

**Action Notes of the Amblecote, Cradley and Wollescote and Lye and Stourbridge  
North Community Forum**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2014 at 6.30pm  
at the Providence Methodist Church, Colley Orchard, Colley Gate, B63 2LA**

**Present:**

Councillors R Body, P Bradley, M Hanif, P Martin, G Partridge and C Perks

**Officers:**

A Grove (Lead Officer) (Head of Youth Service), J Forbes (Strategy Manager (Supporting People and Housing) and K Taylor (Democratic Services Officer)

Together with 8 members of the public

**1 Welcome and Introductions**

The Lead Officer welcomed those present and the local councillors and members of the public introduced themselves.

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**2 Election of Chair**

Councillor C Perks was elected Chair of the Forum for the municipal year.

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**3 Election of Vice-Chair**

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

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**4 Apologies for Absence**

Councillors T Crumpton, T Herbert and P Lowe.

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

**Subject**

**Action**

Request to re-position the clock in Lye to the front garden of Lye Library. A request has been forwarded to Dudley Council Plus, with no response to date.

Noted.

Concerns in relation to public parking at Wollescote Park, in particular that there had been a significant reduction in parking available to members of the public.

Councillor Partridge suggested the resident write to Ernest Stevens Trust Board.

Problems regarding the surface drainage water from the new housing development on the former Hickman's Manufacturing site in Delph Road, Silver End. This was raised at the last Forum meeting, although an acknowledge had been sent, no action has been taken.

The Chair responded to points raised and undertook to continue to monitor the situation.

Why do Midland Heart and the Council not alter plans to access the new extra care home on Homer Hill by using land off Park Lane, Netherend, rather than using Trust land used for recreation. The land off Park Lane is vacant and open for development.

Referred for a written response.

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## 6 **Gibbs Road – Midland Heart**

Mr J Greenwood, Midland Heart, gave a verbal presentation on the developments of a site in Gibbs Road, Lye.

Mr Greenwood provided a history of the development including the erection of 58 flats to provide a service to residents in the Dudley Borough, or those who had suffered Domestic Violence. He also stated that the aim of the building was to be used by residents and the community, and three initiatives would be offered – learning; health and wellbeing and employment.

Mr Greenwood responded to various questions raised by councillors and members of the public in relation to the funds used to maintain the home; coping strategies for anti-social behaviour; ensuring people engaging, and the advertising and consultation process.

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## 7 **Working with you: Topics raised by Local Councillors**

### Subject

### Action

Councillor Hanif referred to the following :-

Problems in Caledonia, Lye in relation to horses straying on the highway.

Councillor Hanif undertook to continue discussing the issue with officers.

Ongoing problems with anti-social behaviour by children in Lye.

Noted.

Councillor Partridge referred to the arson attacks of two buildings in Colley Gate and the ongoing criminal investigation.

Councillor Partridge undertook to provide an update at the next Forum meeting.

The Chair reported that the area behind Withymoore School would be cleared during the summer holidays.

Noted.

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## 8 **Community Forum Funding**

### Application

### Recommendation

1<sup>st</sup> Peters Hill Girls Brigade

Deferred pending further information on the costings for the equipment only.

Life Centre Debt Advice

Approved a £220.00 contribution towards stationary only.

Direxions

Approved a £1500.00 contribution towards laptop, printer, stationary & study books only.

Stourbridge Football Club

Refused.

Dudley Community Church

Refused as does not meet the local criteria.

Dudley Council for Voluntary Services

Refused as does not meet the local criteria.

Brierley Hill Samaritans

Approved a £180.00 contribution towards the computer.

It was also suggested that Brierley Hill Samaritans might be minded to donate their old equipment to other groups, and a resident agreed to discuss the application via a Patients Panel with the Clinical Commissioning Group.

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## 9 **Dates, Time and Venues of Future Meetings**

Future meetings noted as follows:-

Wednesday 10th September, 2014 (Lye Community Centre)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 (Providence Methodist Church)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 (Amblecote Church Hall)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 (Lye Community Centre)

The meeting ended at 8.25pm