

Heswall, Pensby and Thingwall

Area Forum

Area Co-ordinator's Report

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Minutes - Area Forum (Heswall and Pensby & Thingwall) Meeting - 21 June 2005

Present	
Chair	O W Adam
Ward Councillors	AC Hodson , PSC Johnson , Mrs J McKelvie
Community Representatives	Steve Beal (Youth representative) , J Birch (Pensby and Thingwall Community Representative) , P Duffy (Heswall Community Representative)
Lead Officer	Chris Batman (Education and Cultural Services Dept)
Area Service Co-ordinator	Maxine Joynson
Bebington & West Wirral PCT	Geraldine Murphy-Walkden
Merseyside Police	Inspector Howard Fazakerley
Council Officers	Kenny Bradshaw (Technical Services) , Cathy McNulty (Cycling Officer) , Phil Miner (Street Scene Area Manager) , Joe Smith (Technical Services)
Apologies	Cllr IJ Mackenzie , Cllr Les Rowlands

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Minute 1 - Welcome and introductions

Chris Batman introduced all the members above, and welcomed 42 members of the public to the meeting. He reported that as Cllr. Peter Johnson is Deputy Mayor this year, he will not be taking the Chair, and it has been agreed that Cllr. Oliver Adam will take the Chair.

A presentation by Technical Services Department regarding the change to the roundabout at Arrowe Park, and the installation of traffic lights on Arrowe Park Road will be the last item on the Agenda, as the people involved are giving a presentation at one of the other Forums first.

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Minute 2 - Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

i. Concern was again raised about the long term parking of cars for sale in a local lay-by.

Chris Batman reported there will be new legislation shortly to give the Council powers to obtain the names of owners of these cars and contact the DVLC, who will then contact the owners to check whether they are private sellers. Once identified, a notice will be put on the car to say that it is under investigation, and that the car will be removed if necessary. He asked that the public please contact Street Scene if they think that a car is being advertised for sale in this way.

ii. Concern was expressed about the lighting over the ATM machines belonging to the Co-op Bank.

It was reported that they have now put a new light there.

iii. Phil Miner reported that they have investigated the accidents reported in Gills Lane, and it seems that the accidents are mostly at the traffic lights. If necessary there might be a possibility of installing an advance warning notice that motorists are travelling at more than 30 miles per hour, and also counting the number of vehicles using Gills Lane. There are no plans for traffic calming.

iv. Of the 20 suggested roads requiring repair, seven have been agreed for this area.

Minute 3 - Area co-ordinators report

Maxine Joynson reported that she was covering for Janet Triggs, who will be the new Area Co-ordinator for this area.

Area Plans. The statistical information in the first part of the plan is based on the old ward boundaries and therefore does not give an accurate reflection of the new wards.

This is now a working document for the forum over the next 12 months and will be refreshed in December to align with the Community Strategy's 4 new themes, which are:

- Worklessness
- Access and Equity
- Cohesive and Sustainable Communities
- a Quality Environment.

It is anticipated that a sub group will need to be formed to take the area plan forward and address the issues section of the plan which will be the work plan for the forum for the next 12 months.

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Minute Decision :

Resolved that - an area plan sub group be set up.

Minute 4 - Community Initiatives Fund

Maxine reported the Community Initiative Fund stands at £15,500, due to additional funding of £3000 from Community Safety for community safety projects and £1500 from Local Agenda 21 for environmental projects and any local organisations should apply for funding. Adverts will be placed in the Wirral Globe on 6th and 20th July with a closing date of 15th August. It was agreed that the priorities set would be kept the same as they cover a broad range of projects and services, which will benefit the local community.

Minute 5 - Public question time

The following questions / issues were raised by members of the public:

Will the pavements outside homes be reinstated after the new water main has been installed?

Cllr. Jackie McKelvie said that she would check this is to be included.

Many cracked paving stones have been located and a white spot has been put on them. Paving stones, however, are being tarmaced over instead of replacing the paving slabs, and it is not sufficiently strong to carry the HGVs, and is a waste of time and money.

Phil Miner replied that they do identify the repairs to be carried out by the Utility Companies, and they will repair any damage done by them. He agreed that the tarmac was not heavy enough to carry the HGVs.

Mr. Graham Davies asked that the Council clarify exactly where the boundary lines are between The Moorings and the foreshore.

Cllr. Andrew Hodson agreed to investigate and report back where the Council responsibility ends and residents' responsibility begins.

Mr. Cranny asked why the re-cycling bottle bank had been removed from Fishers Lane?

It was reported that due to complaints from the people at the end of Southwood Drive, about the noise, the bank had been re-sited to the end near the shops.

Where can dry batteries be deposited?.

This is possible at Greenbank Drive, Clatterbridge tip and Asda in Wallasey.

