

Action Notes of the Coseley East/Sedgley Community Forum

Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 6.30 pm
at Christ Church C of E Primary School, Church Road, Coseley

Present:-

Councillor D Caunt (Chair)
Councillor C Baugh (Vice-Chair)
Councillors B Etheridge, S Etheridge, M Evans and M Mottram

Officers:-

S Cooper (Lead Officer to the Forum) (Head of Corporate Landlord Services) and
M Johal (Democratic Services Officer)

Together with six members of the public.

27 **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Coseley East/Sedgley Community Forum.

28 **Listening to you – Questions and Comments from Local Residents**

Subject

A resident referred to proposals to make the cenotaph in Roseville centre more prominent and indicated that local Councillors fully supported this action. The Local Authority, together with the Canal Trust had also given their support in planting trees and a meeting of the Canal Trust had been scheduled to be held the following week.

Action

Members approved, in principle, the granting of up to £2000 towards this project, subject to an application and appropriate documentation being received. Upon receipt Lead Officer to deal with application as a matter of urgency in consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair and Ward Councillors.

Reference was made to the query at the last meeting relating to the position with regard to the provision of youth facilities, particularly in Coseley, given the budgetary cuts. It was stated that a response had not been received.

The Lead Officer to the Forum undertook to pursue the matter.

Councillor M Evans referred to the Sedgley Youth Centre and on the removal of the Closed Circuit Television and reported that he had received a letter on ways to safeguard the Centre.

Noted.

An Action Group for the Northway had been formed in November 2013 and a meeting would be held the following day at the Cabin at 8pm and an invitation was extended to all Members.

Noted.

Mr A Scarratt, West Midlands Fire Service informed the meeting that he was the contact person for the area with a view to engaging in partnership working.

Noted.

Complaints were being made about dog fouling and it was requested that additional bins be provided on The Walk.

The Lead Officer to the Forum to pursue the matter.

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Working with you – Topics Raised by Local Councillors

Subject

Action

Councillor M Evans reported on the following proposals for safety measures to be implemented on the Northway:-

Noted.

- (i) A new non-slip surface would be applied to the section of the Northway at the bottom of the steep hill in the area of the junction of the Northway/ Greenfields/Longmeadow;

- (ii) A mini island would be constructed at the junction of the Northway and the northern end of Longmeadow Drive. This would include a central refuge to assist pedestrians wishing to cross the Northway safely;
- (iii) Further signage would be erected at various points along the Northway reinforcing the speed limit and potential road hazards;
- (iv) Two speed camera boxes would be installed so that West Midlands Police could install cameras when deemed necessary.

Councillor C Baugh referred to concerns raised at the last meeting over rumours about the Rollers Public House and queried whether there had been any update.

To be kept under review by Ward Councillors.

There were no further updates and rumours had not been substantiated.

Councillor M Mottram stated that he had received queries about the Rose Pub regarding extensive works that were currently underway. Planning permission had not been granted and an Enforcement Officer would be visiting the premises with a view to ascertaining the position.

Noted.

Mention was also made of the Hop and Barleycorn regarding the numerous alterations that were being made to the flats and the Painters Arms over rumours that it was to be levelled off.

Members were of the view that retrospective applications should not be supported.

Councillor B Etheridge

- (1) Referred to retrospective planning applications and was also of the view that they should not be supported. Noted.
- (2) Commented on recurring mini crimes that were taking place across the Beacon Estate and that the issue had been raised at the Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting.
- (3) Stated that he had not been party to discussions that had been held regarding the safety proposals for the Northway, however, he was pleased that action was being taken to appease the situation.
- (4) Support to retaining the Seven Stars Pub was ongoing and reference was made to a petition that had been submitted by Ian Austin, Member of Parliament, (MP) in this regard.

Councillor S Etheridge

- (1) Stated that she was involved in a particularly distressing case whereby a male in his 60's was caring for his mother but that the Council were not offering any respite. It was requested that Members support any action that was required given the circumstances of the case. Members gave their undertaking to offer any support that may be necessary.
- (2) Referred to potholes in Daisy Street and stated that these would be temporarily repaired with a view to reconstruction and resurfacing works to take place on 25th April, 2015. Noted.

31 **Community Forum Funding**

The Forum considered a report of the Lead Officer and the following updates were received and noted:-

<u>Application</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Sedgley Scorpions Football	Endorsed - £1305.60 as agreed at the last meeting. Clarification made that the award should be allocated solely from the Coseley East Ward.
West Midlands Fire Service	Withdrawn – No further action needed as funding has been provided directly from schools concerned.
Black Country Community Radio	Withdrawn – Organisation was not successful in obtaining licence from Ofcom and therefore total funding of £2000 to be allocated back to relevant Coseley East and Sedgley budget (£1000 each) for redistribution.

32 **Dates, Times and Venues of Future Meetings**

It was reported that meetings of the Community Forum would be held on the following dates subject to Council approval on 21st May, 2015:-

Monday 15th June, 2015 (venue to be confirmed)
Monday 7th September, 2015 (venue to be confirmed)
Monday 2nd November, 2015 (venue to be confirmed)
Monday 25th January, 2016 (venue to be confirmed)
Monday 14th March, 2016 (venue to be confirmed)

33 **Members Remarks**

As this was the last scheduled meeting of the Forum in the current municipal year Forum Members expressed their thanks and appreciation to Councillor Caunt for the manner in which he had Chaired the meetings and Members wished him the best for the future, as he would not be standing for election in May.

The meeting ended at 7.25 pm