

**ACTION NOTES OF THE MEETING OF GORNAL/UPPER GORNAL AND  
WOODSETTON COMMUNITY FORUM**

HELD AT 6.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2013

AT THE BAGGERIDGE WELARE CLUB, 1 THE STRAITS, LOWER GORNAL, DUDLEY

PRESENT:-

Councillor Casey (Chair)  
Councillor Branwood (Vice Chair)  
Councillors Mrs Ameson, A Aston, S Turner and Wright

Officers:-

Mr D Lowndes (Lead Officer to the Committee) (Assistant Director Culture and Leisure) – (Directorate of the Urban Environment) and Miss K Fellows (Directorate of Corporate Resources).

Together with thirteen members of the public

6 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 and the process to be followed.

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7 LISTENING TO YOU: QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS

The following queries/complaints were raised:-

<u>Nature of Query/Complaint</u>	<u>Referred to</u>
1(a) Concerns were raised in relation to fly tipping in Hermit Street, Upper Gornal and a request that the Council deal with clearing the site.	Director of the Urban Environment
1(b) In relation to the Council's new Anti Social Behaviour team that had been established in order to deal with problematic council tenants please could details of this team be publicised and was there a meeting arranged to advise the public of details of the new team and how they would operate.	Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services.

- 2(a) What is the position regarding proposals for a new landfill site at the Crooked House, Lower Gornal and if this is to go ahead have traffic surveys been undertaken in view of the heavy traffic that would result. Have options been considered for traffic to access the site from Oak Lane, Pensnett. Director of the Urban Environment
- 2(b) Can the staff at the Crooked House Public House be reminded to lock the gate that has been installed once they leave the premises in order to prevent fly tipping. Director of the Urban Environment
- 3 Concerns were raised in relation to Prices Road, Gornal Wood in relation to the large potholes in the roadway due to the volume of traffic using the road and damage to properties and walls that had occurred due to vehicles attempting to reverse due to the narrowness of the road. Director of the Urban Environment
- Concerns were also raised in relation to vehicles failing to stop at the junction of Prospect Road and Prices Road. Residents requested that measures be taken to restrict traffic using the road.
- Local Residents referred to vehicles parking on double yellow lines in Prices Road, which was causing danger to pedestrians, local residents properties and other road users.
- A Petition was handed in relating to the above issues by local residents and accepted by the Lead Officer.
- 4(a) Concerns were raised in relation to the amount of time that scaffolding had been in situ outside a Council property and a request was made for details relating to the weekly cost of scaffolding. Director of the Urban Environment

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| 4(b) | A request was made for grit bins to be installed in the Gornal Area.   | Director of the Urban Environment |
| 4(c) | Problems with dog fouling in Gornal were referred to and a request for further bins to be installed in an attempt to limit dog fouling.              | Director of the Urban Environment |
| 5    | A local resident requested confirmation of the regulations in relation to drop kerbs outside driveways and details of the cost for installing these. | Director of the Urban Environment |

Other issues raised:-

- The possible introduction of weight restrictions in Redhall Road impacting upon the traffic travelling past Redhall Schools and Gornal Village. Members agreed that all avenues would be investigated in order to limit the displacement of traffic into other areas in Gornal.
- Restricted parking in Gornal Village which was contributing to traffic congestion and limiting footpath space for pedestrians and in particular those who were disabled. Members reported that possible sites for car parking in Gornal Village were being investigated.
- Heavy goods vehicles travelling along Bull Street into Louise Street and the difficult turning circles into Gornal Village.

8 WORKING WITH YOU: TOPICS RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILLORS

- Councillor A Aston submitted a Petition requesting that the zebra crossing on the Sedgley Road, Woodsetton outside the Swan Public House be replaced by a pelican crossing and the Lead Officer accepted the Petition.
- Councillor S Turner referred to the increase in waiting time to two hours in relation to the parking provision in Louise Street, Gornal Wood and raised concerns in relation to the time that this was taking to implement.
- Councillor S Turner referred to the pot holes in Moden Hill, Upper Gornal stating that the road was well used and suggested the need for the Council to ensure that long terms plans be implemented in order to ensure that the road was properly maintained.
- The Lead Officer confirmed that details of the Highways/Capital Works Programme would be emailed annually to Members of the Forum so that they could make the public aware of its contents.

- It was confirmed that details of future meetings of the Forum would be publicised in Dudley Together.
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9 COMMUNITY FORUM FUNDING

It was noted that no applications had been received.

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10 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted, that the date of the next meeting of the Community Forum would be determined at Annual Council on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.

The meeting ended at 7.55pm