

COMMUNITY FORUMS

West Area Joint Committee meetings
Report of Henley and Studley Community Forum
Henley and Studley Forum met on Wednesday 10 th September 2008 in the Multi Media Room, Studley Village Hall and this is a report of their meeting. Welcome by Dave Webb, Lead Officer from Stratford District Council.
1. Election of Chair: Tony Dixon, Ward member for Tanworth in Arden on Stratford District Council nominated .
2. Welcome and Introductions: Cllr Dixon welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of Henley and Studley Community Forum. It is an opportunity to set a framework to proceed with the Community Forum. Introductions: Cllr Hazel Wright, Cllr Paul Beaman, Cllr M. Weddell Ward members for Studley on SDC. Cllr Richard Hobbs Ward member Aston Cantflow Division & WCC. Cllr John Horner Ward Member SDC Claverdon, Nick Gowen-Johnson, WCC, Sgt Bob Shaw Alcester North SNT, Steve Smith Lead Officer WCC, Cllr Helen McCarthy County Councillor Studley area, Dave Webb Lead Officer SDC.
3. Apologies: Cllr Stephen Thirlwell, Laurence Marshall Ward Members for Henley, Cllr George Atkinson Ward member for Tanworth in Arden & Cllr Les Topham, ward member for Sambourne and Mappleborough Green.
4. The Role of the Community Forum and Purpose of Meetings: Terms of Reference draft was accepted without any amendments. Query from member of Claverdon Parish Council of the reason for the meeting. Cllr Dixon stated it is a coming together of representatives from different agencies to help with issues that any member of the public may have. It is important people work together. Future meetings will improve. It may be an idea for smaller Parish Councils to form clusters to take any issue forward. Members of the public will determine future agendas. Concept is trying to take Councils to the people. Success or failure is getting all the agencies to come. PCT have committed to send representatives. Shall be involved in future meetings. PCT is a key partner.
5. Membership of the Forum: Parish Councils to nominate representatives as well as any other interested community groups. Cllr Hobbs said an effort should be made to have a representative of young people as they often miss out. Youth Forums do exist and is actively encouraged by WCC but should be keen to consider young people's issues. Older peoples groups should also be approached. Anyone can turn up to a meeting, important to get audience participation as it is Community driven.

Publicity for this meeting has been an issue, as many residents were not aware. The 6 week lead up time for next meeting will be publicised in local papers and magazines as well as Parish Talk.

Most members of the public thought 6pm too early for the meeting. It was agreed by the majority to change the time for all future meeting to 7.30pm. SNT meetings will be one hour prior to the Community Forum meeting. Police feel this meeting is a real opportunity to get some power and gain more success than ever before.

Cllr Dixon also thought future meetings should be less formal and should be without tables.

6. Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Report:

Presented by Sgt Bob Shaw

Issues following previous PACT meetings being looked at include:

- a) Parking Issues, Studley and Henley especially parking on the pavements
- b) Speeding through Sambourne
- c) Anti- Social behaviour Birdcage Walk and Medical Centre in Henley
- d) Lack of Policing in the evenings in Henley
- e) Problem of parents parking – Tanworth School
- f) Introduction of Alcohol Restriction Zone –Studley

Work has continued to address issues. SNT has bought a hand held speed detection device. It goes where is required. High profile and has been in areas where problems were raised at PACT meetings. Henley officers has two sponsored cycles and have proved to be a valuable asset.

Man arrested in Studley for stealing drain covers, man also arrested following several burglaries in South Warwickshire.

Complete view of incidents and crime given. Forum would like the detection rates per area per day for the next meeting.

PCSOs have proved to be real value as they are the public face of the police, providing reassurance and an asset to their role.

Claverdon - speed through the village is still an issue, strong desire to reduce speed.

Nowhere for the Speed van to park. Safety Audit carried out and money left over, money could be diverted to provide hard standing areas for the vans. Highways to check. Do not feel police seen enough. School bus from Hatton causes most problems.

Police nigh on impossible to get hold of. Telephone system is a problem but better than it was. Still needs to improve.

7. Localities Report:

Report for next meeting.

8. Items for Future meetings:

Parking issues across the area.

9. Dates and Venues for future meetings

26th November 2008 at 7.30pm Henley

18th February 2009 venue to be agreed.

Future meetings to coincide with West Joint Committees.