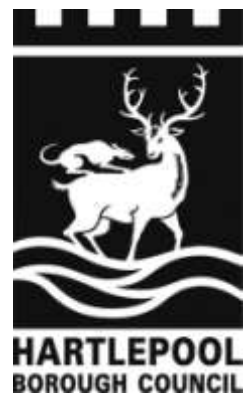


SOUTH AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM AGENDA



Wednesday 5th July

at 1.00pm

in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: SOUTH AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM:

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher, Barclay, Buchan, Clark, Cranney, Hall, Hamilton, Hunter, James, Lauderdale, Lawton, Lindridge, Loynes, Martin-Wells, Morris, Richardson and Sirs

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2017
- 3.2 Matters arising.

4. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME and WARD ISSUES (maximum of 30 minutes)

6. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Presentation – Community Safety Plan – *Head of Community Safety and Engagement*

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR INFORMATION

No Items



8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

FOR INFORMATION:

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 18th October in the Civic Centre (time to be confirmed)



SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINUTES 22 March 2017

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Chair:	Carl Richardson	- Victoria
	Councillor Kevin Cranney	- Foggy Furze
	Councillor Marjorie James	- Manor House
	Councillor Trish Lawton	- Victoria
	Councillor Jim Lindridge	- Fens and Rossmere
	Councillor Brenda Loynes	- Rural West

Public: Peter Joyce, Sue Little and Tony Richardson.

Police Representatives:
Inspector Mal Suggitt

Officers: Clare Clark, Community Safety and Engagement Manager
Phil Hepburn, Environmental Enforcement Team Leader
Irene Cross, Neighbourhood Development Officer (Central)
Tracy Rowe, Community Regeneration Officer
Angela Armstrong, Principal Democratic Services Officer

31. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Christopher Akers-Belcher, Stephen Akers-Belcher, Allan Barclay, Bob Buchan, Alan Clark, Ged Hall, Lesley Hamilton, Ray Martin-Wells, George Morris and Councillor Stephen Thomas, Chair of Adult Services Committee.

32. Declarations of Interest

None.

33. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2016

Confirmed.

34. Matters Arising

None.

35. Police Update

Rossmere Park – A resident referred to a number of problems in and around Rossmere Park. The representative from Cleveland Police confirmed that all incidents that had been reported had been investigated. In response to a question on the timescales to repair some missing fencing around the Park, the Environmental Enforcement Team Leader indicated he would seek clarification on that.

Reporting Crime – Telephone number 101 – It was noted that further recruitment had been undertaken to increase resources for taking calls reporting incidents to 101 and all calls were logged for monitoring purposes. In addition to this, a survey of calls received was being undertaken and the results of this would be publicised.

Additional Policing Resources – The representative from Cleveland Police confirmed that 1 additional Police Officer and 5 Police Community Support Officers had recently been appointed which had resulted in the Policing resources being up to the expected establishment numbers. It was noted that there were 18 Police Officers and 24 Police Community Support Officers within the Neighbourhood Policing Team for community engagement purposes, there were also response Officers with dogs and a number of other Officers across other disciplines that cover the Hartlepool area. However, the Chair highlighted that all Police resources covered the Cleveland wide area which was managed across the whole area on an operational basis. Everyone was reminded of the need to report any incidents via the 101 number, to ensure that Police resources were deployed in the areas where they were most needed. A member of the public highlighted the very good response she had received when utilising the 101 number on several occasions.

The Front, Seaton Carew – A member of the public highlighted a number of issues of theft from motor vehicles, in particular in the Seaton Carew area. The Cleveland Police representative confirmed that they were aware of this issue and indicated that this was a town-wide problem. It was noted that in a significant number of cases, evidence had shown that thieves were taking items from unlocked vehicles and the need to ensure all vehicles were locked and secure was emphasised.

36. Ask the Policy Chairs

The Chair indicated that if there were any questions for the Chairs who were unable to attend this meeting, a written response would be forwarded to the questioner.

Regeneration Services Committee – No questions.

Adults Services Committee – A member of the public highlighted that a local private transport company had recently purchased a wheelchair accessible vehicle. The company had sought financial assistance to support this service but had been unable to secure any additional funding. Clarification was sought on whether the contact details for local groups who support people with mobility issues could be provided to ensure they were fully informed of this new service.

