

Your Home, Your Forum Meeting Notes

Forum:	Halesowen
Date and time:	28th February 2024.
Venue:	Seminar Room Block 2 The Hub, Halesowen College
Attendance:	<p>Councillors Alan Taylor (Chair), Jonathan Elliott, Daniel Bevan, Peter Dobb, Hilary Bills, Parmjit Sahota and Stuart Henley.</p> <p>Apologies received from Councillors Ian Bevan, Simon Phipps, Andrea Goddard and Tim Crumpton.</p> <p>Officers/ police: PCSO Fund and PC Higgitt, M Wilcox (Liaison Officer (LO), D Tiwana (Community Development Worker (CDW) and 3 officers from Halesowen Housing Hub,</p> <p>Members of the public: 49</p>

Agenda item	Notes
1. Welcome and introduction to the meeting	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and gave information regarding meeting arrangements.
2. Notes	Notes from previous meeting were approved but it was requested by the public that feedback to points raised by them in the meetings were given in the following meetings of this group.
3. Updates from Ward Councillors	Councillor D Bevan gave detailed updates regarding the work undertaken by him, Councillors P Dobb and S Phipps. In summary, the updates consisted of the issues with coaches and Halesowen College. Presently looking at a restriction to stop buses. Support is required and he asked people to sign the papers at the end of the meeting to evidence their support. Work will continue with regard to

	<p>all issues raised with the College and a meeting was arranged for 7th March but was to be rescheduled. West Midlands Hospital and additional parking space. This is a private business and the blocking of the paving is not acceptable. Bundle Hill – parking and yellow lines will be in place in the next couple of months. We encouraged the public to report pot holes with the Council. Yellow box in Furnace Hill to be painted. Foxhollies Drive – vehicle removed. People appreciated the updates given by Councillor D Bevan.</p>
<p>4. Halesowen Housing Hub</p>	<p>3 officers of the Council introduced themselves, as this is a new team in Halesowen. Opening times of Hub 10am to 2pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Address Highfields Estate, Block 11 Andrew Road.</p>
<p>5. Have your say</p>	<p>Various issues were raised relating to parking in Whittingham Road area plus side streets. Can yellow lines be considered? Can CCTV be installed on the car park at Birmingham Street, Halesowen? This point to be raised with officers. A car running without anyone in it in the Whittingham Road area! Speeding cars Furnace Hill, can a sign be given warning to slow down? Concerns were raised relating to the demolition of Poole Road car park – assurances need to be given in respect of what future use and car parking in the area. Trinity Point and parking being linked to this point. Public consultation was discussed around this. Where are people attending Trinity Point being dropped off? Speeding in Hawne Lane Furnace Hill and Fairmile Road. People are being trained with the Police – Speed Watch. Newfield Crescent/gulley being used by students for the selling and taking of drugs, daily phone calls being made to the College and Police. Finance of the Council was raised in terms of Leisure Centres, pay increases for Councillors, cuts in services. Councillor H Bills spoke on allowances for Dudley Council being the lowest. Salary of CEO and group were raised, plus locums/consultants. Councillor H Bills invited people to listen/read on the budget. Public consultation invited comments on the budget. Green bin collection charge £36 per year but this would encourage fly tipping across the Borough. It was expressed to be cheap by comparing with other councils. Marketing of leisure centres needs consideration. A member of the public campaigning for support for Dudley Tram. To stay on the network in order to connect with the national network. Racing drivers in Manor Way – Police responded. Empty shops in town centre – what can be done? Could the toilets in Leasowes Park be considered and it was explained that consultation should be taking place. Funding of gym equipment in Parks, what is happening and what is the funding?</p>

	At this juncture, Issues arose at the meeting due to the level of noise/music from the adjoining room which caused a disturbance and people walking out of the meeting. There was a suggestion that this room should not be booked again.
6. Police and Communities together	The issue of the drugs being sold and used in the gulley (above) was discussed by the Police and a member of the public. However, at this stage with the noise levels from the adjoining room and people walking out of this meeting, the meeting was ended at 8pm.
7. Date of next meeting	To be confirmed in new municipal year.

Time meeting ended: 8pm