

**Action Notes of the Amblecote, Cradley and Wollescote and Lye and Stourbridge
North Community Forum**

**Wednesday 12th November, 2014 at 6.40pm
at Providence Methodist Church, Colley Orchard, Colley Gate**

Present:

Councillor C Perks (Chair)
Councillors R Body, P Bradley, T Crumpton, T Herbert and P Lowe

Also in Attendance:-

Councillor K Ahmed (Cabinet Member for Transport)

Officers:

A Grove (Lead Officer - Head of Youth Service) and K Taylor (Democratic Services Officer)

Together with 14 members of the public

18 **Welcome and Introductions**

The Lead Officer welcomed those present. The local Councillors and members of the public introduced themselves.

19 **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors M Hanif, G Partridge and P Martin.

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

Subject

Action

A resident referred to issues raised concerning the lack of public parking at Wollescote Park, which was raised at a number of Community Forums, and the lack of responses received. He also stated that he had received an unsatisfactory response to another issue raised previously, concerning surface drainage water from the new housing development on the former Hickman's Manufacturing site in Delph Road.

The Chair undertook to action the points raised.

Reference was made to the missing gates at the entrance of Homer Hill Park, which was raised at the last meeting of the Community Forum, however a response had not been received. Councillor Body provided a background and problems resulting from the development undertaken at Homer Hill Park.

Councillor Crumpton responded that he would refer the matter to the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services, for a response and full report to be completed before the Council Meeting to be held on 1st December, 2014.

Concerns were raised in relation to parking by Wollescote Primary School, Drummond Road and the roundabout at the junction of Crabbe Street, and the potholes at Balds Lane. A request was made for zig zag lines on Balds Lane by the School and Crabbe Street.

Referred for a written response.

The Cabinet Member for Transport also responded that he was meeting with Cllr R Body on 20th November, 2014, and all the points raised would be discussed.

Reference was made to the possibility of merging Community Forum meetings with PACT meetings.

Members suggested that those who attended PACT meetings could be invited to attend future Community Forums per ward.

Issues relating to accidents and obstruction caused by parking in Hillbank Road and Butchers Lane, Cradley.

Councillor Body responded and stated that he had visited a number of residents in Butchers Lane regarding the parking, and had undertaken a traffic exercise. The points raised would be discussed between the Cabinet Member of Transport and Cllr Body on 20th November, 2014

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

No issues were raised under this item.

22 **Community Forum Funding**

It was noted that due to limited funding being available, and in the interests of fairness, a maximum of £1,000 would be considered for applications. The Lead Officer also outlined the funding received from the High Street Innovation/Empty Shops Grant.

Application

Recommendation

Stourbridge Glassboys Under 11 FC

Deferred – The group be requested to review other funding sources available.

Lye Community Centre	Approve a contribution of £1,000.
Black Country Wheels	Approve £500.
Transitions Stourbridge	Approve £262.
Dudley MBC – Directorate of the Urban Environment	Approve £2069.60 allocated from the High Street Innovation/Empty Shops Grant
Dudley Duke of Edinburgh Association	Approve £500.

23 **Self Care Week Presentation**

Mr H Bloomer and Mr B Beardow, Representatives of Wychbury Patients Participation Group, gave a PowerPoint presentation on self care for life and how to get the most from Pharmacies.

Mr Bloomer provided a background; in particular, the time taken by GP's to treat patients with minor conditions which could be treated by a pharmacist without an appointment or prescription. He stated that 63 pharmacies and 42 GP surgeries had registered to the scheme, however currently this was only available to patients in underprivileged areas.

All those in attendance thanked Mr Bloomer and Mr Beardow for the presentation given.

24 **Other Business**

A resident referred to a local Cradley man who had written a book specifically relating to World War One that could be distributed to Schools in the Borough, in particular, that an application for funding would be submitted to help fund the publishing of the book. Members agreed that once submitted, the application for funding would be considered before the next meeting of the Community Forum under delegated powers.

It was noted that Councillors Body and Lowe would be 'sleeping rough' on Christmas Eve as part of the Council's bid to raise awareness of the support needed to help homeless teenagers in the Black Country. The Members would be at the Ryemarket on 6th and 20th December, and Halesowen Town Centre on 13th December, 2014, between 10am and 2 pm, should members of the public wish to donate.

Reference was made that the company Midland Film and Art had been involved with producing history trails, which was also available on the St Peters Cradley website.

25 **Dates, Time and Venues of Future Meetings**

Future meetings noted as follows:-

Wednesday 4th February, 2015 (Amblecote Church Hall)

Wednesday 25th March, 2015 (Lye Community Centre)

The meeting ended at 8.45pm