Neighbourhood Services Committee – A member of the public expressed concern at the location of the new pedestrian crossing in Brenda Road. The Chair of Neighbourhood Services responded that the location of the crossing in Brenda Road had been a challenge for the Council's Highways Team due to the number of other roads that link into Brenda Road. The Chair confirmed that the location of the crossing would serve the residents from Seaton Lane and the surrounding area including the local school, to cross Brenda Road which was a very busy road.

It was highlighted that residents had campaigned for a pedestrian crossing in Rossmere Way and clarification was sought on the progress with this. It was noted that a meeting was being held to discuss how this can be progressed and the Ward Councillor indicated he would provide the residents in attendance with an update.

A member of the public suggested that the Council may wish to consider offering one free day shopping centre parking per month to encourage visitors to the town. The Chair of Neighbourhood Services confirmed that within the shopping centre car parks, Sundays were free every week and it was highlighted that at a recent meeting of the Neighbourhood Services Committee, it had been agreed that car parking would be free from 3pm every day in Multi Storey, Basement and East Side (former Marks & Spencer) car parks within the shopping centre.

It was noted that the toilets within Rossmere Park were in need of repair and the Chair of Neighbourhood Services indicated that this issue would be forwarded to the appropriate Officer to progress.

37. Public Question Time and Ward Issues

Burn Valley – No questions.

Foggy Furze – No questions.

Fens and Rossmere – A discussion ensued on the issue of speeding in Rossmere Way and the Environmental Enforcement Team Leader indicated that surveys had been undertaken which recognised that speed was a problem on this road. This had enabled the issue to be escalated with Rossmere Way becoming a monitored site by Cleveland Police to ascertain if increased patrols and monitoring of the area or speed cameras were an

appropriate response. It was noted by a member of the public that patrols had been undertaken but were not done at the busy times of the day, such as between 7am and 9am and between 4pm and 6pm when the problem appeared to be at its worst. The ward councillor indicated he would forward any feedback from this monitoring to the ward meeting.

Manor House – No questions.

Rural West – No questions.

38. Ward Member Budgets 2016/17 *(Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)*

The report provided details on the position in relation to Ward Member budgets. Residents were encouraged to contact their Ward Councillors with any suggested schemes for potential funding from Ward Budgets.

A member of the public sought clarification on the funding of the tarmaced spaces opposite the bus stop in Rossmere Way and the Community Regeneration Officer indicated she would look into this as it may have been included in a previous report. The Chair of Neighbourhood Services commented that all previous reports and minutes of meetings relating to the Ward Member Budgets, were included within the public domain on the Council's website. The Chair confirmed that hard copies of the information relating to the tarmaced verges in Rossmere Way would be forwarded to the two members of the public who requested it.

In response to a question from a member of the public in relation to the works undertaken by Comcast some years ago, the Chair of Neighbourhood Services confirmed that there was a short period of time where Comcast indicated they would make good any repairs required after the laying of cables. However, this time limited offer had passed and it was now down to the Council to fund any repairs necessary and these would be picked up as part of the Highways Maintenance Programme. However, members of the public were asked to draw to the attention of their local Ward Councillors any instances where repairs were required and these would be considered for inclusion within the Highways Maintenance Programme.

Decision

The report was noted.

39. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are Urgent

None.

The meeting concluded at 10.50 am

CHAIR

Action Sheet - South and Central - 22nd March 2017

Ward	Reported problem/ concern	Referred to (officer)	Response	Actioned resolved	Comment
Fens & Ross	Residents referred to a number of problems with the timescale for incidents to be investigated and repaired. Of particular concern was missing fencing around the park.	GJ	The park is patrolled and inspected on a regular basis when routine issues would be reported and repaired. Any additional reports received are investigated and actioned ASAP.		The fence has now been repaired and for a limited period some temporary Herris fencing was in place to secure the site whilst the permanent repair was completed.
	Complaint that Rossmere Park toilet block had not been repaired and had been closed for some time	GJ	Issue has now been resolved but HBC were unable to open the block until the electric supply had been reconnected following fire damage		
	Residents had previously requested a controlled pedestrian crossing be installed on Rossmere Way and asked if there had been any progress.	PF	Highways had investigated the feasibility of installing a crossing but the existing road layout was proving difficult to accommodate.		Still considering potential options within the speed and parking considerations for Rossmere Way.
	Question raised as to the responsibility / liability Comcast (NTL now Virgin media) had for highway maintenance as a consequence of historic footpath excavation to lay cable.	PF	Any liability lasts for a period of two years, thereafter responsibility falls back to Highways team as part of the public adopted highway maintenance programme		