

**Action Notes of the Kingswinford North and Wall Heath, Kingswinford South and Wordsley Community Forum**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 at 6.30pm  
at St Mary's Church Hall, The Village, Kingswinford, DY6 8AY**

**Present:**

Councillor Miller – Chair  
Councillor Billingham – Vice Chair

Councillors D Blood, P Brothwood, P Harley, D Hemingsley, N Neale, G Simms and D Tyler

**Officers:**

J Butler (Lead Officer) Directorate of the Urban Environment  
L Jury (Democratic Services Officer)

Together with 4 members of the public

10 **Apologies for Absence**

None received.

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11 **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed those present and Members and Officers made introductions.

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12 **Listening to you: Questions and Comments from Local Residents**

**Subject**

**Action**

An update on the future of the shops at Sandringham Place was requested and concerns were raised regarding rubbish that was being left at the back of the shops causing a potential fire hazard.

An update on the rental situation was given and the Lead Officer to investigate the fly tipping.

An update on the resurfacing of Bells Lane was requested.

As the resurfacing of Bells Lane was not on the Highway Programme for 2014/15, Lead Officer agreed to investigate and respond directly to the resident. Lead Officer to also investigate the procedure being followed regarding the Highway programme proposals and the involvement of elected Members.

A request was raised on behalf of Wordsley youths relating to the introduction of a skate park in Wordsley Park.

Members advised that the youths contact the Friends of Wordsley Park to discuss their request.

Request for the resurfacing of footpaths on Blaze Hill Road, Wall Heath.

Councillor Neale agreed to investigate the site and Lead Officer to arrange for the site to be inspected by Highway officers.

A comment raised regarding the demise of the 205 bus service from Wall Heath to Russells Hall.

Councillor Tyler advised that he was meeting with Centro next week where the issue would be raised. Lead Officer to contact Centro also to request the reintroduction of the service.

Comment raised regarding the grant application awarded from this Forum towards the Black Country Day celebrations but the lack of any event in the local wards.

Lead Officer to request a breakdown of the money spent by Communications and Public Affairs within the local wards.

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Request for the number of Councillors to be decreased from 72 to 48.

Members advised that a motion to decrease Members from 72 to 48 had been put to Council but had been rejected. Councillor Tyler advised, however, that the number of Councillors is decided by the Boundary Commission based on the number of voters but representation would be made to the Boundary Commission at the next review.

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13 **Working with you: Topics Raised: Topics raised by Local Councillors**

Subject

Action

Relating to an issue that had already been raised, Councillor Brothwood advised that he had already lodged a complaint with regards to the fly-tipping at the back of the Sandringham Shops due to the fire hazard risk. Councillor Simms also voiced concerns for the safety of the residents who lived above the shops.

Lead Officer to investigate.

Councillor Blood advised that the request for the widening of a dropped kerb in Standhills Road to enable Ambulance access to a disabled resident had been refused and requested that this issue be investigated further.

Councillor Blood to forward details to Lead Officer to investigate and respond directly to Councillor Blood.

Councillor Simms referred to the seating area in Wordsley Park that had been vandalised.

Councillor Hemingsley advised that some of the culprits had been identified and it was anticipated that the situation would be concluded shortly.

Councillor Harley requested that the situation with regards to fly-tipping at the bottom end of the car park by Tesco on Bromley Lane be investigated. Lead Officer to investigate.

Cllr Harley raised an issue relating to the development at the old Wordsley Hospital site and requested an update on the situation with regards to section 106 monies and whether the money could be used towards grass verges in the local area. Lead Officer to investigate.

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14 **Community Forum Funding**

Application

Recommendation

Wall Heath Community Centre

Approved £1,659 for the provision and fitting of roller blinds.

Kingswinford Community Centre

Deferred to enable the Lead Officer to contact the applicant to provide additional information relating to Government guidelines on installing CCTV cameras and seek advice on alternative security devices from the Community Safety Partnership Team.

Dudley Duke of Edinburgh Award Association

Deferred to enable the Lead Officer to contact the applicant to request whether funding had been sought from other sources. Applicant also to be advised that the Forum agreed a contribution of £500 only, on receipt of additional information.

Dudley Council Voluntary Services

Refused.

Black Country Wheels

Refused.

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15     **Date, Time and Venue of Future Meeting**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 commencing at 6.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall,  
The Village, Kingswinford DY6 8AY.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm.