

AREA FORUM (GREASBY/FRANKBY/IRBY, UPTON, WOODCHURCH)

Thursday, 28 June 2012

Present:

Chair	A Cox (Chair)
Councillors	W Clements S Whittingham S Hodrien
Lead Officer	Mark Smith
Area Service Co-ordinator	Andy Brannan
Street Scene Manager	Brian Smith
Community Safety Officer	Mike Collins
Merseyside Police	Peter Grant
Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service	Sarah Patterson

Apologies

Councillors	T Smith M Hornby
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1 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair, Councillor Tony Cox welcomed the Forum members and 26 members of the public to the Greasby, Frankby, Irby & Woodchurch Area Forum meeting held at Irby Primary School.

Apologies:

David Taylor-Smith, Cllr Mike Hornby, Cllr Tony Smith, Geoff Patterson

2 **UPDATE ON 20MPH ZONES**

Mark Smith gave a presentation on the proposed 20 mph zones for this forum area. Handouts were available giving detailed information and feedback cards could be filled in to give peoples views on the proposed scheme.

A discussion was held on some of the road safety issues in the area, if the speed limits will be enforceable and what the signs will look like.

3 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Andy Brannan gave a presentation on the Your Economy and Your Family aspects of the neighbourhood plan consultation and what people said were a priority under these headings.

A discussion was held on how the consultation was undertaken the level of funding, the application process and the criteria to apply to.

4 **PARTNER UPDATES**

Western Link

Peter Roper from Western Link explained the renewable electricity cable which is to be routed through Wirral from Scotland to Wales and the consultation process with residents over the last year discussing the route.

A discussion was held on the issues around the cable including health issues, what alternative routes were looked at, employment opportunities and how deep will the cable be underground.

NHS Membership Scheme

Dave Hammond from Wirral Community NHS Clinical Trust and Lorna Quigley from WCCG explained the new member scheme which will replace the PCT in 2013.

Questions were asked on how the scheme will be advertised, GP practices and issues around Social Services.

Action:

-The Councillors will take this issue up with social services and the chaos within care homes, problems with social services and GP's

-Fiona Johnson to be invited to a future forum to explain how the work undertaken by Public Health will be incorporated within the Council.

Police

Pete Grant gave a brief update on police issues for this area.

Questions were asked on an incident that occurred on the Woodchurch estate and the procedure for liaising with residents, reporting crime statistics and activities for young people

Action: - The councillors to receive information on the statistics of the number of ASB calls made, which actually turn out to be incidents of children on bikes or boards

Fire Service

Sarah Patterson gave a report on the statistics of ASB fires, fire safety checks and some of the partnership work the fire are currently undertaking.

Community Patrol

Mike Collins explained his role in the Dog Fouling Enforcement Team, the number of fixed penalties issues, issues around litter bins and numbers for contacting the team

Community News

John Smith gave a brief explanation about the Community Work he does for the Greasby area, the Greasby Messenger, the community centre, a planning application for Red Cat carpark and a request to have a regular agenda item for community news.

Action: A regular agenda item to be made available for community news.

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions were asked on:

-LA21 – Concerned with the trees and the environment.

-There is a problem with the footpath between St Josephs Church and Braeside Gardens, Upton. Wirral Council staff have been out to view the area in March, but to date no work has been completed. A complaint was made to Street Scene and the Officer said to complete a claim form for any accidents on this footpath.

-The state of the roads on the Woodchurch estate is particularly bad. It has been reported to Street Scene, but nothing has been done.

-New Hey Road has been resurfaced to a sub-standard finish. It is still liable to flooding.

-There is some considerable damage to the roundabout at Ackers Road. Wagons have damaged the area and one incident was from a COLAS wagon. Volunteers spend time looking after this roundabout.

Action:

-The problem with the footpath between St Josephs Church and Braeside Gardens to be looked into.

-The quality of resurfacing at New Hey Road to looked at.

-The damage to the roundabout at Ackers Road to be investigated

Councillor Tony Cox thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

6 CLOSE

8.00 pm

7 FUTURE MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS

Tuesday 16th October

6.30pm

Venue to be confirmed