

**ACTION NOTES OF THE MEETING OF BRIERLEY HILL/BROCKMOOR AND
PENSNETT COMMUNITY FORUM**

HELD AT 6.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL, 2013

AT THE BROCKMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL, BELLE ISLE, BROCKMOOR, BRIERLEY
HILL

PRESENT:-

Councillor Jordan (Chair)
Councillors Foster, Harris, Islam and J Martin.

Officers:-

Mr I McGuff (Assistant Director, Quality and Partnership) – (Directorate of Children's Services) and Miss K Fellows (Directorate of Corporate Resources).

Together with six members of the public

7 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor M Wilson.

8 INTRODUCTIONS BY THE CHAIR

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting and Members introduced themselves. The Chair outlined the purpose of the Forum meeting.

9 LISTENING TO YOU: QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS

<u>Nature of Query/Complaint</u>	<u>Referred to</u>
1. Can the Council investigate the Swans that are nesting in a vulnerable place at Fens Pool Nature Reserve in order to protect them and their Cygnets. Could a barrier be erected to protect them. They are situated on the Wallows area of the Nature Reserve.	Director of the Urban Environment.
2(a) Can the Council investigate problems with tenants anti social behaviour in Pheasant Street, Brockmoor, Brierley Hill.	Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services.

2(b)	Could Licensing Enforcement investigate problems with the Star Public House, Norwood Road, Brockmoor as although there is a garden area, customers are smoking to the front and the side of the public house which is causing nuisance to local residents and creating cigarette litter.	Director of Corporate Resources.
2(c)	Can checks be undertaken in the locality of the Brockmoor area of Brierley Hill in relation to owners letting their dogs foul in the streets and failing to clear this up.	Director of the Urban Environment.
2(d)	Could information be provided in relation to the legal position in relation to pruning trees which are overgrown and overhanging from a neighbouring garden in relation to a private residence.	Director of the Urban Environment.
3(a)	Can the street cleaning timing be investigated in the area of Brockmoor, Brierley Hill due to litter and rubbish in the streets.	Director of the Urban Environment.
3(b)	Can drainage clearing in Brockmoor, Brierley Hill be carried out due to blockage of drainage and can the gully cleansing programme be investigated.	Director of the Urban Environment.
4(a).	There has been excessive flying tipping at the site of the former Picture House in Brierley Hill. Could the rubbish be cleared from the site as this is also a cause of anti social behaviour.	Director of the Urban Environment.
4(b).	When is the grit bin to be installed at Lynch Gate, St Marks Church, Brierley Hill as the application has been approved.	Director of the Urban Environment.
4(c).	Could the position in relation to the derelict land and buildings in the locality of the High Oak area of Pensnett be investigated as these are a cause of anti social behaviour.	Director of the Urban Environment.
4(d)	Can the waste land in Albert Street, Pensnett be cleared and the owner be billed for the clear up operation.	Director of the Urban Environment.
4(e)	The waste land area in Commonside, Brierley Hill which was the former site of the Queens Head Public House is causing anti social behaviour and flytipping to occur could this site be cleared.	Director of the Urban Environment.

10 Other issues raised:-

A verbal presentation was received from Mr D Stenson, Governor of the Dudley Group of Hospitals National Health Service Foundation Trust relating to the changes in the National Health Service and how these would affect the Dudley Borough. Details in relation to the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group and the Health and Wellbeing Board objectives were outlined. Details of an event for local organisations and the general public to attend on the 9th July, 2013 were provided and leaflets relating to Healthwatch Dudley and Your Trust were circulated to those present.

11 WORKING WITH YOU: TOPICS RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Councillor Foster reported that a multi agency meeting had taken place in relation to putting in place an action plan regarding animal welfare and this would include horse welfare including the safety and threat to the public who use Fens Pool Nature Reserve in relation to horses and those using motorcycles and that grazing issues would also be included. It was noted that the action plan would be carried out and the formation of Friends of Fens Pool Nature Reserve would take place. in order to reclaim the Nature Reserve for the people of the Dudley Borough and the improvement of management of the Nature Reserve and further details in relation to the formation of Friends of Fens Pool Nature Reserve would be publicised in order to make the public aware of this.

In relation to the planning application submitted by Clean Power it was reported that revised plans had been submitted by the Company and should the public wish to view these an appointment should be made with Ednam House, Dudley in order to do so. It was noted that the revised and amended plans would also be available to view at Brierley Hill Library and objectors were urged to view the revised plans and submit their objections to the Council by 30th April, 2013, in order that the objections could be received at the Development Control Committee which would consider the revised and amended plans further.

It was noted that Clean Power had been invited to attend a Public meeting on 15th May, 2013 however to date they had neither declined nor accepted the invitation. Following further discussion it was agreed that the Public meeting would still be convened on 15th May, 2013 although it was noted that Clean Power may not attend.

Following a proposal by Councillor Martin it was agreed that Ward Members would set up a Working Group to consider and discuss issues in relation to Traffic and congestion problems in the Brockmoor and Pensnett areas which would also consider pollution and the impact on health and would encompass the High Oak, Tansley Green Road and High Street Pensnett areas.

12 COMMUNITY FORUM GRANTS

A report of the Lead Officer was submitted on two applications for funding that had been received which were referred to in the report submitted.

AGREED TO RECOMMEND

That the Director of Corporate Resources approve the making of the following grants:-

- (a) A grant in the sum of £5,000 to the Dudley Employees Sports and Social Club to renew carpet and floor edgings.
- (b) A grant in the sum of £5,000 to The Church of St John the Evangelist to enable them to develop a meeting place/café and a safe space/youth facility.

13. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted, that the date of the next meeting of the Community Forum would be determined at Annual Council on 16th May, 2013.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm