

WARWICK RURAL EAST COMMUNITY FORUM

13th June, 2018

Notes from the meeting

The forum was attended by 13 people

Agenda item	Main points and actions agreed
Welcome	<p>Cllr Wallace Redford welcomed everybody</p> <p>Apologies from PCSOs King, Underwood</p> <p>Minutes of last meeting were agreed. No matters arising</p>
Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)	<p>Philip Seccombe presented his role and duties as Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Warwickshire. He introduced the Police & 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 of £11M; introduction of a Victim's Code; and opening of a new Operations Communication Centre at Warwick Technology Park and sale of Police HQ at Leek Wootton.</p> <p>The new policing model also priorities more resources and staff on Friday and Saturday nights.</p> <p>Annual policing budget is approximately £100M (approximately 50% from central government and 50% from Council tax precept). The 6.25% increase in the police precept for 2018/19 of £3M will be spent on front line police services eg strengthening the Safer Neighbourhood Teams by employing more officers and investing in IT support (body cameras, laptops / tablets etc)</p> <p>PCC also promoted the availability of grant funding through South Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership and community engagement opportunities.</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Speedwatch schemes should be viewed as an effective way to educate drivers about speeding rather than as an enforcement measure • Safer Neighbourhood Teams provide reassurance, local intelligence and problem solving eg addressing anti-social behaviour. Other police teams provide response to 999 emergencies and operational patrols to also support local communities • Household burglary and car crime are the most common crimes locally • Resources for policing the construction of HS2 will be allocated on usual risk / harm basis <p>PC Ross Kirby gave an update and handed out information on police activity over the last four months including action on the previous set of priorities.</p>

	<p>The Forum set the following policing priorities for the next four months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Checks/Monitoring - Cubbington/New Cubbington: To prevent/deal with speeding motorists, promote speed reduction/awareness, educate motorists and provide reassurance to the local community conduct a minimum of 10 speed checks/monitoring sessions • School Safety Patrols - Warwick Rural East Area: To prevent/deal with inconsiderate parking and other road related matters, educate motorists and provide reassurance to members of the local community, conduct a minimum of 15 dedicated school safety patrols • Anti-Social Behaviour/Reassurance Patrols - Bubbenhall: To prevent/deal with offences and to provide reassurance to members of the local community conduct a minimum of 15 dedicated high-visibility patrols
River bank maintenance & Responsibility	<p>Mark Banning, Flood Risk Management, WCC gave a general presentation on landownership legalities and riparian responsibility for watercourses. Warwickshire County Council is the lead local flood authority (LLFA) for surface water flooding and has oversight for ordinary watercourses in the county. Environment Agency (EA) has a similar role for main rivers. A watercourse includes: streams, ditches, culverts, dikes etc Responsibility for maintenance of watercourses lies with the riparian landowner.</p> <p>EA publication 'Living on the Edge' is a good guide for owners of waterside properties. https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/riparianownership</p> <p>Grant funding is available from Warwickshire County Council for small scale flood alleviation schemes that provide solutions to flooding beyond basic maintenance https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grants#floodsgrant</p> <p>The Flood Risk team, WCC is keen to work with local Town / Parish Councils and Flood Groups to find local solutions to flooding issues.</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Agency (EA) is responsible for managing risk on the River Leam, the main river through Eathorpe, this will include managing the risk posed by flooding, but also having due regard to the biodiversity of the river's eco-system • The weir in Eathorpe is the responsibility of EA • In 2014 £1.1M flood alleviation scheme in Cubbington was delivered by Warwick District Council to alleviate flooding of 50 homes
Switch & Save, WCC	<p>Angeline Murungu and Mathilde Robert, Energy Team, WCC presented Switch & Save scheme supported by Warwickshire County Council (WCC) to bring cheaper home energy prices to Warwickshire residents.</p> <p>Working with iChoosr, independent experts in group buying schemes and Act on Energy, local energy conservation experts, residents have the opportunity to join 25,000 UK households in taking up cheaper energy tariff offers at auctions held three times a year.</p> <p>To date 300 Warwickshire residents have signed up. 75% could make a saving by taking up the offer at the May auction which was won by three energy suppliers: So Energy – on-line billing clients Eon – paper billing clients Economy Energy – pre-payment meter clients</p> <p>New customers can still take advantage of these offers by signing up on-line before 3</p>

	<p>July.</p> <p>For more information: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/switchhandsave</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next round begins in August with the auction taking place in October • 80 energy companies, large and small placed bids at the auction in May
Latest funding news & reports	<p>Funding reports:</p> <p>Cliff Cleaver Pavilion – flood defence scheme</p> <p>Works began on 9 June to put in a low wall and drainage gully to stop silt from the playing field blocking the drain and causing the pavilion to flood.</p>
	<p>The Forum has a joint pot of £9,000 (£6k from WCC + £3K from WDC) for the Community Forum Fund 2018/19</p> <p>The fund will be launched on 9 July with a closing date of 10 September. Applications are open to community groups and organisations to support local projects that directly benefit the local community</p> <p>Funding will be agreed at the next two Community Forums on 10th October and in February / March 2019 – date to be confirmed.</p> <p>WDC has launched WW1 Commemorative Fund to mark the centenary of First World War. £1500 is available from each Community Forum to support projects that focus on remembrance, education, or legacy. Closing date for applications has been extended to 6th July.</p> <p>For more information: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/smallgrant</p>
Have your Say – local issues	None raised
Next meeting	Wednesday 10 th October 2018