

**ACTION NOTES OF THE MEETING OF COSELEY EAST/SEDGLEY  
COMMUNITY FORUM**

held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2013  
at St Andrew's Church, Bilston Street, Sedgley

**PRESENT:-**

Councillor Caunt (Chair)  
Councillors Evans, Ridney and Mrs Westwood

**Officers:-**

Mr B Clifford (Lead Officer to the Forum) (Assistant Director, Health Reform Programme Lead – Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services) and Mrs M Johal (Directorate of Corporate Resources)

Together with twelve members of the public.

7                   **INTRODUCTIONS BY THE CHAIR**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Coseley East/Sedgley Community Forum and general introductions were made.

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8                   **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G Davies and Mottram.

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

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The following comments and issues were raised:-

- Concern about the lack of maintenance of the grass verges and trees on Paul Street, Hurst Hill and that the dangerous state of the street compromised residents' safety. Reference was also made to a tree that had been condemned but that the wrong tree had been cut down. Petition handed in to Councillor Ridney for actioning.
- The increase in traffic in Paul Street and inconsiderate parking by parents whilst taking and collecting their children from school. Reference was also made to a recent accident that had occurred. Councillor Ridney reported on the various measures and action being taken to combat the problem.

- An update regarding the position on the closure of Roseville Day Centre and Bridgehouse was requested. The Lead Officer and Councillor Ridney gave an update on the position and reference was also made to alternative organisations that offered similar facilities such as those provided by Age Concern.
- Reference was made to the derelict public conveniences on Gospel End Street and it was queried whether these could be demolished and replaced with a piece of public art to identify the history of Sedgley. In response the Chair stated that the site was on the market and indicated that the suggestion would be considered.
- Recent muggings in Coseley – Sergeant Lewis provided an update and indicated that arrests had been made and assured members of the public that there was no need for any concern.
- Current position with regard to the Sedgley Community Police Station; that volunteers were no longer able to help out and whether there were any plans to close the station – Sergeant Lewis stated that volunteers could not continue as they were not covered by the police insurance policy and he indicated that there were no plans to close the station.
- Complaints were made about private hire vehicles causing an obstruction on Friday and Saturday evenings due to inconsiderate parking – Sergeant Lewis undertook to speak to his colleagues that were involved in Taxi Watch.

WORKING WITH YOU – TOPICS RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILLORS

- (a) The Chair referred to an issue regarding a notice that had been placed by the Fish and Chip Shop near the Sedgley Youth Club whereby they had employed a private parking company to issue fines when parking on Council owned land. The Council were investigating the matter with a view to removing the notice.
- (b) Councillor Ridney;-
  - (i) Referred to a number of measures being put into place to combat parking around schools;
  - (ii) Requested that the Director of the Urban Environment investigate the issue of public toilets in Coseley as there was currently a lack of the facility in the area.

- (c) Councillor Evans referred to the construction work that was underway in Sedgley on Gospel End Street and indicated, as a crossing could not be erected, an alternative scheme for a footpath was being put in its place.

A member of the public asked whether consideration could be given to a one-way system to alleviate the traffic in Sedgley.

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AREA GRANTS

A report of the Lead Officer was submitted on an application for funding received from Summerhill Community Association.

AGREED TO RECOMMEND –

That the Director of Corporate Resources approve the making of a grant in the sum of £3500 to Summerhill Community Association to replace existing windows in order to increase security, retain heat and improve the appearance of the centre.

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DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the details of future meetings would be available following the Annual Meeting of the Council on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm