

# Arbury & Stockingford Community Forum

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
Stockingford Sports & Social Club

## Draft Notes of Meeting

**Present:**

Cllr Barry Longden – Chair	NBBC
Cllr Chris Watkins – Vice Chair	NBBC
Cllr Victoria Fowler	NBBC
Cllr Caroline Phillips	WCC

**In Attendance:**

Mark Ryder, A Rigby – WCC  
PC Nina Staite, PCSO Marjory Shaw – Warks Police  
Malcolm Dade – George Eliot Hospital  
Cyril Neale, Nigel Parkes, Stephen Nyirongo

### Apologies:

Cllr Don Navarro, Cllr Gwynne Pomfrett, Cllr Bill Olnier, PC Paul Painter, PCSO Rachel Ames, Cllr Kevin Young, Ian Powell, Dorothy Hogg

### 1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Cllr Longden welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves. Apologies as listed were given.

### 2. Safer Neighbourhood Team Update

A detailed report was received from Warwickshire Police reporting on statistics and trends in the Arbury and Stockingford Community Forum area. For further information about the Safer Neighbourhood Teams please visit: <http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/your-neighbourhood/nuneaton-and-bedworth-district>

The presentation included the following information:

48 people signed up to Horse Watch

Spate of vehicle crime around Bermuda: Odeon cinema, Frankie & Bennys, Flowers Estate

Anti-Social Behaviour at The Raywoods. Acceptable Behavioural Contract (ABC) reinstated for individual living on Aviemore Close

NISA shop, Kingswood Road - dispersal order in place. Police to keep an incident log until March 2014.

Kingswood, Barpool – police targeting known burglars to reduce drug related crime

Police working effectively with N&B Borough Council and tenants to reduce levels of anti-social behaviour and crime

Chris Watkins introduced himself as the local area Community Safety Ambassador reporting back community issues relating to crime to Ron Ball, Police & Crime Commissioner. Contact email: [chris.watkins@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk](mailto:chris.watkins@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk)

### 3. George Eliot Hospital – outcome from Keogh Review & sustainability future project

Malcolm Dade, non-executive director, George Eliot Hospital (GEH) gave an update.

Approval granted by NHS Trust Development Agency for the hospital to seek a partner organisation to secure a sustainable future for GEH. The new partner would take control from April 2015.

Keogh inspection recommended an increase in pace of improvements towards operating a full seven day a week service. Financial support has been given to help the hospital meet the recommendations of the report.

Paediatric day care provision has increased with 10 full time equivalent paediatricians employed. There is no longer an inpatient paediatric service. A new child assessment unit 'The Rosie Goodwin Unit' has recently opened.

A&E department now has twice as many beds and employs more nurses and ancillary staff to improve services and prepare for winter. The Rosie Goodwin Unit currently provides a separate A&E service for under 18s.

A new specialist clinic has opened for kidney and neurological assessments. The Sky Blue Sexual Assault Referral Centre has also recently opened on site.

Friends & family independent survey has revealed that 84% of patients are extremely likely to recommend GEH services.

In response to questions:

A partner organisation needs to provide financial backing to GEH so that it can qualify for Foundation Hospital Status in the future.

For more information: [www.geh.nhs.uk/](http://www.geh.nhs.uk/)

Fairer funding formula is needed to redress £24M difference in NHS funding between the north and the south of the county.

#### **4. The Councils – briefing and feedback from June meeting**

Barry Longden reported back on the issues and actions from the last meeting. A table of issues and actions was printed on the reverse of the Forum agenda.

The Bermuda transport bridge feasibility study will be fed back to the Forum. The study will look at potential use of the bridge from Bermuda over A444. The study is programmed for completion before March 2014.

#### **5. Current Local Issues**

Update requested following police raid in July on Stockingford pub. Confirmation requested of licenced trading hours.

#### **6. Summary & Close**

Future arrangements for the Forum were briefly discussed including reducing the numbers of meetings from 4 to 2 meetings a year. The next meeting will go ahead as planned.

The proposed Arbury housing development was discussed as a future agenda item to coincide with the next round of public consultation on the Borough Plan.

#### **Next Meeting**

7pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013, Stockingford Sports & Social Club