

SOUTH AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM



Tuesday 25 September 2018

at 10.30am

in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

SOUTH AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM:

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher, Barclay, Buchan, Cranney, Hall, Hamilton, Hunter, James, Lauderdale, Lindridge, Loynes, Marshall, Morris, C Richardson, T Richardson, Trueman and Young.

- 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 26th June 2018
 - 3.2 Matters arising.
- 4. POLICE UPDATE**
- 5. FIRE SERVICE UPDATE**
- 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 Rossmere Park – Verbal Update – *Heritage and Countryside Manager*

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

Next meeting – Tuesday 4th December at 1.00pm in Committee Room B



SOUTH AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM MINUTES

26th June 2018

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

Present:

Chair:	Councillor Ann Marshall	- Foggy Furze
Vice Chair:	Councillor Jim Lindridge	- Fens and Rossmere
	Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	- Foggy Furze
	Councillor Stephen Akers-Belcher	- Manor House
	Councillor Bob Buchan	- Fens and Rossmere
	Councillor Kevin Cranney	- Foggy Furze
	Councillor Ged Hall	- Burn Valley
	Councillor Marjorie James	- Manor House
	Councillor Jim Lindridge	- Fens and Rossmere
	Councillor Carl Richardson	- Victoria
	Councillor Tony Richardson	- Fens and Rossmere

Fire Representative: Darren Lane

Officers: Clare Clark, Community Safety and Engagement Manager
Phil Hepburn, Team Leader (Enforcement Services)
Peter Frost, Highways, Traffic and Transport Team Leader
Jo Stubbs, Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted by Councillors John Lauderdale, Brenda Loynes and George Morris.

2. Councillor Tony Richardson

The Chair welcomed newly-elected Councillor Tony Richardson.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2018

Minutes approved

5. Questions for the Police

The Chair advised those present that Chief Inspector Nigel Burnell had been unable to attend as planned. In his absence the Team Leader for Enforcement Services advised those present that there had been an 11% rise in recorded crime in the past 3 months. This included increases in burglary, shoplifting and violent crime. However there had a reduction in vehicle crime. The force were now concentrating on working with partners including the local authority and Cleveland Fire to find ways to reduce these figures. Community intelligence was also a vital component.

A member queried if there was a pattern of items being shoplifted. The Team Leader for Enforcement Services advised that it was a variety of items, generally linked to dependencies.

6. Fire Service Update

Community Liaison Officer Darren Lane gave details of the number of deliberate fires which had occurred in the last 3 months. These showed a slight increase on the previous month however this was probably due to the warmer weather. Officers were using CCTV to identify those responsible and passing their identities onto the police and anti-social behaviour team. They were also checking potential risks in all derelict properties. This was a result of the recent Longscar fire during which it had transpired that there was potentially asbestos in the building. Although it turned out to be in negligible amounts had it not been this could have resulted in shut down of the whole fire station and appliances. The fire crews attending had not been made aware of this by the owners therefore they were trying to identify the owners of all derelict buildings in the area and any potential hazards contained within. A member suggested the Council and fire brigade work together on this issue in regard to identifying properties owned by absentee landlords. Mr Lane confirmed that this was already happening.

The Vice-Chair noted that most of the deliberate fires tended to happen after 3pm and queried whether this meant that schoolchildren were likely responsible. Mr Lane confirmed this was a likelihood. He advised that School Co-ordinating Officers would attend schools and explain the impact small fires might have not just in terms of the damage caused but that appliances could be taken away from other fires, potentially involving their family. They would also engage with anyone found responsible via outreach programmes.

A resident queried whether fire officers would attend barbecue fires. Mr Lane confirmed that they would and urged people to contact them rather than try to tackle it themselves. This was particularly important as they

could use thermal imaging cameras to check whether a fire had been put out completely.

7. Public Question Time and Ward Issues

A request was made that poppies be planted in the grassed area opposite Tarnston Road. The Chair asked officers to progress this.

A resident highlighted abuse of the football pitches and green belt area on Rossmere Way, specifically cars parking on the grassed area on match days. He also noted that only the grass on the pitches was being cut and weeds were being left at the side. Also the grass cuttings had been left against the fence rather than removed altogether.

A member advised that a resident was experiencing problems with school traffic parking over their driveway close to St Teresa's Primary School.

A member requested that 2 posts be installed on Bonnyrigg Close as previously promised following a near miss with a child and a car. The Team Leader for Enforcement Services would progress this.

Officers were thanked for reinstalling a road sign at the Catcote Road end of Rossmere Way.

8. Community Safety and Engagement Manager

The Chair advised that that this would be the Community and Safety Engagement Manager's final meeting. She thanked her for all her work over the years. The Community Safety and Engagement Manager thanked the Chair for her comments.

The meeting concluded at 1:20pm.

CHAIR

Ward	Reported problem/ concern	Referred to (officer)	Response	Actioned / resolved	Comment
Rural West	Request made if a new wild flower bed could be located opposite Tarniston Road ?	GJ	GJ to consider		Area to be considered for suitability - potentially added to 2019 programme
Fens & Ross	Resident raised concern as to the number of vehicles parking on the on the green belt area of Rossmere Way (particularly weekend football games).	PF/PH			There is currently no formal TRO in place - no enf. action on public highway
	Resident commented that only the pitches were being cut - the weeds were not getting cut or strimmed at the side of the pitches.	GJ	is this a feasible option to remove ?		St Francis Football Club responsible for maintenance of area
	Also any cuttings are not getting collected and are instead stacked against the fence.	GJ	is this a feasible option to remove ?		St Francis Football Club responsible for maintenance of area
	Resident raised concerns with regard to enforcement of traffic at St. Terrasa's school	PH	Additional enforcement visits scheduled		Enforcement operate to a rota across the town.
	Ward Member asked if 2 posts could be installed in Bonyrigg Close. They have apparently been promised following a near miss of child and car	PF	Highways to follow up		This is now being progressed
