

Your Home, Your Forum Meeting Notes

Forum:	Brierley Hill
Date and time:	Wednesday 22 nd February 2023 6.30pm
Venue:	Wall Heath Evangelical Church, Enville Road, Wall Heath, Kingswinford.
Attendance:	<p>Councillors R Ahmed, A Davies, R Collins, J Foster, S Greenaway, P Atkins, E Lawrence, P Harley, L Johnson, P Miller, D. Harley, K Lewis, J Martin, and M Rogers.</p> <p>Officers/ Police: C McCarthy (Liaison Officer), L Pearson and M Westwood (Community Development Workers) PC Wood, Sergeant Mohammed</p> <p>Members of the public: 15 (2 representatives from marketplace stands also attended the meeting)</p>
Apology	Councillor S Saleem
Agenda item	Notes
1. Marketplace	<p>A marketplace event was held at the beginning of the meeting to enable people to find out about services, groups and activities in the local area.</p> <p>Market place representatives:</p> <p>Dementia Services</p> <p>The dementia gateway service supports Dudley borough residents who are living with dementia, including support for carers and family members. Anyone worried about dementia, diagnosed with the condition, their families or carers can ask for help from Dementia Advisors who offer tailored advice and information about living well with</p>

dementia. Please visit <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/care-and-health/adult-health-social-care/support-to-stay-independent/dementia-gateways/>

Dudley Young Health Champions

The Dudley Young Health Champions programme is an initiative that seeks to empower Young People across the borough to have their voices heard. The programme aims to recruit Young People aged 11-25 from Schools, Colleges and community groups to become champions in their setting and to raise awareness about a variety of health-related topics. DYHCs will also have opportunities to help shape future services by working with key decision makers by sharing the experiences of Young People and feedback what it is important to them.

They also aim to train and empower a network of champions who can offer peer to peer support to other Young People. This is achieved by providing DYHCs the tools and resources to be able to signpost Young People to other agencies, support networks and community groups that are available and can help.

DYHCs will raise awareness around a range of health-related topics such as healthy lifestyles, mental health and emotional wellbeing. Some of the ways they raise awareness are through the use of canvassing, social media campaigns and project work.

If you are interested in becoming a DYHC or learning more about the programme, please contact Ben Arrowsmith via email at ben@dudleycvs.org.uk or on 07944023074.

Information available about community activities at Wall Evangelical Church and Wall Heath Community Centre.

Also Worrying about Money Leaflets and information about the photo I.D for voting provided

<p>2. Welcome and introduction to the meeting</p>	<p>The Liaison Officer welcomed everyone to the meeting, informed attendees of housekeeping arrangements for the venue and handed over to Councillor R Collins to chair the meeting</p> <p>The Chair informed the meeting that she had made some changes to the order of the agenda so that Ward Councillor updates could be heard first.</p>
<p>3. Apologies and declarations of interest</p>	<p>Apologies Councillor S Saleem Tom Senior (Liaison Officer)</p>
<p>4. Updates from Ward Councillors</p>	<p>Kingswinford North & Wall Heath Councillors provided an update on upcoming local events, including a parade for the Coronation on 7th May.</p> <p>Kingswinford South Councillors provided updates regarding anti-social behaviour and the proposed Ketley Quarry development</p> <p>Wordsley Councillors provided updates regarding the proposed changes to bus services and the success of local traffic speed watches</p> <p>Brockmoor & Pensnett Councillors provided updates regarding the proposed changes to bus services, the new play area in the Coppice and new Neighbourhood watch initiatives.</p> <p>Brierley Hill Councillors provided updates regarding the town regeneration project, the proposed changes to bus services, ongoing work with the police to address off road bikes and the success of local traffic speed watches</p>

5. Have Your Say	<p>A resident raised an issue regarding traffic between a housing estate and industrial estate and asked about possible traffic calming measures. This has been referred to Dudley Council plus, so that the relevant officers can look into the issue.</p> <p>A Dudley resident raised the issue of cycle lanes across the brough and requested funding to provide additional routes. The Chair responded with the council's official position and Councillor P Harley confirmed that the Council has previously received funding and provided as much new infrastructure as possible with the funds received.</p>
6. Police and communities together	<p>A discussion took place on local policing and related issues.</p> <p>Police explained that they have a new taskforce which operated across the boundaries of neighbouring forces to enable them to share intelligence and responses.</p> <p>Police provided an update on local crime figures and ongoing initiatives in the area.</p> <p>A detailed debate followed between Councillors, police and residents about the implication of crime rates and resolution rates and the police confirmed that further information is available on the Force website and that they will try to provide more meaningful information at the next meeting.</p>
7. Forum funding	<p>The Chair provided a summary of recommendations on applications made for funding. It was noted that there were no deferred applications. For full details please click on the following link:- Forum Funding Summary</p> <p>The Chair updated the Forum with the list of recent successful applications.</p>
8. Date of next meeting	<p>Details on the next round of Your Home, Your Forum meetings would be available on the following link in due course – Your Home, Your Forum Brierley Hill</p>

Time meeting ended: 8:10pm