

**ACTION NOTES OF THE MEETING OF
BELLE VALE/HAYLEY GREEN AND CRADLEY SOUTH COMMUNITY FORUM**

Wednesday 26th March, 2014 at 6.30 p.m.
at Lutley Community Centre, 31 Brookwillow Road, Halesowen

PRESENT:-

Councillor Burston (Chair)
Councillor Nicholls (Vice Chair)
Councillors James, Russell, Mrs H Turner and K Turner

Observer:-

Councillor Vickers

Officers:-

A Webb (Lead Officer to the Forum) Directorate of the Urban Environment
S Griffiths (Directorate of Corporate Resources)
16 members of the public

25 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

26 **LISTENING TO YOU: QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS**

Local residents raised questions and made comments, as set out below.
Where necessary, these issues will be referred to the relevant Directorate or appropriate body for a response:-

Nature of Question/Comments

- (1) Comments concerning the level of funding received by Dudley Council to repair potholes and the programme of repairs.
- (2) Enquiry about a proposed funding application from Highfield Park Allotment Association.
- (3) Concerns about the condition of the road surface in Tenlands Road and Albrighton Road.
- (4) Request for the Council to deal with water standing outside a property in Purbeck Close.

- (5) Concerns about the surface of a footpath between Foxlea Road and Moorfoot.
- (6) Objection to business advertising on roundabouts and busy traffic areas as this did not improve the environment and was a distraction to motorists at busy junctions.
- (7) Concerns about wheelie bins not being replaced on residents' properties and allowed to blow into the road raising associated safety issues; concerns about the design of the wheelie bins and a request for the Council's risk assessment to be provided as the bins were considered to be impractical and not fit for purpose. Reference was also made to blue/green recycling bags being blown around by the wind causing a hazard.
- (8) Concerns of local residents, parents and staff at Caslon School regarding speeding traffic, inconsiderate parking and other issues. Request that these issues be examined along with a petition presented to the Council. Reference was also made to the Council's policy relating to 20mph zones outside schools.

27 WORKING WITH YOU – ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Members referred to street cleansing issues in Rosemary Road and Bennetts Road.

28 COMMUNITY FORUM FUNDING

A report of the Lead Officer was submitted on applications for funding. The Lead Officer updated the Forum on further applications received. It was noted that the application from West Mercia Scouts (23rd World Scout Jamboree) had been withdrawn from consideration at this meeting.

Councillor Russell declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application from Hasbury Community Association as a Director on the Board of the Association.

AGREED:-

- (1) That the Director of Corporate Resources be recommended to:-
 - Approve a grant of £341.16 to Access in Dudley as a contribution to the borough-wide activity to promote community services and promote access to all in the built environment.
 - Approve a contribution, in principle, of £1,000 to the COCOA – Welcome to Dudley Project, subject to a contribution being considered by the Halesowen North/Halesowen South Community Forum, and that the application be considered further at the next meeting of the Forum.

- Approve a grant in the sum of £2,170 to the Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club as a contribution to the road management and parking costs associated with the Great Black Country Run planned for September, 2014 and that the Forum note the intention for this event to be self-financing in future years.
 - Approve a grant of £5,000 to the 1st Halesowen Scout Group towards the cost of acquiring a new minibus.
 - Approve, in principle, the commitment of the remaining funds available to the Community Forum for the 2013/14 financial year (£3,414.04) to the Hasbury Community Association subject to the completion of the necessary lease agreement and that a recommendation on the allocation of the balance of the total funding requested by the Community Association be determined at the next meeting of the Forum.
- (2) That the application from Dudley Arts Council for funding to support the delivery of the Black Country Festival across the Borough be deferred for further information on the specific activities to be undertaken in the area covered by this Community Forum.

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NEXT MEETING

Subject to the approval of the Council at its annual meeting in June, 2014, the provisional dates of the Community Forum for 2014/15 were as follows (all 6.30pm with venues to be confirmed):

2nd July, 2014
 9th September, 2014
 12th November, 2014
 3rd February, 2015
 25th March, 2015

The meeting ended at 8.05 p.m.

CHAIR