

KENILWORTH COMMUNITY FORUM

2nd October 2018

The forum was attended by 45 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 reported back on local police activity and handed out latest monthly crime figures.</p> <p>28/29 September - Kenilworth Horse fair was quiet with only one notable incident at Shell petrol station. Public toilets at Sainsbury's are always closed when the horse fair is in town.</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The numbers of incidents and crimes recorded for an area can differ from one another as a recorded incident is not necessarily a crime eg 999 call reporting a traffic accident• PC Anna Brown to provide crime figure comparison for Kenilworth for years 2017 & 2018. <p>New forum priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti-Social Behaviour Patrols - Parks, Recreational Areas and Open Spaces in Kenilworth• School Safety Patrols - Kenilworth School, Leyes Lane, Kenilworth• Crime Reduction Patrols - Kenilworth Town Centre <p>Latest police newsletter: https://bit.ly/2ARHXWp</p>
Leisure facility proposals for town	<p>Rose Winship, Head of Cultural Services, WDC presented proposals for sport and leisure development in Kenilworth following successful upgrade of both leisure centres in Leamington and Warwick.</p> <p>A first phase consultation period is planned for October half-term through to November. This will inform a report to WDC Executive in January outlining preferred options for each site and then further consultation as part of any planning application process in 2019.</p> <p>Castle Farm Recreation Centre Option1: to knock down and build a new facility. Looking at options of Scouts and Guides HQ as part of this</p> <p>Abbey Fields Option1: replace outdoor pool with second indoor pool Option2: keep outdoor pool and refurbish existing pool complex</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WDC will look at all consultation feedback including the proposal for a 25m outdoor pool at Abbey Fields and assess the feasibility to inform the Jan 2019 report• HS2 grants to support community mitigation projects could be considered as part of whole funding model to develop the sites

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tank of indoor pool is considered sound and was retiled in 2012. Tank of outdoor pool is not considered sound and will need work • Not viable to extend indoor pool from 4 to 6 lanes due to low roof line and cost of new tank • Plans take into consideration proposals for new 50m pool at Alan Higgs centre, Coventry by Coventry City Council • There would be significant financial implications for extending the opening times of the outdoor pool from 3 -4 months per year to all year round • WDC are working with Kenilworth School to ensure that the proposed new site for Kenilworth School offers comparable if not better provision for community use.
<p>Ranger & car parking service, WDC</p>	<p>Jamie Hill and David Anderton gave an update on Warwick District Council's Ranger Service.</p> <p>Off-street car parking charges remain unchanged for 2018/19. Ticket machines are being replaced and will take debit / credit cards as well as cash.</p> <p>Rangers regularly patrol district council land eg Abbey Fields to reduce issues of anti-social behaviour. They also lead community litter picks. Ranger team is on duty 7 days a week.</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranger service promotes itself on 3 Facebook pages • To investigate litter problem at Ebourne Rec • To contact owners of car park in Talisman Square
<p>Act on Energy</p>	<p>Rosie Hermitage, Project officer introduced Act on Energy, an energy advice charity which supports households across Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Coventry & Solihull to improve energy efficiency.</p> <p>Across Warwick District 12% of households are in fuel poverty based on income levels and type of property lived in (solid walls, off gas network etc)</p> <p>Act on Energy is working with Public Health, WCC to promote Warm & Well in Warwickshire to support households with family members who have cold related health conditions to keep warm this winter by advising on energy efficiency, grants and benefits available.</p> <p>Rosie is keen to work with Town / Parish Council to support vulnerable households by giving face to face advice on switching energy suppliers, improving home insulation and promoting energy efficiency.</p> <p>Grant and funding information as well as leaflets on promoting energy efficiency in the home are all available on-line</p> <p>Further details can be found at:</p> <p>http://www.actonenergy.org.uk/</p> <p>Free Advice Line tel. 0800 988 2881</p>
<p>Young people project</p>	<p>Cllr Mike Hitchins announced the start of a Young People Project for Kenilworth to provide meaningful support to vulnerable local young people.</p> <p>The project proposes to work with Warwick University engagement team, Air Training Corps, Kineton Barracks and local leaders to engage with young people by hosting a Young People Forum.</p>

<p>HS2 / Neighbourhood Plan update</p>	<p>Cllr George Illingworth gave an update on HS2. First notable impact locally is likely to be Kenilworth Greenway diversion and Burton Green access road (haulage route) through Crackley. HS2 grant funds are available to local communities and businesses to support environmental and economic improvements. https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/community-funding/</p> <p>Next HS2 public consultation in Kenilworth 11:30am 20th November at the Kenilworth Centre. For further details: https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/</p> <p>Cllr Illingworth gave a reminder of the upcoming referendum on the Kenilworth Neighbourhood Plan which takes place on 15 November. The referendum gives local residents the opportunity to vote on the Plan to be used in local planning decisions by Warwick District Council.</p> <p>A positive outcome at the referendum would also mean an increase in the neighbourhood funding element of the Community Infrastructure Levy to 25% where the Plan could help decide spending.</p>																								
<p>Grants news</p>	<p>The Forum has a joint pot of £9,000 (£6k from WCC + £3K from WDC) for the Community Forum Fund 2018/19</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="316 929 1527 1317"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="316 929 719 969">Applicant name</th> <th data-bbox="719 929 1348 969">Purpose of application</th> <th data-bbox="1348 929 1527 969">£ award</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="316 969 719 1010">Kenilworth Arts Festival</td> <td data-bbox="719 969 1348 1010">Contribution towards Arts Festival 2018</td> <td data-bbox="1348 969 1527 1010">£1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="316 1010 719 1050">Thorns Community Trust</td> <td data-bbox="719 1010 1348 1050">Develop outside play area</td> <td data-bbox="1348 1010 1527 1050">£1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="316 1050 719 1122">Kenilworth Community in Action</td> <td data-bbox="719 1050 1348 1122">Publicity & costs for community event</td> <td data-bbox="1348 1050 1527 1122">£435</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="316 1122 719 1162">Kenilworth Gang Show</td> <td data-bbox="719 1122 1348 1162">Contribution to Gang Show</td> <td data-bbox="1348 1122 1527 1162">£1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="316 1162 719 1202">Abbey Medical Centre</td> <td data-bbox="719 1162 1348 1202">Set up & co-ordinate healthy activities</td> <td data-bbox="1348 1162 1527 1202">£500</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="316 1202 719 1274">WCC Streetlighting Team</td> <td data-bbox="719 1202 1348 1274">Mobilisation of 2 Vehicle Activated Signs for 2yrs</td> <td data-bbox="1348 1202 1527 1274">£1,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="316 1274 1348 1317">TOTAL</td> <td data-bbox="1348 1274 1527 1317">£5,135</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>There is £3,865 available to support applications at March 2019 Forum meeting.</p>	Applicant name	Purpose of application	£ award	Kenilworth Arts Festival	Contribution towards Arts Festival 2018	£1,000	Thorns Community Trust	Develop outside play area	£1,000	Kenilworth Community in Action	Publicity & costs for community event	£435	Kenilworth Gang Show	Contribution to Gang Show	£1,000	Abbey Medical Centre	Set up & co-ordinate healthy activities	£500	WCC Streetlighting Team	Mobilisation of 2 Vehicle Activated Signs for 2yrs	£1,200	TOTAL		£5,135
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<p>AOB</p>	<p>The September horse fair at the Thickthorn site in Kenilworth has been reported to be the last at this venue.</p>																								
<p>Future forum dates</p>	<p>Tuesday 5 March 2019 at Senior Citizens Club, Abbey End</p>																								