



# RUGBY TOWN NORTH COMMUNITY FORUM

Minutes of meeting on: Tuesday 3 March 2014 at Avon Valley School

## Councillors Present:

Cllrs Alan Webb (Chair, WCC), Mary Webb (WCC), Claire Edwards (RBC), Ramesh Srivastava (RBC)

## Officers and Speakers Present:

Sgt Sally Bunyard Spiers - Warwickshire Police

PC Steve Hill – Warwickshire Police (Beat Manager, Rugby Town North Safer Neighbourhood Team)

PC Paula Kettley - Warwickshire Police

PCSO Samantha Edmunds – Warwickshire Police

Paul Collett – Community Safety Project Officer, Warwickshire County Council

Sarah Dowzell – Community Safety Ambassador, RTN, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

Pam Luck – Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA)

Pat Tate - Warwickshire County Council

Ian Davis – Rugby Borough Council

Sarah Butter – Rugby Area Team, Warwickshire County Council

Hannah Cramp – Rugby Area Team, Warwickshire County Council

**Total attendance (including above) = 25 approx**

**Apologies:** Cllr Andy Coles

1.	<p><b><u>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Alan Webb welcomed everyone to the meeting. Fire exits and evacuation procedures were confirmed.</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>2.1 <b>Update on Action from Last Meeting (9 September)</b> Minutes agreed as a true record.</p>
3.	<p><b><u>Newbold on Avon Community Partnership</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Claire Edwards gave an overview of the Newbold on Avon Community Partnership (NOACP). A copy of this presentation is attached with the minutes.</p> <p>The following questions were raised from the audience:</p> <p>Qu. Will there be a safety audit done on equipment in park, with specific reference to sculptures on cycleway put there by Sustrans?</p> <p><i>Ans. Parkfield Road play area was developed in consultation with young people (Riverside Academy and Parkfield Road residents). The equipment installed is ROSPA approved. The play area is also inspected on a weekly basis to check it's safe.</i></p>
4.	<p><b><u>Update on Newbold Quarry</u></b></p> <p>PC Steve Hill introduced himself to the meeting as the new Beat Manager for the RTN Safer</p>

Neighbourhood Team. PC Hill also introduced:

- Sgt Sally Bunyard-Spiers
- PC Paula Kettley
- PCSO Sam Edmunds (covering Newbold)

PCSOs Dave Banks and Barbara Knibbs cover Benn and Brownsover respectively.

PC Hill then introduced the agenda item on Newbold Quarry following a public meeting back in January to discuss concerns with local residents. This meeting was held to look at ways the police, council and local residents could work together to address the issues and resolve the problems.

PCSO Edmunds talked through what she has done, which has included supporting local residents to set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Avonmere. This was launched at the end of January to help make area safer for residents with 11 households signing up to the scheme. Other households are being encouraged to join. PCSO Edmunds and the other PCSOs are also patrolling the area around the quarry on bikes.

Residents are being encouraged to phone in all incidents on either:

- 101 (non emergency)
- 999 (emergency)

...if people see something, then they must report it!

Paul Collett from WCC added that the duty for crime and disorder lies not just with the Police, but also WCC, RBC and residents.

A number of measures have been taken to address the issues, these include:

- Encouraging people using the area in the evening to be more respectful of local residents – move further away from the houses
- Make clear the rules of the park to ensure lawful usage. Information will be made available in English and Polish (these are the reported languages)
- Improvements to BBQ and picnic facilities to enable people to have BBQs and dispose of their waste (hot ashes and rubbish) properly. Publicise these areas with better signage
- Increase use of car park off Egerton Close with better signage. If problems with Avonmere persists then will start talking to County Highways re. traffic regulation orders
- Trying to encourage more community support, including Community Warden Volunteers

It is hoped that the measures taken will help reduce the problems but add it is not possible to fully resolve them due to the nature of the issues in the area.

NHW and an increase in the appropriate use of the quarry will help increase natural guardianship of the facility. Trying to encourage proper use of the park rather than stop people using it.

Questions and comments from the floor:

- If people are reluctant to report crime can call Crimestoppers anonymously on: 0800 555 111
- Sign that says the path is inaccessible whereas it is actually restored. Paul Collett to check as the sign needs to be removed

PC Hill then gave an explanation of the powers that the Police and community safety partners have to tackle groups of young people hanging around, this includes

1. **Dispersal Order** – dispersal of people who are acting anti socially or likely to cause a nuisance. Can be ordered to leave an area for 48hrs, a breach of this can be dealt with as causing an offence
2. **Public Space Protection Order** – usually issued by the Council in areas such as parks, alleyways, communal areas where there is persistent antisocial behaviour. A fixed penalty fine can be issued – none payment may result in court proceedings

