



## Community Forum Action Notes



**Forum: Kingswinford North & Wall Heath, Kingswinford South and Wordsley Community Forum**

**Date and time:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 at 6.30pm

**Venue:** Online on Microsoft Teams

**Attendance:** Councillors Shaz Saleem, Peter Miller, Donna Harley, Patrick Harley, Matt Rogers, Kerry Lewis, Ed Lawrence, Phil Atkins and Luke Johnson. Councillor David Stanley (observing)

**Officers/Police:** Jayne Catley (Area Liaison Officer, Dudley MBC), Linzi Pearson (Community Development Worker Dudley MBC), Cath McCathy (Shadow Liaison Officer Dudley MBC), Mandy Wilcox and Heather Jeavons (Dudley MBC observing)  
PCSO Louis Webb

Members of the public: 5

### 1. Welcome and introduction to the meeting

Welcome and introductions were made.

### 2. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

Councillor Matt Rogers was appointed as Chair of the forum and Councillor Luke Johnson as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the 2021/22 municipal year.

### 3. Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from PS Imran Mohammed. No declarations of interest were received.



#### 4. Communities Together

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action/Response</u>
Councillor Ed Lawrence praised the community response to the Black Country Plan.	Noted.
Councillor Kerry Lewis invited people to the Friends of Wordsley Parks meeting on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2021.	Noted.
Councillor Matt Rogers reported there had been £5k funding as part of a match funding bid to improve car parking on the Ashwood Park and was an example of how forums could bring more funding into the area.	Noted.
Question was raised regarding the cycle paths and road improvements.	Linzi Pearson, Community Development Worker to contact colleagues in Public Health for further information.

#### 5. Police update and discussion

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The Police gave a general report on crime and disorder issues. PCSO Webb reported on the crime rates for Kingswinford North and Wall Heath and Kingswinford South wards, however, it was noted that there were none available for Wordsley.	Council Rogers requested that the rates be available for all three wards at the next forum meeting.
Overall trends were downwards.	Noted.

Councillor Atkins queried how the rates for the area compared to the rest of the Borough.

PCSO Webb confirmed that they were the lowest in the Borough.

## 6. Community forum funding

### Applicant

Market Street Allotment Association - £5000 requested out of £6000 cost for replacement fencing.

### Recommendation

Approved unanimously – full £6000 provided for the replacement fence.

Councillor Rogers would like the community example set by this allotment group to be followed across the Borough.

Member of Dudley Sports Bowling Club thanked the forum for the funding provided at a previous meeting to the club in Park Road, Kingswinford.

Noted.

## 7. Other Business

Councillor Miller and Councillor Rogers thanked Jayne Catley for her support to the forum during the last few years.

## 8. Arrangements for next meeting

Links to a feedback survey and sessions were provided.

Councillor Harley and Councillor Rogers expressed a wish for face to face meetings in the future.

**Meeting ended at: 19:09**