

# KENILWORTH COMMUNITY FORUM

12<sup>th</sup> September 2017

The forum was attended by 35 people.

Item	Discussion points and actions agreed
Welcome & Introductions	<p>Cllr Kate Dickson welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.</p> <p>The notes from the last meeting were agreed.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising not already covered in the agenda.</p>
Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)	<p>Policing in Kenilworth</p> <p>Philip Seccombe presented on his role and duties as Police &amp; Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire. He introduced a new Police &amp; Crime Plan and highlighted key areas of work he is looking to prioritise; which includes the implementation of a new policing model.</p> <p>The model includes making saving targets to the policing budget; introduction of a Victim's Code; and opening of Operations Communications Centre at Warwick Technology Park</p> <p>He also promoted grant funding and community engagement opportunities and introduced new Deputy PCC, Rob Tromans.</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look to include in Road Safety Plan the recalibration of Speed Guns by police in support of local Community Speed Watch Groups</li> <li>• Duty on Councils to target harden in response to encroachment by G&amp;T on open space eg Bates Memorial Park</li> <li>• PC Anna Brown post is just short of Full Time at 36 hours per week. Anna covers only the Kenilworth beat. Crimes eg burglaries are investigated by a dedicated police team. There have been some recent arrests</li> <li>• It was acknowledged that big events eg horse fair, agricultural show, carnival can all produce spikes in local crime figures</li> <li>• Local policing is best done through the work of 33 Safer Neighbourhood Teams across the county. This structure of local policing will continue in Warwickshire. More 'Specials' will be recruited to support the Teams</li> <li>• In response to crimes being committed from offenders from outside the area, local police forces use a crime management system called 'Athena' to help share information and profiles. It is expected to help significantly during construction of HS2 where plant machinery could be targeted by criminals</li> <li>• To address safeguarding issues – cases are discussed between police, social services and health at regular meetings of Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)</li> <li>• Full support is offered to new and existing Neighbourhood Watch groups to enable residents to help themselves to reduce crime in their area</li> </ul>

<p>Kenilworth Safer Neighbourhood Team</p>	<p>PC Anna Brown reported back on local police activity and handed out latest crime figures.</p> <p>The following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The increase in residential burglaries maybe due to offenders trying to find car keys to steal cars parked on driveways / on-street parking</li> <li>• In response to an increase in bike thefts the SNT team will look to organise a bike coding event</li> <li>• In response to an increase in anti-social behaviour in Abbey Fields the police may look at reintroducing the dispersal order</li> <li>• A contributing factor to an increase in crime figures may be the change in reporting protocol</li> </ul> <p>New forum priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Reassurance / Burglary Prevention - Burton Green</li> <li>• Theft and Anti-Social Behaviour - Kenilworth Town Centre</li> <li>• Anti-Social Behaviour - Abbey Fields, Kenilworth</li> <li>• Car parking issues – Kenilworth school</li> </ul>
<p>Plans for Kenilworth</p>	<p>Cllr George Illingworth updated on the following:</p> <p>Local Plan: In August the government's Inspector approved Warwick District Council's Local Plan. On 20 September the adopted Plan became the council's official policy to inform on planning decisions for the next twelve years. For more info: <a href="https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20410/new_local_plan">https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20410/new_local_plan</a></p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan: A revised Plan will be produced following consultation with residents and adoption of the Local Plan</p> <p>HS2: Enabling works including environmental mitigation works have now begun to prepare for the construction of the railway. Great Crested newts found on Kenilworth golf course. Two funding streams available: Community Environment Fund &amp; Business and Local Economy Fund. Both funds now open to applications and are administered by Groundwork UK</p> <p>Full details: <a href="https://www.groundwork.org.uk/sites/hs2funds">https://www.groundwork.org.uk/sites/hs2funds</a></p> <p>£40million funds with £15million allocated specifically for the Central area.</p>
<p>Grants – Reporting back</p>	<p>Kenilworth Helping Hands reported back on their trip for 18 members to Caister-on-Sea in May 2017 with the help of £1872 Community Forum grant</p> <p>The Omega Course reported back on end of life courses and events in Kenilworth involving over 20 people after receiving a grant for £1100</p> <p>Harry Sunley Memorial Project updated on the making of the display cabinet for Kenilworth Abbey Gatehouse which is nearing completion. They received a grant of £2000</p> <p>Kenilworth WW1 walk reported back on a successful Heritage Open Day walk around the town following a grant of £150 from the Forum</p>

Grants	The following grant applications were supported by the Community Forum from a joint pot of £10,000 (£5k from WCC + £5K from WDC):		
	<b>Applicant name</b>	<b>Purpose of application</b>	<b>£ award</b>
	Kenilworth Community Care	Contribution towards salary for Admiral nurse	3000
	Kenilworth Community Speed Watch	Contribution towards recalibration	350
	Kenilworth Helping Hands	Contribution to activity weekend	1500
	Central England Lipreading Support Trust	Contribution towards purchase of hearing equipment	950
	Kenilworth World War 1 project	Fund publicity & hall hire for heritage walk	150
	Kenilworth Juniors Triathlon Club	Contribution towards training course for coaches	500
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£6450</b>
	The Community Forum Fund will reopen to applications on 4 <sup>th</sup> December and close on 26 January 2018.		
Future forum dates	Tuesday 13 February 2018 at Senior Citizens Club, Abbey End		