

RUGBY TOWN NORTH COMMUNITY FORUM

Minutes of meeting on: Tuesday 16 June 2015 at Boughton Leigh Junior School, Brownsover

Councillors Present:

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

Officers and Speakers Present:

Sgt Sam Watkins - Warwickshire Police PC Paula Ketley - Warwickshire Police PCSO Samantha Edmunds – Warwickshire Police Sarah Dowzell – Community Safety Ambassador, RTN, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner Colin Horton - Rugby Borough Council Michael Beirne – Rugby Borough Council Brian Clare – Brownsover Community Association Pam Luck – Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA) Neil Benison – Warwickshire County Council Dr Adrian Canale Parola – Rugby & Coventry Clinical Commissioning Group Hannah Cramp – Rugby Area Team, Warwickshire County Council Christine Slater – Rugby Area Team, Warwickshire County Council

Total attendance (including above) = approx. 35

Apologies:

Ian Davis – Rugby Borough Council Pat Tate - Warwickshire County Council

1.	1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies			
	Cllr Alan Webb welcomed everyone to the meeting. Fire exits and evacuation procedures were confirmed.			
2.	Matters Arising			
2.1	Update on Actions from Last Meeting (3 March) None.			
2.2	Traffic Implications of Leicester Road Developments – Neil Benison, WCC Neil Benison, Principle Development Management Engineer, WCC provided an update on the traffic and travel implications of the new developments along Technology Drive and Leicester Road. A copy of this was circulated at the meeting.			
	 Questions and comments from the floor included: Parking for people dropping off donations at the Age UK shop at Hunters Lane recycling centre? Traffic signs Boughton Road – will there be further delays? Signage was supposed to be completed by end April / early May 2015 but it looks like there are now going to be further delays. Cllr Alan Webb explained ongoing process eg notice of signage, road closure etc and offered to find out an 			

	 update since money handed over by WCC. Pressure off Avon Mill roundabout using Hunters Lane link but will traffic do u-turn and continue, including commercial traffic? Should help town centre traffic eg towards Western Relief Road. But the easier option may still be to use Newbold Road into town centre. Avon Mill public house want to make sure people will still be able to drive into their car park during works. Have implications of traffic lights on exits to islands been looked at (as these may cause accidents as well as gridlock and possible pollution)? People generally don't use bridges or subways and there aren't enough pedestrian and traffic movements to warrant the use of other options. New housing development – cyclists from Eden Park into town centre? And lighting for cycle paths? Strategy has been developed and funding has been secured. Final plan now under design. Shops will be opening from July onwards but what about roads access sooner rather than later? Possible accidents with people crossing road – is anything being done to reduce speed on Leicester Road? Traffic signals still need to be made to communicate with each other. Accidents need to be looked at. This is a primary road out of Rugby. 40 mph has been looked at in the last two years. Buffer between Rugby & the M6.
3.	Local Projects and Services in Brownsover
3.1	Healthy Brownsover Group and proposed improvements to Hollowell Way Play Area – Colin Horton, Green Spaces Officer, RBC, provided an overview of a scheme to improve the play area at Hollowell Way Play Area which is currently coming to the end of its useable life. The first phase of consultation is currently underway with local input through the Healthy Brownsover Group and Brownsover Community School. Posters will be displayed around Brownsover, including in local shops, and signage to be placed on open spaces around Brownsoverand a copy of the survey form is attached with these minutes.
	Once all the responses are available these will be used to draw up initial plans for further consultation. This may require additional (external) funding.
	Forms available this evening - please reply by 18 th July, early responses are particularly welcome.
	Also a brief update on works on the Parkfield Road Former Allotment Site in Newbold was given, and responses to the consultation on the play equipment and gym equipment there encouraged, with the form also available.
3.2	Brownsover Community Association – Brian Clare, BCA Brian Clare, Treasurer of the Brownsover Community Association gave an overview of the BCA. A copy of this presentation is attached with these minutes.
	 The activities/ services supported by the BCA include: Christ Church, including: Teddy Bears / Rugby Foodbank / Christmas Hampers Brownsover Art Group Youth Work, including: YMCA / On Track Brownsover Buddy Club – a group set up to support people to get into employment, although it is more than just a job club (details included in attached presentation)
	Brian reported that the BCA meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm - please check Facebook for venues (<u>www.facebook.com/groups/191783370859215/</u>
	Cllr Mary Webb expressed a vote of thanks to Brian on behalf of the Forum.
3.3	Other local services: Christchurch is often used as venue for community activities and Rev Tim Davis expressed support for BCA.

