

**ACTION NOTES OF THE MEETING OF BELLE VALE, HALESOWEN  
NORTH, HALESOWEN SOUTH, HAYLEY GREEN AND CRADLEY SOUTH  
COMMUNITY FORUM**

held at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2013  
at the Earls High School, Furnace Lane, Halesowen.

**PRESENT:-**

Councillor Burston (Chair)  
Councillor Taylor (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Nicholls, Russell, Bills, Hill, Vickers, H.Turner and K.Turner

**Officers:-**

Mr P Coyne (Lead Officer to the Forum - Assistant Director, Economic Regeneration and Transportation), Mr S Griffiths and Miss L Mason (both Directorate of Corporate Resources)

Together with twelve members of the public.

1 **INTRODUCTIONS BY THE CHAIR**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Belle Vale, Halesowen North, Halesowen South, Hayley Green and Cradley South 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.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors James, Woodall and Mrs. Shakespeare.

3 **LISTENING TO YOU – QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS**

The following queries/complaints were raised:-

**Nature of Query/Complaint**

**Referred to**

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| 1. The issue of parking in the road around Highfield Lane, Halesowen. | Director of the Urban Environment for a written response. |
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#### Other Issues Raised:-

- Speeding around Portsdown Road AND Lutley Lane, Halesowen. Responses were given in respect of concerns about how often the light-up speed control sign was triggered and the use of technology for enforcement purposes.
- Issue of safety in relation to the gulley by Red Leasowes and the Hare and Hounds Public House. The Police were aware of various issues and appropriate action had/would be taken.
- Regarding the Council Tax Freeze, responses were given by Members on the reasons for this. A decision would be made by the council on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013.
- The state of the site of the Button Factory, Stourbridge Road. Noted that a notice had been sent to owners to undertake clearing work on the site due to complaints from local residents.

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#### WORKING WITH YOU – TOPICS RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILLORS

In the context of an update on policing issues, Councillor Bills raised the issue of dog fouling and the issue of inconsiderate parking. People were encouraged to report relevant issues and anti-social behaviour to the police and relevant agencies.

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Councillor K Turner raised the issue of the 20mph speed limit around schools. A member of the public suggested such a limit be implemented by Hasbury School as the road was dangerous. The Director of Urban Environment would be asked for a timetable for the implementation of 20mph zones around school in the area in line with the previous Council's resolution. It was raised that there are currently discussions with CENTRO regarding the bus lanes around Halesowen.

Councillor Burston raised the issue of a request from a private company to buy the car park below Maybrook House. The Lead Officer would advise members of the position on this.

Councillor K Turner raised the issue of the Halesowen Area Action Plan and commented that further developments needed to be done to the other parts of Halesowen.

Councillor K Turner also raised the issue of potholes in the area, specifically in Wassell Road, Halesowen.

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AREA GRANTS

A report of the Lead Officer was submitted on three applications for funding.

It was noted that the applications received from St Margarets Well Surgery, and Halesowen Royal British Legion would be deferred for consideration at the next Community Forum meeting.

AGREED TO RECOMMEND –

That the Director of Corporate Resources approve the making of a grant in the sum of £4,595.20 to the Ups and Downs group to cover toys and trips provided to Families with Children with Down Syndrome.

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DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted that the next meeting of the Community Forum would be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 at 6.30pm at Lutley Community Centre, 31 Brookwillow Road, Halesowen.

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The Meeting ended at 7.35pm

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