A comment was made about the dreadful state of the tip at Clatterbridge. Phil Miner understands that representatives of the Council are in touch with the owners of the site to amend the access and tidy up the site.

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Why do the collectors of the garden rubbish only take one bag?
It was pointed out that if they took more, some people may not get any taken at all, and that the budget for the services was finite.

The question of the Aldi traffic through Barnston was raised.
Cllr. Jackie McKelvie stated there is still no further information at present.

Mr. Collinson asked whether some provision could be made to see children safely across the road at the Glegg Arms. They are dropped off by the school bus at an extremely busy time, and there are no safety facilities at all. A further point raised by him, is the short pathway through from the Chester High Road to Dunster Grove, which has no light at all. This will be used more when the proposed skateboard park is opened near the football fields.

The question of the urgent need for a site for a Health Centre for three practices was raised.

This is proving very difficult due to the high cost of land locally, and the need for it to be central. If as many as possible fill in a form (available at most practices) this will give more weight to the need.

Why are the barriers there ready to be erected at the entrance to Arrowse Park hospital. The barriers are also there ready for the rest of the hospital, but what happens to the footballers that use the Park?

There is already considerable parking on the road up to the Arrowse Park Hospital entrance, and this will only make it worse.

Mr. McDonough raised the question of extended licensing hours. He understands that there are not many applications, and as they have to be in by the 1st August, does this mean none are likely to be agreed?

Cllr. Andrew Hodson replied that they must apply by 8th August to come into effect in November. They have advertised and held a meeting in the Town Hall. New Committees have been formed to take on the vast numbers who might apply. A great many will be applying for the existing hours. Only about 20% have made applications nationally, but the paperwork is something like 200 pages, which have to be completed before application. Anyone who has not put an application in will not be allowed to continue in business.

DEESIDE CARAVAN SITE

Mrs. McGurk wanted to know whether the Forum was going to discuss a letter from Mr. Garrett addressed to Janet Triggs, as she wished to air her grave concerns.

Maxine reported that to her knowledge the Community Planning Team had not received the letter. The matter was the condition of the Deeside Caravan site, formerly owned by Mr. Mathias. Mr. Mathias became ill last

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year, and the site was sold to William Hill and others. They have got rid of all the people on the site, and the caravans have been smashed, trees have been cleared and there has been rubbish burnt. They own another site in Meols, and although they have been written to, they have not replied.

Cllr. Peter Johnson reported he had a site visit with the Enforcement Officer, who did say that, whilst the local residents do not like what is going on, there is nothing the Council can do, and they do not need Planning permission. They have cleared a part of the site which is not theirs, but this is a matter between them and the owner of the strip of land involved.

The question of the rubbish and possible misuse of the site by people using drugs was raised, also the question of rats.

If there is evidence of either of these, it should be reported to the Council who should deal with it.

Mrs. McGurk also mentioned a poplar tree, which is damaging her drive, but this is a civil matter.

Inspector Fazakerley stated that if the owner of a site is aware of a drug problem, he is responsible for it. He asked for the telephone number of the owner in order that he may contact him and report back.

Mr. Smith asked why the owner of the caravan site destroyed the caravans.

The Planning Moratorium could still be in force in ten years' time (18 months into it). The current Development Plan is still in force, but a new one is expected. It was pointed out that he is not breaking any laws, but causing distress, and if you want to sell a property nearby, it will affect the price.

Minute Decision :
Resolved that -

- i. Cllr. Andrew Hodson investigate and report back on where the Council responsibility ends and residents' responsibility begins re: the Moorings and the foreshore.
- ii. Inspector Fazakerley report back on drug use at Deeside Caravan Site.

Minute 6 - Development of Cycle Networks Presentation

Cathy McNulty gave an interesting and informative presentation in three parts:

1. Why we should cycle more.
2. Cycling in the UK and in the Wirral.

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3. Proposals.

The truth of the matter is we are not healthy enough, the cost to the National Health Service is prohibitive, and one way of assisting this, is to cycle. The A.A. has done a survey, which suggests that people would cycle more if there were better facilities. The environment would improve greatly, and children are more alert in school after cycling or walking to school. When 50% of car journeys are less than five miles, this could make a huge impact on the health of the nation, as well as the environment.

The Council are looking to extend the cycle paths in Wirral, and want us all to use them.

Minute 7 - Primary Care Trust update

Geraldine Murphy Walkden gave an update of Local Deliver Plan (LDP) 2005 to 2008 for the Bebington and West Wirral PCT, covering the following:

All Primary Care Trusts have to write a LDP, which says what the PCT will do over the coming three years to improve the health and health care services for its residents. It is a mixture of national standards and local priorities.

