

Action Notes of the Coseley East/Sedgley Community Forum

Tuesday 24th June 2014 at 6.30 pm
at Christ Church C of E School, Church Road, Coseley

Present:-

Councillors C Baugh, D Caunt, M Mottram, and S Etheridge

Officers:-

S Cooper (Lead Officer to the Forum) (Head of Strategic Asset Planning) and M Johal (Democratic Services Officer)

Together with fifteen members of the public.

1 Election of Chair for the 2014/15 Municipal Year

Councillor Caunt was elected Chair of the Forum for the 2014/15 municipal year.

2 Election of Vice-Chair for the 2014/15 Municipal Year

Councillor Baugh was elected Vice-Chair of the Forum for the 2014/15 municipal year.

3 Apology

Councillor M Evans.

4 Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Coseley East/Sedgley Community Forum and Members introduced themselves.

5 Listening to you – Questions and Comments from Local Residents

Subject

Complaints about accident hotspot on the Ivyhouse Lane junction and problems being exacerbated by traffic using the petrol station and nearby food outlets

Action

Councillor Mottram is dealing with the issue and has raised the matter with Traffic.

Lead Officer to speak to Officers in the Directorate of the Urban Environment

Issues raised relating to Hurst Green Primary School and in particular children in school uniform on school premises playing with hard balls which was a safety concern. Clarification was sought on whether responsibility lay with the School or parents if pupils were on school premises in school uniform before or after school times.

It was suggested that an appointment be made with the Chair of Governors to discuss the issue.

The Lead Officer to the Committee also undertook to pursue the matter with the Education Improvement Advisor.

6 **Working with you – Topics Raised by Local Councillors**

Subject

Action

Councillor Mottram reiterated problems on Birmingham New Road and in particular those relating to speeding traffic at the crossroads of Ivyhouse Lane junction

Ongoing discussions and Officers' response awaited.

Councillor S Etheridge highlighted general areas of concern in the vicinity of Birmingham New Road to include issues with roadworks, safety of children, fast food and litter.

7 **Community Forum Funding**

Application

Recommendation

The Beacon Hill Tenants Association

Approve £396.48 – Sedgley Ward

St Andrew's URC/Methodist Church

Approve £5000 – Sedgley Ward

Black Country Community Radio

Approve £2000 (£1000 allocated from each Ward)

The Life Centre/Stourbridge

Refuse – as it does not meet local criteria

Dudley Community Church

Refuse – as it does not meet local criteria

The Samaritans (Brierley Hill Branch)

Refuse – as it does not meet local criteria

(Councillor S Etheridge asked for it to be recorded that she was of the opinion that the cause should be supported and an allocation of £1500 should be made)

Dates, Times and Venues of Future Meetings

Future meetings noted as follows:-

Tuesday 2nd September, 2014 (Age Concern, Ettymore Road)

Tuesday 4th November, 2014 (Christ Church C of E School, Church Road)

Tuesday 27th January, 2015 (Age Concern, Ettymore Road)

Tuesday 17th March, 2015 (Christ Church C of E School, Church Road)

The meeting ended at 7.25 pm