funding grants awarded that had not been claimed. Following consideration, Members agreed that sufficient time had been given for organisations to access the approved funding and agreed that the balances be returned to the Community Forum fund to be used for future awards.

Dates, Time and Venues of Next Meeting

It was reported that meetings of the Community Forum would be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday 26th January, 2016 – 6.30pm – Leasowes High School, Kent Road, Halesowen
- Tuesday 15th March, 2016 – 6.30pm – Olive Hill Primary School, Springfield Road, Halesowen

The meeting ended at 7.35 pm