

SOUTH AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM



Tuesday 12th March 2019

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 South and Central Community Forum meetings held on 4th December 2018
 - 3.2 Matters arising.
- 4. QUESTIONS FOR THE POLICE**
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME and WARD ISSUES (maximum of 30 minutes)**
- 6. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION**

No items



7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR INFORMATION

7.1 Stagecoach - Presentation

7.2 Seaton Regeneration Project - Verbal Update – *Regeneration Team Leader*

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

Next meeting – to be confirmed



SOUTH AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM MINUTES

4th December 2018

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

Present:

Chair: Councillor Ann Marshall - Foggy Furze

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher - Foggy Furze

Councillor Bob Buchan - Fens and Rossmere

Councillor Kevin Cranney - Foggy Furze

Councillor Ged Hall - Burn Valley

Councillor Marjorie James - Manor House

Councillor John Lauderdale - Burn Valley

Councillor Jim Lindridge - Fens and Rossmere

Councillor Brenda Loynes - Rural West

Councillor Tony Richardson - Fens and Rossmere

Also Present Councillor Rob Cook

Police Representatives: Chief Inspector Nigel Burnell

Fire Brigade Representative: Darren Lane

Officers: Phil Hepburn, Community Safety Operations Manager
Irene Cross, Community Cohesion Officer
Deborah Hannaby, Seascapes Engagement Officer
Peter Nixon, Senior Traffic Technician
Jo Stubbs, Democratic Services Officer

18. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Stephen Akers-Belcher, Allan Barclay, George Morris and Carl Richardson.

19. Declarations of Interest

None

20. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2018

The minutes were confirmed

21. Matters Arising

A resident queried when an update on the town plan would be provided. The Community Safety Operations Manager advised that the officers had previously been unable to attend. However they were due to give an update on the Seaton Regeneration Project later in the meeting.

22. Public Question Time and Ward Issues

A resident referred to a recent eviction notice that had been served on one of the Burn Valley allotment plots. This plot was used as a base for the CCTV and electrical system under the name of the Burn Valley security group but the Council were disputing this. He was unable to attend an allotment holder meeting later that day to discuss this issue with officers. The Chair offered to speak with the resident after this meeting.

A resident referred to a recent road accident involving a child outside Eldon Grove Primary School. There were also problems with cars parking on Eldon Grove during the school run. The Senior Traffic Technician would speak to the Community Safety Operations Manager regarding enforcement.

An alley gate between Thirlmere Street and Grassmere Street was in need of repair.

There were problems with street lighting in Kipling Road and Masefield Road. The Senior Traffic Technician reported that this may be a mainline fault which would need to be dealt with by the Electric Board. In that case delays were inevitable.

A resident advised that following the admission of another resident to a care home the locks on her property had been changed and he was unable to gain access to get his belongings. A Councillor confirmed that the Council had been given Power of Attorney over the resident. He suggested he contact the Chair of Adult and Community Based Services Committee regarding this issue.

A resident queried the Council's policy on CCTV following a number of instances of anti-social behaviour and violence in the Cornwall Street area. The Chair of Regeneration Services Committee indicated that CCTV installation was based on crime statistics which meant any incidents needed to be reported before action could be taken. Regeneration Services Committee had previously discussed consulting residents in that area regarding the installation of CCTV. He would pass the residents number onto the Ward Councillors.

A resident advised that another driver had damaged his van but no action

had been taken by the police despite it being reported. A Councillor noted that dedicated police officers were now assigned to all wards. Chief Inspector Burnell confirmed this, saying it was being done utilising existing resources and following previous concerns raised by residents around a lack of visible police presence. They would be responsible for attending community meetings although they may need to move around the area depending on need at the time. Exact numbers had yet to be confirmed but there were expected to be 1 or 2 per ward.

A resident queried the justification for borrowing £50,000 to build a car park in Seaton Carew without consulting tax payers particularly when services were being cut. The Chair of Regeneration Services Committee advised that borrowing of this nature always had to be accompanied by a good long term business case. Additional parking in Seaton would provide a boost to the town's tourist economy and create jobs in the tourism sector. The response from businesses in Seaton had been overwhelmingly positive in terms of visitor numbers particularly since the opening of the water park. Repayments would be relatively low and minimal based on the profits which could result. The resident acknowledged this but referred to a reducing workforce and cuts in social care. The Chair of Regeneration Services Committee confirmed that there had been staff cuts but their impact had been minimal. Recruitment of apprentices was also on the increase.

A Councillor complained at a lack of information being provided by officers to ward councillors on incidents in their ward. Incidents in Rossmere Park were not being recorded, neither were reports of fly tipping. He handed a petition relating to CCTV in Rossmere Park to the Chair. The Councillor also queried which number residents should be phoning to make reports. The Community Safety Operations Manager advised that incidents of anti-social behaviour should be reported to the police while fly tipping should be reported to the Council. A Councillor also advised that calls to the Council be directed first of all to the call centre as calls to direct lines were not recorded. Another Councillor queried whether reports to the Council's Community Safety Team were passed on to the police. Chief Inspector Burnell would speak to his team regarding how issues were being logged.

23. Questions for the Police

A Councillor had been informed that Hartlepool Police Station would be closing down and queried when this would be happening. Chief Inspector Burnell advised that there were no plans to close the police station.

24. Seascapes – Tyne to Tees Shores and Seas *(Seascapes Engagement Officer)*

The Seascapes Engagement Officer gave an update on Seascapes is a Landscape Partnership Scheme funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund which would deliver over 25 special projects throughout the area. As well as improving public access to beaches Seascapes would explore the heritage

hidden beneath the waves, offering many opportunities for local people to become involved. The themes of the project were Seascape Over Time, Revealing Hidden Heritage, Accessing the Sea and Coastal Champions. The programme was due to last from 2020 to 2024 and plans were already in place to involve local schools and the community via social media. A questionnaire was available online and she urged those present to complete it and give their details in order to get more involved.

The Vice-Chair stressed the importance of developing the area's cultural heritage and asked how partners would be involved. The Seascapes Engagement Officer advised that local partners would direct the organisers to the most relevant team to link the project areas. She also referred to plans to connect to the community via pre-existing interviews and future engagement. The Vice-Chair referred to a similar project as part of the Church Street redevelopment and suggested these be connected.

25. Seaton Regeneration Project – Verbal Update *(Regeneration Team Leader)*

This item was deferred as the officers were unavailable.

26. Next meeting

It was highlighted that the information regarding the next meeting on the agenda was incorrect. The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 12th March at 10am.

The meeting concluded at 13:55pm

CHAIR