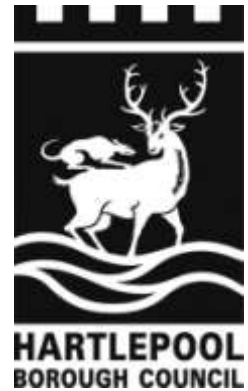


NORTH AND COASTAL COMMUNITY FORUM



Wednesday 13th December

at 10.30am

in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: NORTH AND COASTAL COMMUNITY FORUM:

Councillors Beck, Belcher, Black, Cook, Fleming, Harrison, Hind, McLaughlin, Moore, Riddle, Robinson, Smith, Springer, Tennant and Thomas.

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 4. MINUTES**
 - 4.1 To confirm the minutes of the Neighbourhood Forum meetings held on 18th October 2017
 - 4.2 Matters arising.
- 5. QUESTIONS FOR THE POLICE**
- 6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME and WARD ISSUES (maximum of 30 minutes)**
- 7. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION**

No items

8. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR INFORMATION**

8.1 Update from Tees Valley Rural Community Council

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

Next meeting – Wednesday 28th February at 1.00pm in Committee Room B

NORTH AND COASTAL COMMUNITY FORUM MINUTES

18th October 2017

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Chair: Councillor Brenda Harrison - De Bruce

Vice Chair: Councillor Paul Beck - Hart

Councillor Shane Moore - Headland and Harbour

Councillor John Tennant - Jesmond

Councillor Stephen Thomas - De Bruce

Public: Sue Little, Malcolm Husband, Iris Ryder, Joanne Shaw,
Bob Steel, Cath Torley and Alan Vale

Police Representatives: Mal Suggitt

Officers: Clare Clark, Community Safety and Engagement Manager
Phil Hepburn, Team Leader (Enforcement Services)
Rachel Parker, Community Safety Team Leader
Tara Davison, Community Cohesion Officer
Esther Mireku, Acting Consultant in Public Health
Jo Stubbs, Democratic Services Officer

8. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Rob Cook, Tim Fleming, Tom Hind, Jean Robinson and George Springer

9. Declarations of Interest

None

10. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2017

Minutes approved

11. Matters Arising

Update from the police – parking on pavements – A resident produced paperwork which appeared to contradict the previous advice that blocking the pavement was not a criminal offence. The Enforcement Services Team Leader advised that it was technically illegal to park on the pavement but there needed to be an obstruction for action to be taken. He would look into the area under discussion after the meeting and bring his findings back to a future meeting. The resident referred to a letter drop on this issue which had been a success in the King Oswy area and suggested something similar be done.

Public Question Time – weeds on pavements – This continued to be a problem in the Central Estate. The Ward Councillor indicated that this had been reported to the Operations and Ground Maintenance Team Leader who hoped to rectify the problem this week. The Vice-Chair suggested that a manual approach might be needed as the machine did not always do a thorough job.

12. Questions for the Police

Chief Inspector Mal Suggitt was present and invited questions from the public.

Response times – Chief Inspector Suggitt indicated that calls had to be answered within 1 minute. Incidents were then graded according to the level of risk and a response despatched accordingly in anything from 10 minutes to an hour or even an appointment. Incidents classed as an emergency had a 10 minute response time. A resident advised that she had reported an assault in progress over a month ago and was still waiting for a response. Chief Inspector Suggitt advised that she make a complaint via 101. The resident commented that she had done so, saying that most people no longer contacted the police due to the lack of response. Chief Inspector Suggitt assured her that every report was recorded and investigated eventually. If police were not made aware they could take no action. The Chair offered his support to the police for working as efficiently as they could in the circumstances, saying the problems were being caused by a higher authority.

Homeless – A resident thanked the police for their efforts in locating a homeless youth earlier in the week

Off road bikes – This continued to be a problem on the Central Estate. Chief Inspector Suggitt advised that this was a problem throughout the area, referring to the difficulties police had physically catching them and proving that a criminal act had been carried out. Community intelligence was vital and he urged residents to report any information they had to the police. Public safety was paramount however.

The Chair thanked Chief Inspector Suggitt for attending the meeting and answering questions

13. Public Question Time and Ward Issues

Jesmond Gardens allotments – A mattress had been dumped and the allotment owner had been told there would be a charge for the Council to remove it. The Enforcement Services Team Leader indicated that efforts were being made to remove the item at no cost.

Temporary road works on West View Road near Arctic Crescent – The Enforcement Services Team Leader advised that this was part of a larger Northumbrian Water scheme and the road would not be properly surfaced until it was fully completed.

Warrior Drive – There was a large pothole at the Coronation Drive end which cars had to drive round. The Enforcement Services Team Leader would check it to see whether it met the tolerance requirements.

Seaton Parking meters – Depending on the results of the future consultation into their retention would they be switched off? The Enforcement Services Team Leader confirmed that in that event sleeves would be put over them.

