

**Action Notes of the Norton, Pedmore & Stourbridge East, Wollaston & Stourbridge
Town Community Forum**

**Wednesday 25th June, 2014 at 6.30pm
at Stourbridge Children's Centre, Forge Road, Stourbridge**

Present:

Councillors N Barlow, C Elcock, C Hale, L Jones, I Kettle, H Rogers and M Wood

Officers:

A Leigh (Lead Officer) (Head of Services (Housing Strategy and Development))
and H Shepherd (Democratic Services Officer)

Together with 11 members of the public

1 **Election of Chair**

Councillor N Barlow was elected Chair of the Forum for the municipal year.

2 **Election of Vice-Chair**

Councillor M Wood was elected Vice-Chair of the Forum for the municipal year.

3 **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed those present and Members and Officers introduced themselves.

4 **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors M Attwood and I Marrey.

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

Subject

Community Forum funding applications
and public's participation.

Action

Chair responded that residents would
be able to comment on applications but
that recommendations would be voted
on by the elected Councillors only.

Widening the scope of the Community Forum to include Old Amblecote and those nearby areas which historically identify with Stourbridge.

Enquiry forwarded direct to the Directorate of Corporate Resources to respond.

Best wishes and thanks were expressed to Mr Polychronakis for his service contributions.

Members endorsed the comments and also expressed their gratitude to him.

Safety of the wall at Red Hill

Councillor L Jones stated that the ownership of the wall was part West Midlands Police and the remainder private and it was ultimately their responsibility for the maintenance of the wall. The Chair stated that following completion of the repair work, Council Officers would examine the wall to ensure it was safe.

6 **Working with you: Topics raised by Local Councillors**

Subject

Action

Councillor H Rogers referred to the parking issues at Mary Stevens Park

Councillors H Rogers and L Jones stated that alternative options were being explored and the issue would continue to be monitored.

Councillor I Kettle requested the costing for the repair work to the collapsed wall at Red Hill.

Lead Officer to speak with DUE in relation to this matter.

Councillor L Jones referred to the growing number of potholes in the roads throughout the Borough. He referred to the additional funding received from Central Government in relation to this issue and requested assurance that this money was committed to the issue.

Referred to the Directorate of the Urban Environment for a response

Councillor M Wood asked if residents had any suggestions or ideas as to where Black Country Day bunting or publications could be placed.

Residents to advise Councillor M Wood or the Lead Officer of any suggestions

Councillor N Barlow stated that Margot James was to hold a meeting in relation to the future of the Longlands site on 4th July, 2014 at 6pm at Greenfield Primary School.

Chair encouraged residents to attend the meeting and express their views.

7 **Community Forum Funding**

Application

Recommendation

Samaritans Brierley Hill Branch

Approve a £450 contribution.

Scouts Jamboree – Edward Cook and Greg McArthur (Considered as one application)

Approve a £2000 contribution and recommend that the date that monies are required to be spent (guideline No. 8) be extended to the date of the Jamboree in 2015.

The Teutoburger Wald Group

Approve the sum of £5000 plus any additional costs for installation works.

LIFE Debt Advice Centre (Stourbridge)

Refuse. Recommend that the applicant look at possible funding from the Community Development Fund.

Dudley Community Church

Refuse as does not meet the local criteria.

Wollaston Village Community Association

Approve the sum of £5920.59

Dudley Council for Voluntary Service (DCVS)

Approve a £200 contribution

8 **Dates, Time and Venues of Future Meetings**

Future meeting dates noted as follows:-

Wednesday 3rd September, 2014 – Ham Dingle Primary School

Wednesday 5th November, 2014 – Wollaston Village Hall

Wednesday 28th January, 2015 – To be confirmed

Wednesday 18th March, 2015 – Chawn Hill Church

The meeting ended at 8.40pm