4.	Update on Brownsover Health Centre
	Cllr Alan Webb read out a statement from Ian Davis (on behalf of Rugby Borough Council) in relation to the proposed new medical facility in Brownsover.
	"Planning permission exists for a medical centre building on land owned by the Council to the rear of the shops. At various public meetings held around the time of the closure of the previous practice the NHS expressed their commitment to building that centre, but said that they may wish to amend the plans. Rugby Borough Council as both landowner and planning authority remains to do whatever it can to facilitate that development. However, I am afraid that despite reminders there has been no recent contact from the NHS aimed at progressing the scheme"
	Dr Canale-Parola, Chair Coventry & Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), was invited to add to this on behalf of the CCG.
	Dr Canale-Parola provided an overview of Clinical Commissioning Groups outlining their responsibilities, which includes the purchasing of secondary health care services, eg. hospitals, mental health, community and ambulance services. It does not include primary care which is the responsibility of NHS England. However, CCGs have a duty to ensure good quality of NHS commissioned services eg. GP services.
	The CCG has been informing NHS England about the new housing developments planned for Rugby. Dr Canale-Parola confirmed that NHS England is still committed to providing a new surgery in Brownsover by Summer 2016 and expressed disappointment at the further delays.
	Cllr Alan Webb announced that Brownsover Patients Action Group meets again on Saturday morning and asked that Dr Canale-Parola keep him informed of any updates from NHS England.
	 Questions and comments from the floor included: Future of Emergency Services at St Cross Hospital including out of hours service and possible amalgamation of existing services. Closures of Brownsover and Albert Street Surgeries by NHS England - communication issues and lack of continuity.
5.	Safer Neighbourhoods
5.1	PC Paula Ketley gave an presentation from the RTN SNT including an update on priorities from the last meeting (March 2015) – which were:
	1. ASB: Newbold Quarry Park
	 ASB: Hollowell Way, Brownsover ASB and suspected drug use: Projects Drive and Boughton Road
	A copy of the SNT presentation is attached with these minutes, or can be viewed on the webpage: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums - and follow links to Rugby Town North
5.2	 Public Questions (relating to Community Safety) Mini motorbikes at Criss Cross Park? Police are aware and have visited parents/grandparents. Please use 101 to report incidents and let Paula Ketley know details eg. most likely times and places. Mini motorbikes can be used legally on private land with land-owners permission. How many PCSOs in RTN? 3 including PCSO Catherine Donnelly who is new and once trained will cover the Browonsover beat. There is also PCSO Dave Banks (Benn) and PCSO Sam Edmunds (Newbold). Use of pavements for push-bikes? This is not allowed so cyclists would be asked to leave (although pavements may actually be safest place to cycle).
5.3	Agreement of Local Policing Priorities The following priorities were agreed by the meeting as detailed below:
	1. ASB: New bold Quarry Park To carry out a minimum of 15 high visibility patrols with a view to

	view to detecting and deterring off 3. Speeding: Crowthorns, Browns	Road To conduc ences of Anti-Sc over To conduc	t a minimum of 15 high visibility patrols with a ocial behaviour. t a minimum of 5 speed checks to positively				
5.4	influence road users behaviour through increased police presence. Update from the Community Safety Ambassador for Rugby Town North – Sarah Dowzell Sarah thanked everyone who completed the Cyber Crime Survey promoted at the last Forum. The survey has now closed and results are being compiled by Warwickshire Observatory. Sarah added that she has leaflets available this evening about Cyber Safety – please pass on especially to vulnerable people.						
Sarah also promoted the Warwickshire Rural Watch schemes (cards also available). This contains shed protection tips which are useful for urban areas.							
	Question: PCC Scrutiny Meeting is also being held this evening in Rugby Town Hall - please could future date clashes be avoided? Sarah has passed this onto the OPCC.						
6.	6. Rugby World Cup Tournament – 18 Sept – 31 Oct 2015.						
	Michael Beirne, Economic Development Officer, RBC provided an update about the plans for the Rugby World Cup 2015. A copy of the presentation is attached with these minutes.						
	Questions and comments from the floor included:						
	 How many people will the Fanzone temporary building hold? <i>1000 in building; 2000 on whole site.</i> Free access to screening of games (with security services). Some events will be ticketed with charges depending on organisers. All events will cease and venues be cleared by 11pm at the latest. Provision for camping and caravanettes? Limited hotel places in Rugby but partnerships within wider region. Day trippers will often come from London. What is the legacy afterwards such as the re-instatement of public toilets at John Barford Car Park? 						
7.	Public Questions and Any Other Busin	ess					
	Public Question Time						
9.	Date of Future Meetings						
	Date	Time	Venue				
	Tuesday 8 September 2015*	From 6.30pm	Hill Street Youth and Community Centre				
	TBC November Joint Borough Forum	TBC	Benn Hall				
	*please note change of date: the September RTN Community Forum will be held on <u>Tuesday 8 September 2015</u> (NOT 22 September as previously advertised).						