

# KENILWORTH COMMUNITY FORUM

26<sup>th</sup> June 2018

The forum was attended by 31 people.

Item	Discussion points and actions agreed
Welcome & Introductions	<p>Cllr Mike Hitchins welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were agreed. There were no matters arising.</p>
Kenilworth Safer Neighbourhood Team	<p>PC Anna Brown and PCSO Craig Ricardo reported back on local police activity and handed out latest monthly crime figures.</p> <p>23 crime reduction patrols were done in Kenilworth town 16 anti-social behaviour patrols were done in St. John's Ward 10 speed checks were done on Cromwell Lane. 31 warning letters were issued</p> <p>Latest police newsletter: <a href="https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/48932">https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/48932</a></p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The incident at Tesco was theft, as there was no threat of violence. Police are giving advice to help improve security</li><li>• PCSO Dave Martin has recently joined the team. He has 10 years of experience as a school liaison officer</li></ul> <p>New forum priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parks &amp; open spaces – Anti-social behaviour patrols</li><li>• St Nicholas Primary School, Priory Road – School safety patrols</li><li>• Clinton Primary School, Caesar Road – School safety patrols</li></ul>
Riverbank maintenance & responsibility	<p>Mark Banning, Flood Risk Management, WCC gave a general presentation on landownership legalities and riparian responsibility for watercourses. Warwickshire County Council is the lead local flood authority (LLFA) for surface water flooding and has oversight for ordinary watercourses in the county. Environment Agency (EA) has a similar role for main rivers. A watercourse includes: streams, ditches, culverts, dikes etc</p> <p>Responsibility for maintenance of watercourses lies with the riparian landowner.</p> <p>EA publication 'Living on the Edge' is a good guide for owners of waterside properties. <a href="https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/riparianownership">https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/riparianownership</a></p> <p>Grant funding is available from Warwickshire County Council for small scale flood alleviation schemes that provide solutions to flooding beyond basic maintenance <a href="https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grants#floodsgrant">https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grants#floodsgrant</a></p> <p>The Flood Risk team, WCC is keen to work with local Town / Parish Councils and Flood Groups to find local solutions to flooding issues. The team can identify landowners with riparian responsibility and use enforcement powers if necessary.</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environment Agency (EA) is responsible for managing risk on the Finham Brook. Riparian owners include: Warwick District Council (WDC) and Orbit Housing. EA to be made aware of maintenance issues through the town</li><li>• WDC to be made aware of nettles / vegetation blocking river from view and access to bench in Abbey Fields</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ditch filling should be reported to Flood Risk Team, WCC.</li> <li>• Forward planning in place to identify WCC resources to respond to HS2 workload</li> </ul>
Warwickshire Switch & Save	<p>Angeline Murungu and Mathilde Robert, Energy Team, WCC presented Switch &amp; Save scheme supported by Warwickshire County Council (WCC) to bring cheaper home energy prices to Warwickshire residents.</p> <p>Working with iChoosr, independent experts in group buying schemes and Act on Energy, local energy conservation experts, residents have the opportunity to join 25,000 UK households in taking up cheaper energy tariff offers at auctions held three times a year.</p> <p>To date 300 Warwickshire residents have signed up. 75% could make a saving by taking up the offer at the May auction which was won by three energy suppliers:  So Energy – on-line billing clients  Eon – paper billing clients  Economy Energy – pre-payment meter clients</p> <p>New customers can still take advantage of these offers by signing up on-line before 3 July.</p> <p>For more information:  <a href="https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/switchandsave">https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/switchandsave</a></p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 3 auctions per year. The next round begins in August with the auction taking place in October</li> <li>• 80 energy companies, large and small placed bids at the auction in May</li> <li>• Compatibility of Smart meters when changing energy supplier is an issue for the energy industry. iChoosr do ask energy suppliers whether their Smart meters are compatible for use with other energy suppliers</li> <li>• The last auction did give the best fixed rates compared with on-line comparison websites</li> <li>• Residents should be aware of early exit penalty charges from their current energy provider</li> </ul>
HeartSafe Town, Kenilworth	<p>Keith Grierson and Dr Elaine Archibald presented a vision of Kenilworth &amp; district as a HeartSafe Town to improve outcomes should a resident / visitor suffer a cardiac arrest.</p> <p>To do so Automated External Defibrillators (AED) would be strategically placed around the town and outlying areas and a training programme delivered to teach the principles of Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).</p> <p>Local supporters for the scheme include: Kenilworth Churches Together, Lions, WI, as well as support from British Heart Foundation.</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warwickshire Hearts (based in Warwick) provide training to the public across South Warwickshire in CPR and use of Automatic External Defibrillator</li> <li>• The town already has a number of defibrillators. Possible new locations could be Waitrose, WCC library where staff could be trained</li> </ul> <p>HeartSafe flyer to be sent out with minutes</p>
Grants – Reporting back	<p>Kenilworth Helping Hands reported back on successful 3-day Activity Weekend at Caister-on-Sea for disabled members and volunteers over the May bank holiday weekend, 2018.</p>

	<p>Kenilworth Phab similarly reported back on their successful trip in September 2017 to the Calvert Trust Centre, Devon by a group of disabled and non-disabled adults.</p> <p>Waverley Day Centre, Louise Gillard-Owen, Admiral Nurse updated on her post which received funding from the Forum. Based at Waverley Day Centre the post covers CV8 postcode. In the past 12 months Louise has supported 121 families impacted by a dementia diagnosis. She deals with 1,400 contacts each year.</p> <p>The post does not receive financial support from NHS. Dementia UK is looking for host organisations to support post eg WPH Charitable Trust.</p>
Grants news	<p><b>The Forum has a joint pot of £9,000 (£6k from WCC + £3K from WDC) for the Community Forum Fund 2018/19</b></p> <p>The fund will be launched on 9 July with a closing date of 10 September. Applications are open to community groups and organisations to support local projects that directly benefit the local community</p> <p>Funding will be agreed at the next two Community Forums on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and in February / March 2019 – date to be confirmed. For more information: <a href="https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grants">https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grants</a></p> <p>WDC has launched WW1 Commemorative Fund to mark the centenary of First World War. £1500 is available from each Community Forum to support projects that focus on remembrance, education, or legacy. Closing date for applications has been extended to 6<sup>th</sup> July. For more information: <a href="http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/smallgrant">www.warwickdc.gov.uk/smallgrant</a></p>
AOB	<p>The Prince's Trust is running a 12 week Team Programme at Warwickshire College, Leamington starting on 24 September. Looking to recruit 15 students to the programme aged 16 – 25 years old with challenging behaviours. Over the 12 weeks they would work together on a community project and do a 2 week work experience placement. Courses run 3 times per year.</p> <p>For more information Krista Lewandowski, The Prince's Trust Team Programme Team Leader. <a href="mailto:klewandowski@wcg.ac.uk">klewandowski@wcg.ac.uk</a></p>
Future forum dates	Tuesday 2 October 2018 at Senior Citizens Club, Abbey End