

# WHITESTONE & BULKINGTON COMMUNITY FORUM

**Draft Actions from the Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at St James Junior School Bulkington 7pm**

## **Present:**

Cllrs Des O'Brien (Chair), John Beaumont, Martin Heatley,  
Andrea Buckley (Warwickshire County Council)  
Sgt Dave Williams (Warwickshire Police)  
PC Dave Dyer (Warwickshire Police)  
PC Roy Hampton (Warwickshire Police)  
PCSO Gavin Scott (Warwickshire Police)  
Robin Wachin (PCC Community Safety Ambassador)  
Six residents and 3 representatives from Neighbourhood Watch

## **Apologies:**

Cllr June Tandy, Simone Donaghy (NBBC)

## **Issues Log**

The Forum asked to be kept updated on the following issues:

- Changes to Bus Timetable (Stagecoach)
- Bulkington Pedestrian Crossing – local Councillors looking at funding opportunities
- Changes to Mobile Library Service (WCC)
- Changes to Children's Centres (WCC)
- Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Plan (NBBC)
- Future of George Eliot Hospital (GEH)

Cllrs gave updates regarding these which are detailed over leaf

## **Policing Priorities:**

Coventry Road – Wednesday night's 6-7.30pm young people tipping over the bins and rubbish going everywhere – Sgt Dave Williams agreed as a priority

Mr Ison, Head Teacher of St James Junior School – asked for assistance regarding parking on the corner of Nuneaton Road and Barbridge Road around school home time. Parents collecting children are obstructing the corner and the road making it very difficult for the school bus to drive down the road.

## **Local Issues from the Floor**

Resident raised the issue that Drug taking seems to be on the increase in Nuneaton, Bedworth and Bulkington – Sgt Dave Williams told the meeting that he is keen to obtain community information and act on it. Local People can call 101 to ring in the information.

There was a discussion regarding police resources and Sgt Dave Williams encourage residents to speak Police and Crime Commissioner ambassador present at the meeting Robin Wachin or if their issue is regarding resources to speak to their local MP.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 6 March 2014 from 7pm at Chetwynd Junior School

## **Changes to Bus Timetable (Stagecoach)**

Steve Burd, Managing Director, Stagecoach West Midlands has responded:

'The position in respect of the possible diversion of service 56 to serve the Wolvey Road/Bramcote Close area is regrettably unchanged. Stagecoach Midlands does not have a problem, in principle, with diverting service 56 to serve this section of Bulkington, but there is currently insufficient running time available in the service 56 operational cycle to do this. I had hoped that we would by now have reviewed our matrix group of services between Nuneaton - Bedworth and Coventry, but unfortunately because of developments in Northampton and other priorities elsewhere in Warwickshire, this review has not been carried out to date. We are, however, beginning to look at how the service 57 and service 55 routes south of Bedworth might be improved/revised and once our thoughts on these proposals are firmed up, it may provide an opportunity to adjust service 56 to serve this area. It is still on our list of possible changes, but to date we have not found a cost effective method of achieving the Community Forum's request. I will keep you advised of developments'.

## **Bulkington Pedestrian Crossing – local Councillors looking at funding opportunities**

Local Councillors will agree on 15/1/2014 whether this scheme can be taken forward as one of the approved schemes from the local transport budget for 2014-15. However, residents should be aware that funds are limited, and there are competing priorities for this budget

## **Mobile Library Service reconfiguration agreed by Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet**

Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet agreed at its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November to redesign the mobile library service by streamlining it to work harder and more efficiently and save the council £95,000.

The mobile library service currently consists of a fleet of five vehicles. The council has been examining plans to work with a reduced fleet of three vehicles to make essential savings. The proposed schedules for the revised service were sent to all mobile library customers in May 2013 prior to an extensive engagement with the public; senior managers from libraries attended all 30 community forums and 10 older people's forums across the county to take note of people's opinions and comments and to explain how alternative provision works.

We would like to thank everyone who got involved in this process, for their feedback, suggestions and support. We plan to introduce the reconfigured service in February 2014. Timetables will be circulated to all service users, and will be made available on the County Council website. For customers at stops and services scheduled to be withdrawn, we will be contacting them individually with details of alternative stops and services that will be available. Timetables for the new service will also be sent to all community forums for the spring meetings.

For more information about the Mobile Library Service, or to discuss the review in detail, please contact Andrew McDonald on 01926 476938, or email him at [andrewmcdonald@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:andrewmcdonald@warwickshire.gov.uk)

### **Changes to Early Years Provision (Warwickshire County Council)**

Following Cabinet approval in October the tender process has started for the creation of 12 locality groups across the County to manage local Children's Centres. Expressions of interest have been sought as part of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire Stage, which ended 20th November. Successful applicants at this stage will be invited to enter the full tender stage which begins on 7th January 2014 with submission by 13th February 2014.

It is hoped that new contracts will be in place early summer.

### **Borough Plan Update (Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council)**

Eight weeks of consultation took place in July and August 2013 for the Borough Plan Preferred Options. The Borough Council wants to thank the 700 residents, businesses and other bodies who gave their views about the Plan.

NBBC are looking at what you told them as well as new evidence on transport modelling, housing and retail growth. As a result changes will be made and further consultation will take place early in 2014.

### **Borough Plan Timetable of the next stages:**

Pre-Submission Consultation – Early 2014

Examination – Summer 2014

Adopt Borough Plan – End 2014/Early 2015

If you want to be notified about the next stage of the Borough Plan, please send your details to [planning.policy@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk) or telephone 024 7637 6359.

**Future of George Eliot Hospital (GEH)** Cllr O'Brien said there was no further update as yet.