

**ACTION NOTES OF THE MEETING OF BRIERLEY HILL/BROCKMOOR & PENSNETT
COMMUNITY FORUM**

HELD AT 6.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY, 2013

AT THE NINE LOCKS COMMUNITY CENTRE, HILL STREET, BRIERLEY HILL

PRESENT:-

Councillor Jordan (Chair)
Councillors Foster, Harris and J Martin.

Officers:-

Ms D Channings (Acting Lead Officer to the Forum) (Assistant Director, Housing Services) – (Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services) and Miss K Fellows (Directorate of Corporate Resources).

Together with twenty members of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Islam and M Wilson.

2 INTRODUCTIONS BY THE CHAIR

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting and Members introduced themselves. The Chair outlined the purpose of the Forum meeting.

3 LISTENING TO YOU: QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS

Nature of Query/Complaint

Referred to

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| 1. Please could you advise of any funding that would be available to erect a monument to commemorate the production of the Simon hydraulic Platforms and Simon Snorkal Firefighting and Rescue appliances in Dudley to be erected at Queens Cross or Pensnett and any financial assistance that could be provided to maintain the monument. | Chief Executive and Director of the Urban Environment. |
| 2. Could the trees that are overhanging the car park at the Nine Locks Community Centre, Hill Street, Brierley Hill be pruned. | Director of the Urban Environment. |

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| 3. | The road markings on Swan Lane and Hawbush Road, Brierley Hill are unclear as far as priorities are concerned with motorists ignoring the give way markings which could result in an accident. Could these markings be changed/re-addressed. | Director of the Urban Environment. |
| 4(a) | Trees in the garden of a resident in Albert Street, Pensnett have been fenced off reducing the garden space. Could the trees be felled to provide the full garden space for the family. | Director of the Urban Environment. |
| 4(b) | A Tree in the garden of a resident in Albert Street Pensnett is overgrown and reducing light to the property. Could the tree be felled. | Director of the Urban Environment. |
| 4(c) | What is the Council's re-housing policy and criteria. Is it correct that those residing in private accommodation would not meet the criteria. | Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services |
| 5. | The lights on the crossroads of Bank Street and Venture Way, Brierley Hill do not allow pedestrians to cross. Could the lighting system be investigated. | Director of the Urban Environment. |
| 6. | What is the time frame for the new wheelie bin system to be implemented within the Borough. | Director of the Urban Environment. |
| 7. | What is the Council's policy when caravans are parked on driveways and their tow bars overhang the pavement resulting in obstructions for pedestrians. | Director of the Urban Environment. |
| 8. | Could a grit bin be installed at High Oak shopping centre. | Director of the Urban Environment. |
| 9. | The path and steps leading from Addison Road to Hawbush Road, Brierley Hill adjacent to St Paul's Church require attention to prevent accidents occurring. | Director of the Urban Environment. |

Other issues raised:-

- That work would be undertaken with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Culture to develop a public art policy in order to gain recognition for the history and memories of the local area
- A new website was being created in order to record memories in relation to the Round Oak Steel Workers.
- Work was continuing in order to erect a memorial to the Round Oak Steel Workers and funding would for this would continue to be investigated.
- An alternative title for this Forum would be investigated in order that it would not be confused with the Brierley Hill Community Forum.
- The problematic tipping in Albert Street, Pensnett would be investigated by the Director of the Urban Environment.
- That the traffic lighting in Brierley Hill and the High Street had been raised and was currently under review
- There was a system in place that continued to deal with stray horses within the Borough.
- That those seeking funding for memorials within the area could liaise with Brierley Hill Civic Society.
- That the Cabinet Members for Transportation and Community Safety and Environment and Culture would continue to re-visit the policies for dealing with the welfare of animals and liaison was continuing in relation to forming a Friends of the Nature Reserve Group.
- Could the public be vigilant when using cash machines as some in Kingswinford had been targeted and customers details were being obtained without their knowledge and funds were being withdrawn from their accounts.
- That a review was being undertaken in relation to snow clearing operations within the borough.

4 WORKING WITH YOU: TOPICS RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILLORS

No additional matters were commented on by local councillors.

5 COMMUNITY FORUM GRANTS

The Assistant Director of Housing Services reported that both the Brierley Hill and Brockmoor /Pensnett Wards had a current allocation of £5,640 respectively.

6. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted, that the next meeting of the Community Forum would be on Wednesday 24th April, 2013 at 6.30pm at the Brockmoor Primary School, Belle Isle, Brockmoor, Brierley Hill.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm