

## **Action Notes of the Halesowen North and Halesowen South Community Forum**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 at 6.30pm  
at Leasowes School, Kent Road, Halesowen

### **Present:**

Councillor K Shakespeare (Chair)  
Councillor A .Taylor (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors H Bills, N Gregory, S Henley and D Vickers.

### **Officers:**

S.Beckett (Lead Officer) (Head of Dudley Council Plus)) and J.Jablonski  
(Assistant Principal Officer - Democratic Services )

together with 5 members of the public

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### 8 **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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### 9 **Listening to you: Questions and Comments from Local Residents**

#### Subject

#### Action

Notice board on Great Cornbow – request that this be used for community notices. Suggested use – top section details for community groups, middle space – advertisement of specific town events and the bottom space used to display Councillors' details and surgeries

Lead Officer to persue this matter, in particular arrangements for the notice board key to be held in the Cornbow Office and with Marcomms for the design of a notice detailing Members information and surgeries..

Request for information as to where fees received from advertisements on local traffic islands are currently allocated and a request that they be allocated to Halesowen Greencare and used for traffic island improvements in Halesowen..	Issue referred to the relevant Council Directorate for a response.
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10     **Working with you: Topics raised by Local Councillors**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
Councillors Bills updated the meeting on measures put in place to hopefully mitigate the effects of works to be carried out in Narrow Lane.	Noted. .

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11     **Community Forum Funding**

<u>Application</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Halesowen Abbey Trust	Approval of £5,000 to the trust since the last meeting noted.
Elayna Barnsley and Matthew Wong – World Scout Jamboree in Japan,2015	Approve a contribution of £625 to each scout.
Dudley Council for Voluntary Service	Approve a payment of £300, on the basis of a one-off payment.
COCOA (Welcome to Dudley) – further consideration given to application in the light of further information	Refusal – as unclear as to how hard to reach people would be identified and lack of detail as to position in Halesowen North and South Wards.

12. **Allocation of High Street Innovation Fund/Empty Shops Grant**

The Chair reported on proposals for each community forum to receive approximately £16,000 from the High Street Innovation Fund/Empty Shops Grant. Applications would be invited in due course for applications which would improve the appearance or economic vitality of an area.

Further details would be reported to the forum but in the meantime those present were asked to consider projects on which the monies could be spent.

13 **Face the People – Public Meeting**

The Lead Officer reported on a public meeting to be held at Netherton Arts Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 at which members of the public would have the chance to talk directly to the people who deal with crime and disorder policies in the Dudley Borough.

14. **Dates, Time and Venues of Future Meetings**

4th November, 2014 - Olive Hill Primary School - 6.30pm  
27th January, 2015 - Leasowes School - 6.30pm  
17th March, 2015 - Olive Hill Primary School - 6.30pm

The meeting ended at 7.10pm