Fly tipping on O'Brien land in Seaton – The Enforcement Services Team Leader indicated that work was ongoing to clear the area in conjunction with the landowner.

Potential Aldi in Clark Street – A resident requested an update on whether this was going ahead. The Community Safety and Engagement Manager would bring an update to a future meeting. It was thought that the land in question had been sold to another developer.

14. Presentation - Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy

The Community Safety and Engagement Leader gave a brief presentation on the consultation process for the draft Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy 2018-2021. Details were given of the vision and priorities of the strategy which had been developed in response to the views expressed through the Your Say, Our Future events and the recent Voluntary and Community Sector Survey.

The priorities of the strategy were to involve and listen to communities, to support community action and to build strong and inclusive communities. It included a commitment to continue with Community Forums and the possible formation of a multi-agency strategy team comprising the Leader of the Council and representatives from the Police and Fire services. The consultation would run until November 2017. A final draft version would

then be taken to the January Finance and Policy Committee before further consultation. The final version would be considered by Council in 2018.

A resident was happy to note some acknowledgement of the difficulties faced by the Council in light of budget cuts.

The Vice-Chair suggested that Councillors might go back into schools to discuss the strategy with the children. The Community Safety and Engagement Leader would look into this.

A resident asked whether it was compulsory for ward councillors to attend their ward surgeries. The Chair advised that they should be there if possible but individual ward councillors could also make their own separate arrangements.

The Chair praised those responsible for the strategy for looking for alternative ways of delivery.

15. Presentation - Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The Acting Consultant in Public Health gave a brief presentation on the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2025. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 established Health and Wellbeing Boards as statutory bodies and required them to develop a joint strategy for their area. The current strategy was due for revision in 2018. Following consultation the priorities for the new strategy had been identified as:

- Starting well
- Working well
- Ageing well
- Living well
- Dying well

Key issues had been identified as follows:

- Mental health and emotional well-being
- Drug misuse and alcohol related harm
- Health inequalities (with a particular focus on domestic abuse and poverty)
- Dying well

A resident highlighted the lack of mental health facilities in Hartlepool. The Acting Consultant in Public Health advised that there was some provision. The Vice-Chair referred to a recent mental health event in the Borough Hall which could potentially be rerun in other areas while a resident highlighted a forthcoming Dementia Day at the Centre for Independent Living which would be attended by a number of agencies. A resident suggested that the Samaritans number be included in Hartbeat given increases in suicide rates during the Winter months. It might also be prudent for GPs to have a health

plan in place for vulnerable patients.

A resident queried ways in which health checks and services could be offered to the public in areas without a Community Hub. The Acting Consultant in Public Health noted that the 3 existing hubs were only the start of an ongoing process and more provision would follow. Health buses were also used to dispense free contraception and carry out health checks and this could potentially be increased.

A resident suggested that health concerns raised by Seaton residents caused by industry should be a higher priority on the strategy. The Acting Consultant in Public Health indicated that the priorities had come out of the consultation process but other things would be looked at. Industry was a problem across Teesside and tests were still ongoing as to what health problems it caused. Air quality in Seaton was also monitored regularly.

The Chair thanked the Acting Consultant in Public Health for attending the meeting and answering questions.

A resident asked whether it would be possible to be given reasons for Councillors not attending these meetings. The Chair advised that they were not obliged to attend Community Forums.

The meeting concluded at 2pm.

CHAIR

Ward	Reported problem/ concern	Referred to (officer)	Response	Actioned / resolved	Comment
De Bruce	Footpath obstruction on Sea View Terr. - Vehicle regularly parks across entire footpath forcing pedestrians onto road.	PH	Enforcement to visit site and determine if Police should respond for obstruction offence or Enforcement Team review installing TRO to regulate and prevent vehicles parking on footpath.		Ongoing
Seaton	Large pot hole at junction Warrior Drive / Coronation Drive - reported not repaired	PF	Highways have now repaired	Y	complete
	Will the parking meters to be switched off to ensure they do not accept payment as from 1/11/17	PH	Meters will be switched off and bagged to prevent payment once the scheme finishes	Y	complete
	Fly tipping on O'Briens land / site entrance. in Ivy	PH	Enforcment officers liasing with land owner to secure access to the site. Cleansing to clear immediate problem	Y	Ongoing
	Brompton Walk - Overgrown weeds. Reported several times but not actioned yet.	GJ	PH explained that work schedules would change from grass cutting to winter maintenance.		GJ confirmed this work is now complete.
Headland & Harbour	Aldi Store, Clark Street - Requested update on current position with planning application.	PH	Aldi's are reported to be involved in a long term lease arrangement on thier Tees Bay Retail Park store. This needs to be resolved before they can consider developing the Clark Street site. The current planning permission at Clark St. is still active.		