## 5. **Safer Neighbourhoods**

- 5.1** PC Steve Hill gave a presentation from the RTN SNT including an update on Priorities from last meeting (November 2014) – which were:
1. To carry out a minimum of 15 high visibility patrols outside Avon Valley School Newbold Road Rugby with a view to detecting and deterring obstruction offences.
  2. To carry out a minimum of 15 high visibility patrols around the car park in Brownsover Lane Rugby with a view to detecting and deterring drug offences and anti-social behaviour.
  3. To carry out a minimum of 15 high visibility patrols in the area of Murray Road and Craven Road Rugby with a view to detecting and deterring offences Cannabis usage.
- A copy of the SNT presentation can be found with the minutes of this meeting on the webpage at: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums) - and follow links to Rugby Town North.
- 5.2 Public Questions (relating to Community Safety)**  
Comments and questions from the floor included:
- Can priorities be extended beyond the three months? Yes, if it's still a problem?
  - Vandalism of cars (priority at September meeting) – this is not really a problem anymore. A camera was installed and is still there. The culprit was identified and the necessary action taken against the offender
  - What is the cost of ringing 101?
    - flat rate of 15p from landline
    - awaiting clarification of mobile costs
  - Is there any chance of getting Traffic Police along Boughton Road to stop the HGV's using the road?  
**Sgt Sally Bunyard-Spiers to talk to the Traffic Dept (who are based out of the Rugby Station) and feedback**
  - Ambulance Station relocation – why are the first responder units located along Boughton Road? The RBC Customer and Partnerships Committee will be looking at the Ambulance Service – **Cllr Claire Edwards to feedback to a future meeting.**
  - Boughton Road / Mill Road junction – road surface needs to be addressed. **WCC to follow up and feedback**
- 5.3 Agreement of Local Policing Priorities**  
The following priorities were agreed by the meeting as detailed below:
1. **ASB: Newbold Quarry Park** To carry out a minimum of 15 high visibility patrols in the area of Newbold Quarry Park Rugby with a view to detecting and deterring offences of Anti-Social behaviour.
  2. **ASB: Hollowell Way, Brownsover** To conduct a minimum of 15 high visibility patrols around the shops and public areas off Hollowell Way Brownsover to detect and deter offences of Anti social behaviour during evenings and weekends.
  3. **ASB and suspected drug use: Projects Drive and Boughton Road** To conduct a minimum of 15 patrols around the retail stores close to Projects Drive and Boughton Road to detect and deter offences of Anti social behaviour and suspected drug usage / dealing taking place during the day, evenings and weekends.
- 5.4 Update from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner**  
Sarah Dowzell, Community Safety Ambassador (CSA) for the Rugby Town North locality, gave a brief update on two key messages from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Internet Safety and Cyber Crime</b> – has an annual cost of £27million nationally. The PCC is keen to build an accurate picture of how cybercrime is affecting people in Warwickshire, and has launched the Internet Safety Survey in collaboration with Warwickshire County Council. The survey will help generate a detailed profile of the types of online threats facing people in Warwickshire and their impact.  The survey only takes a few minutes to complete via the link: <a href="http://www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/internet-safety-survey/">http://www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/internet-safety-survey/</a> . The survey closes on 5 May.</li><li>• <b>Public Scrutiny Meeting</b> – this is part of the process by which the PCC holds the Chief Constable to account and is open to any member of the public to attend. The next meeting takes place on <b>Tuesday 12th May</b> at the Lawrence Sheriff School, Clifton Road, Rugby, Warwickshire CV21 3AG. It will also be streamed live on the internet.  For more details see: <a href="http://www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/key-information/public-meetings/">http://www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/key-information/public-meetings/</a></li></ul>									
6.	<p><b><u>Public Question Time</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How was this meeting publicised? The only publicity seen was the email to advertise the meeting. <i>Ans. Posters and leaflets were made available around the Newbold area. All people, groups and organisations on mailing list are emailed</i></li><li>2. Chris Cade – Chair of Rugby Neighbourhood Watch Association – has been approached by Deputy PCC to see whether the NHW could supply any volunteers to be “Cyber Crime Counsellors”. If anyone is interested, please contact Chris directly on: <a href="mailto:chrismccade@outlook.com">chrismccade@outlook.com</a></li><li>3. What is the situation with the “smart litter bins” – how effective are they? <i>Ans. These are being piloted by RBC at specific locations around Rugby (eg. Cawston). The bins have a sensor which indicates when the bins are full and need emptying. They have a larger capacity and crush the waste inside therefore reducing the number of times the bin needs to be emptied.</i></li><li>4. Litter around Tesco and path leading back in to town – only one bin at back entrance to cinema. <i>Ans. Whilst the Black path is a public highway and maintained by RBC, the land either side is privately owned.</i></li><li>5. Why have a number of bins been removed from the town over the last few years (in Albert Street / Regent Street area) <i>Ans. Response to be provided at next meeting.</i></li></ol>									
7.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Items for Discussion at Future Meetings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Leicester Road developments and impact on traffic (more information than provided in drop-in)</li><li>2. Report back on what was found from the land investigations that were being done on the land between Elliots Field and Peugeot Garage</li></ol>									
8.	<p><b><u>Date of Future Meetings</u></b></p> <table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Time</th><th>Venue</th></tr><tr><td>Tuesday 16 June 2015</td><td>From 6.30pm</td><td>Boughton Leigh Junior School</td></tr><tr><td>Tuesday 22 September 2015</td><td>From 6.30pm</td><td>Hill Street Youth and Community Centre</td></tr></table>	Date	Time	Venue	Tuesday 16 June 2015	From 6.30pm	Boughton Leigh Junior School	Tuesday 22 September 2015	From 6.30pm	Hill Street Youth and Community Centre
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