

**ACTION NOTES OF THE MEETING OF COSELEY EAST/SEDGLEY
COMMUNITY FORUM**

held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 2nd July, 2013
at Age Concern, Ettymore Road, Sedgley

PRESENT:-

Councillors Caunt, Evans, Mottram, Ridney and Mrs Westwood

Officers:-

Mr B Clifford (Lead Officer to the Forum) (Assistant Director, Health Reform Programme Lead – Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services) and Mrs M Johal (Directorate of Corporate Resources)

Together with three members of the public.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was agreed that Councillor Caunt be elected Chair of the Forum for the ensuing municipal year.

(Councillor Caunt thereupon took the Chair)

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

It was agreed that Councillor Ridney be appointed Vice-Chair of the Forum for the ensuing municipal year.

3 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Coseley East/Sedgley Community Forum and then referred to the recent death of Councillor George Davies. Members and Officers paid tribute and stood in silence in his memory.

4 LISTENING TO YOU – QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS

The following comments and issues were raised:-

- Reference was made to the closure and lack of public toilet facilities in the Coseley area. In responding the Vice-Chair indicated that people were happy to pay for toilet facilities, which would ease the financial burden on the Council, and she undertook to continue to pursue the matter.

- The Chair referred to a query raised at the previous meeting about the derelict public conveniences site on Gospel End Street and he indicated that the land had been sold and was no longer owned by the Council.
 - Sergeant James Jones reported that Sergeant Richard Cruickshank had been appointed as the new Sergeant for the Gornal/Sedgley area.
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WORKING WITH YOU – TOPICS RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILLORS

- (a) Councillor Evans referred to works taking place to the wall in Gospel End Street and indicated that these were going very well and that the new footpath now allowed people to walk safely.
 - (b) Councillor Ridley;-
 - (i) Referred to the petition submitted to the last meeting and indicated that a response had been given in that Paul Street had been assessed and that it had been considered it was not in a serious state and also due to financial difficulties works would not be included on the works schedule. In respect of the root damage and grass verges the matter had been referred to the Group Engineer to consider viable options.
 - (ii) Reported that new road markings had been placed around schools in the vicinity to prevent inconsiderate parking however it was still up to parents to park appropriately.
 - (c) Councillor Caunt reported that he had received a letter from Centro stating that a new bus stop would be installed on Eastleigh Road.
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AREA GRANTS

A report of the Lead Officer was submitted on an application for funding received from Hurst Hill After School Club.

Councillor Ridley declared an interest in that she was a Governor at Hurst Hill School and took no part in the discussion.

It was requested that future reports include a breakdown of figures relating to spend in each Ward.

AGREED TO RECOMMEND –

That the Director of Corporate Resources approve the making of a grant in the sum of £2235 for activities associated with the running of the After School Club which aims to provide a stimulating atmosphere for about 25 children aged 3-11 and in so doing supporting parents with employment responsibilities.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Community Forum would be held on Tuesday, 3rd September, 2013 at 6.30 pm at Christchurch C of E School, Church Road, Coseley.

The meeting ended at 6.50 pm