

**ACTION NOTES OF THE MEETING OF KINGSWINFORD NORTH AND  
WALL HEATH/KINGSWINFORD SOUTH AND WORDSLEY COMMUNITY  
FORUM**

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 at 6.30 p.m.  
at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Wordsley

**PRESENT:** -

Councillor D Blood (Chair)  
Councillor P Miller (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Mrs Billingham, Mrs Boleyn, P Harley, Mrs Simms and Tyler

**OFFICERS:**

Mr I Newman (Lead Officer to the Forum), Treasurer and Mrs L Jury – Both  
Directorate of Corporate Resources

together with 16 Members of the public

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1. **APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of  
Councillors Hemingsley and Jones.

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2. **INTRODUCTIONS BY THE CHAIR**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Kingswinford North  
and Wall Heath/ Kingswinford South and Wordsley Community Forum and  
in his remarks commented on the purpose of the new Community Forums  
set up by the Council. Following the making of other general  
announcements the local councillors and council officers introduced  
themselves.

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3. **LISTENING TO YOU: QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM LOCAL  
RESIDENTS**

A number of questions and comments were raised by local residents in  
relation to the following:-

**Nature of questions/comments**

**Referred to**

(1) The future of New Bradley Hall  
Residential Home was questioned and in  
response it was noted that the budget to

Director of Adult,  
Community and Housing  
Services for a written

- be submitted to full Council on 4th March did not include any proposal for closure of the home. response.
- (2) Concern raised regarding the poor state of repair of the Borough's roads, especially pot-holes that have emerged on the Kingswinford Road, outside Russells Hall Hospital. All roads and footpaths need work to be undertaken. Director of the Urban Environment for a written response.
- (2i) People parking cars are damaging Grass verges in Standhills Road and Earls Street. What can be done to reinstate the grass verges to a good level and stop any further deterioration. Photographs are available and we would welcome a visit from the Council. Director of the Urban Environment for a written response.
- (3) Why have the meetings with the bus users ceased? In reply it was noted that these meetings have just been reintroduced. Councillor Harley to send a list of meeting dates and venues to the questioner.
- (3i) Concern regarding the level and stability of soil in the quarry at Wall Heath backing onto Blaze Park Road. Lead Officer in liaison with Director of Urban Environment to correspond with the relevant local Authority regarding this matter.
- (3ii) Update on proposal to build a new quarry in Wall Heath. A verbal answer was given at the meeting.
- (3iii) Proposal to bestow the Honorary Freeman of the Borough to Tommy Mundon. Proposal to be discussed at Political Party Group meetings.
- (4) Who is responsible for gritting the driveway at New Bradley Hall Residential Home? The Council have previously been contacted regarding this issue and a grit bin was installed. However, staff at the home had now been advised by the Union not to grit the drive or shovel away snow. Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services to liaise with Director of the Urban Environment for a written response.

Other Issues Raised:-

- In today's climate of financial constraints, proposal to cut the number of serving Councillors instead of services.
  - PC Ravenscroft gave a verbal update on the new structure of the Neighbourhood Team and crime figures within the area. Reference was also made to the PACT meetings that any residents can attend. The next meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> March at Kingswinford Community Centre, then 23<sup>rd</sup> April and 22<sup>nd</sup> May.
  - Memorial for Round Oak Steel Workers.
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4. WORKING WITH YOU – TOPICS RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILLORS

- Councillor Miller referred to the increase in dog-fouling in his Ward, in particular Barnett Lane/Cot Lane and especially outside schools. An increase in enforcement action to be taken was requested. In response, the launch of a new initiative to report persistent offenders was noted along with a scheme that had been undertaken in Liverpool that had seen a decrease in fouling.
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5. AREA GRANTS

A report of the Lead Officer was submitted on an application for funding from 4 US Project in the Wordsley Ward.

AGREED TO RECOMMEND:-

- (1) That consideration of the application by the 4 US Project for the sum of £3,552 to enable them to purchase furniture and equipment for the group who support people with learning disabilities, be deferred for a statement for support of the work of the group to be requested from Adult Services and further investigations to be undertaken.
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6. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted that the next meeting of the Community Forum would be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2013 at 6.30pm at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.