

South Leamington Community Forum

Monday 23rd March 2009

Syndi Centre, Cottage Square (Off Marloes Walk), Sydenham

1. People who attended

George Dunkley	Brunswick Tenants Association
L Brocklehurst	Fallow Hill Neighbourhood Watch
V Hartwell	Fallow Hill
Paul Ledden	Warwickshire County Council
Liz Clarke	Chair - Queensway Neighbourhood Watch
Colin Clarke	Queensway Neighbourhood Watch
Kevin Brayne	Co-ordinator - Prospect Road Neighbourhood Watch
Mick Brayne	Co-ordinator – Prospect Road Neighbourhood Watch
Cllr Janet Knight	WDC
Cllr Barbara Weed	WDC
G S Holme	3 Vermosa
Adrian Sabin	C/O Sydni Centre
Katy Bridgestock	Rugby Road
Michael Rigby	41 Radcliffe Garden
Alan Wilkinson	Leamington Spa Town Council
Kate Cliffe	Syndi Centre
Rob Garrison	Warwickshire Police
Andy Scruton	Warwickshire Police
Pamela Dunsdon	Town Centre Manager
Paul Pinkney	Head of Service, WDC
Cllr Tim Naylor	Leamington Spa Town Council
Cllr Bill Evans	Leamington Spa Town Council

In attendance: Nick Gower-Johnson - Warwickshire County Council
Bernadette Allen – WDC

2. Notes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 24th February 2009

The notes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record subject to the following amendments to the spelling of the following names:

Adrian '**Sabin**'

'**Mick**' Brayne - Prospect Road Neighbourhood Watch

Katy '**Bridgewater**'

'**George Dunkley**' – Brunswick Tenants Association

3. Welcome, Chairing arrangements and what we would like to achieve

Cllr Alan Wilkinson welcomed everybody to the second meeting of the South Leamington Community Forum

Chairing of Community Forum

Cllr Wilkinson was formally nominated and agreed has Chair of the South Leamington Community Forum

Terms of reference

Members of the Forum were provided with a copy of the draft Terms of Reference for the group and asked to comment.

The Group formally agreed the adoption of the draft Terms of Reference

What we would like to achieve tonight

Cllr Wilkinson explained that he was keen to identify and agree a number of concrete issues for the Forum and to agree and prioritise for action over the next 12 months.

4. Update from Safer Neighbourhood Action Plan – Paul Ledden, WCC Community Protection

Paul Ledden informed the meeting that the existing Safer Neighbourhood Action Plan has been update and circulated to the Forum. Paul suggested that now a number of the actions have been progressed now would be an ideal opportunity to identify 2 or 3 key areas of community safety work for the to focus over the next 12 months.

5. Local Policing Priorities – Sgt Andy Scruton, Warwickshire Police

Sgt Andy Scruton introduced himself to the Forum, as the Lead on the South Leamington Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Andy then updated the Forum on the local Policing activity over the last few months. The following update was presented:

- The Safer Neighbourhood Team will be fully staffed as from 1st April
- The Policing Pledge – explained that the pledge is a ‘promise’ to local communities that if once a key priority action has been identified it is acted upon.
- From the Summer 2009 police will be based in the Healthy Living Centre

Areas of activity progressed or to be progressed:

- Kennedy Square – known crack house closed down
- Cycling – issued raised in the area of incidents of people cycling on pavements which will need to be tackled by issuing notices to offenders
- Parking on pavements in parts of area – the focus of this activity will be in issue notices
- Theft – a major problem in the area at present is theft from motor vehicles – PCSO will be sending distributing notices to motorists on this issue

It was agreed that at the next meeting more detailed statistical information on police activity will be brought along to the next meeting

6. Taking forward the key issues raised by the Forum at its last meeting

At the first meeting of the Forum, those that attended were split into two groups and participated in the glad, sad and mad consultation exercise.

As a result of the exercise participants identified a number of Important issues in the Local Community. Members were asked to review the issues identified and comment / agree they were happy with the summary.

The Forum agreed with the following summary of issues:

- Public Drinking, Drunkenness and drugs (both dealing and using)
- Litter, Graffiti and messy streets
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Pavements & Street Parking
- Noise
- Dog Fouling / Dangerous dogs
- Pedestrian Road Safety & Speeding Vehicles
- Affordable & Appropriate Housing
- Youth Facilities and opportunities
- General Image of the Area and Community Spirit

7. How do we want the Forum to work in the future

It was agreed that the focus of the Forum over the next 12 months or so will be on the issues outlined in item 6. It was agreed that rather than the 10 issues separate issues, it would make sense to group them into no more than 3 or 4 key priorities.

It was agreed that the issues are categorised into the following areas with a lead person identified for taking responsibility for the issue:

Priority 1: Street Scene (including Litter, Graffiti, Messy streets, dog fouling/ dangerous dogs, noise, pavements and street parking)

Lead: Cllr John Barrott

Priority 2: Road Safety (including Pedestrian, Speeding etc)

Lead: Cllr Tim Naylor

Priority 3: Community (including: General Image of area, Anti Social Behaviour, Youth Facilities and Community Spirit)

Lead: Cllr Bill Evans

Priority 4: Drinking, Drunkenness and Drug (both dealing and using)

Lead: Sgt Andy Scruton

8. Date of next meeting

Monday 15th June 2009 at 6pm at Charles Gardener Community Centre.