



RUGBY TOWN NORTH COMMUNITY FORUM

Minutes of meeting on: Tuesday 24 June 2014 at Warwickshire College (Rugby)

Councillors Present:

Cllrs Alan Webb (Chair), Mary Webb (WCC), Claire Edwards (RBC), Jill Simpson Vince (RBC), Carolyn Robbins (RBC), Peter Butlin (WCC),

Officers and Speakers Present:

Sgt Sam Watkins - Warwickshire Police
 PC Lee Maughan –Warwickshire Police (Beat Manager, Rugby Town North Safer Neighbourhood Team)
 Pam Luck – Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA)
 Hugh Trimble – Community Safety Ambassador, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
 Martin Gibbins – Rugby Area Team, Warwickshire County Council
 Sean Lawson – Rugby Borough Council

Total attendance (including above) = 40 approx

Apologies: None given

1.	<p><u>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</u></p> <p>Cllr Alan Webb welcomed everyone to the meeting. Fire exits and evacuation procedures were confirmed.</p>
2	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Update on Gyratory Improvements</p> <p>Alan Webb gave an update on improvements to the gyratory system. It was confirmed that the works will begin in January 2015 and are due to be completed by March 2015.</p>
3.	<p><u>Safer Neighbourhoods</u></p> <p>3.1 Report from the Rugby Town North Safer Neighbourhood Team</p> <p>PC Lee Maughan gave a presentation from the RTN SNT including an update on Priorities from last meeting (18 March 2014) – which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted patrols Bath St and surrounding area to prevent and deter theft from motor vehicle and burglaries: 29 recorded patrols conducted. Offences of Burglary and Theft from vehicles have reduced. One person arrested for burglary in the area. One person arrested for theft from vehicles who was previously unknown to police. • Targeted patrols of Millers Dale Close and Dovedale Close flats, Brownsover to prevent and deter the use of drugs and any associated anti social behaviour: 15 recorded patrols. No reports to either Police or Orbit Housing regarding antisocial behaviour and people using the entrance way for drug use.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted patrols in Main Street & Manor House Close, Newbold to deter incidents of Anti Social Behaviour: 27 recorded patrols conducted. 4 persons issued with Antisocial behaviour warning letters. <p>A copy of the SNT presentation can be found with the minutes of this meeting on the webpage at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums - and follow links to Rugby Town North.</p> <p>3.2 Public Questions (relating to Community Safety) Comments and questions from the floor included:</p> <p>Delivery transporters to the garage on Boughton Road are obstructing the road and it was requested that this be followed up to see what if anything can be done. Sean Lawson agreed to see what can be done via enforcement of any parking regulations.</p> <p>Road markings on Hollowell Way are very poor. It was indicated that the road is going to be resurfaced in the next twelve months and the white lines will be replaced once the resurfacing is completed.</p> <p>The wall on the bridge over the River Avon on Newbold Road is going to be repaired at the end of July/beginning of August.</p> <p>The issue of bus stops causing congestion by the Mill Road tunnel raised. It was highlighted that buses often park opposite each other. This issue has previously been addressed but no solution to the problem could be identified.</p> <p>3.3 Agreement of Local Policing Priorities The following priorities were agreed by the meeting as detailed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speed checks along Newbold Road in Newbold Village 2. Targeted patrols around the alleyways off Craven Road and Murray Road to detect and deter offences of Anti social behaviour and drug use. 3. Targeted patrols in the area around Rugby Railway Station and Technology Drive to detect and deter the offences of Criminal Damage <p>3.4 Update from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner Hugh Trimble reminded those present that the Police & Crime Commissioner was holding a meeting with the Chief Constable on 25 June at Lawrence Sherriff School. All were welcome to attend and would have the opportunity to raise questions of either the Police & Crime Commissioner or the Chief Constable.</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p><u>Boughton Road</u></p> <p>Update on Boughton Road proposals Cllr Peter Butlin gave an update on the current position concerning the proposals for improvements to Boughton Road. Peter explained what had happened to date and the works that were proposed in the future with an anticipated timescale.</p> <p>During the subsequent discussion, a number of issues were raised including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs haven't all been provided. Some lorries going to the Mill Road tunnel can't get through and are having to turn around. • St Modwens are providing funding as part of the planning conditions for the development of their site. The signage plans are almost completed and going through final inspection. Signs will then be made and installed. Suggested that the scheme should be implemented before properties are occupied. • Navteq are being contacted to ensure information for satnavs are updated.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If lorries are seen using Boughton Road the details should be taken so that companies can be contacted. • Concern was expressed at the damage to the canal bridge on Boughton Road caused by LGV's. • Overnight parking by LGVs was raised
5.	<p>Update on Speeding in Rugby Town North</p> <p>5.1 Speeding on Newbold Road</p> <p>An update on work to address the speeding vehicles on Newbold Road was provided by Alan Webb. It was highlighted that these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved signing (flags and ADS) • Improved road markings (at Relief Rd Roundabout and along Newbold Rd) • Wooden bollards outside school with extra school keep clear markings • SLOW markings on buff surfacing • Formalised parking area outside shops • Pedestrian refuge near shops • Hatched parking bay outside church <p>5.2 Community SpeedWatch</p> <p>PC Lee Maughan explained the principles of Community SpeedWatch and indicated that the focus for the group would be Newbold Road where there had been a number of speed related issues raised. Those who expressed an interest in volunteering as part of a SpeedWatch group were invited to speak to Mary Webb following the meeting.</p>
6.	<p>Litter and Refuse</p> <p>Sean Lawson gave an overview of Rugby Borough Council's approach to tackling litter and dog mess, refuse collection, and other environmental services. Sean explained about the different ways people can report incidents of concern ranging from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone: 01788 533533 • Email: contactcentre@rugby.gov.uk • Web: www.rugby.gov.uk • Smartphone app: The Rugby App <p>It was highlighted that the more information that can be provided the greater the possibility that action will be taken against the people creating the problem. Sean explained about the volunteer dog warden scheme and members of the community can play an important role in helping to address the issue.</p> <p>For more information about the Volunteer Dog Warden Scheme, please visit: www.rugby.gov.uk/info/200179/dog_fouling/1809/volunteer_dog_wardens</p> <p>Sean indicated that the response time will vary depending on the scale of the issue.</p>
7.	<p><u>Public Question Time</u></p> <p>Newbold Quarry - in response to when the path around Newbold Quarry, closed as the result of a landslip, Sean said that due to the profile of the quarry as the result of workings it is difficult to identify a solution to the problem. As a result he was unable to give a timescale as to when this is going to happen.</p>

8.	<u>Cycling Routes in Rugby</u> This item was deferred to a future meeting.									
8.	<u>Any Other Business</u> Possible items for a future meeting included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cycling Routes (deferred from meeting on 24 June)• The impact of the new residential developments on the area focussing on the infrastructure proposals,• Parkfield Road master plan.• HGV parking									
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