The LDP targets cover four areas:

- Health and Well Being of our Residents -
- Supporting People with Long Term Conditions to live Healthy Lives
- Improving Access
- Improving the Experience of People Using Services

The key priorities for Bebington and West Wirral PCT for 2005-2008 under each of these are as follows:

HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF OUR RESIDENTS

Over the next 3 years we will:

- Make it easier to get support to give up smoking
- Work with all local school pupils, staff and parents to promote positive changes in healthy eating, sex and relationships, emotional health and well-being, and physical exercise.
- Promote mental health and well-being in new ways, such as supporting the Wirral Walking Festival

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH LONG TERM CONDITIONS* TO LIVE HEALTHY LIVES

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*e.g. diabetes , asthma, coronary heart disease, chronic chest problems

Over the next 3 years we will:

- Reduce the number of emergency admissions to hospital by improving the level of support for people with long term conditions.
- Appoint Community Matrons to co-ordinate care between hospital and home
- Establish a Clinical Decision Unit at Arrowe Park Hospital to speed up assessment by a senior doctor.

IMPROVING ACCESS

Over the next 3 years we will:

- Work with primary care staff to enable people to book appointments in advance, have telephone advice from their GP and greater support with managing their own health.
- Work with local GPs to review health services currently provided at hospital and consider primary care developments more convenient to patients.
- Ensure that by 2008 no one waits more than 18 weeks from being referred by their GP to receiving treatment.

IMPROVING THE EXPERIENCE OF PEOPLE USING SERVICES

Over the next 3 years we will:

- By December 2005, if a GP decides a patient needs further treatment, they will be offered a number of choices about where and when to receive it.
- Open a newly refurbished surgery in Hoylake and Meols to deliver 21st century primary care services.
- We will help all staff in contact with patients to offer further support and advice to help people improve their quality of life, e.g. Expert Patient Programme, Health and Lifestyle Service.

The PCT's Plans and Achievements are checked in a number of ways:

- By the PCT Board
- By the Cheshire & Merseyside Strategic Health Authority
- By the newly established Healthcare Commission.
- By the Local Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- By the various Patient and Public Involvement initiatives that ensure that NHS staff take careful account of the views of patients, carers and other PCT residents in the planning and delivery of health services.

More information about Patient & Public Involvement (PPI) can be obtained by contacting our PPI Co-ordinators:

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If you would like to give your views about the Primary Care services you receive, please contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) via:

Tracey Nolan, Tel: 0151 643 5305, e-mail tracey.nolan@bwwpct.nhs.uk

Minute 8 - Arrowe Park Road Revisions

Joe Smith and Kenny Bradshaw gave a concise picture of the proposals for Arrowe Park Roundabout and the approach roads. This work is out for public consultation, and this was only the second presentation. The work will involve the installation of traffic lights at the Arrowe Park roundabout, at the entrance to Landican cemetery and at the entrance to the Arrowe Country Park. It is hoped that the work will start in August, and be completed before the Open Golf Tournament in 2006.

There was some heated discussion over the proposals, and a member of the audience asked that there be an assurance that no other major works would take place at the same time on main roads to other parts of the Borough.

There will be plans available to view at Heswall, Pensby and Irby Libraries, and also a bus will be positioned at the Arrowe Park Hotel and near the Arrowe Park Hospital so that questions can be asked.

Minute 9 - Dates of Future meetings/Presentations

The following dates have been set for the forum meetings:

- Wednesday, 19th October 2005. Venue - Greenbank School, Greenbank Road, Pensby. (Following the meeting, it was discovered that Greenbank School does not have adult toilet facilities on the ground floor, therefore an alternative venue within the Pensby Area is being sought).

- Tuesday, 28th February 2006. Venue - St. Peter's C. of E. School, Heswall.

Minute 10 - Any other business

No other issues were raised and the meeting was closed at 8.50pm, to allow extra time for members of the public to look at the Arrowe park proposals.

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Matters arising from the last meeting

Item 3. At the last meeting, it was agreed that an Area Plan Sub Group be established, in order to take the plan forward and develop the work plan for the next twelve months. This has been done and is reported on in more detail in section 4.

Public Question Time

Cllr. Andrew Hodson agreed to investigate and report back on where the Council responsibility ends and residents' responsibility begins re: the Moorings and the foreshore. Councillor Hodson has dealt with this matter and will give an update to the Area Forum.

Dilapidated state of Deeside Caravan Park. Councillor Hodson has dealt with this matter and will give an update to the Area Forum. Also, Inspector Fazakerley is also looking into possible drug misuse in the area.

Concerns were raised regarding the safety of School children crossing the Road near to the Glegg Arms at busy times. There are plans to install a CCTV camera at this location. When the camera is installed our traffic division will monitor the area during school drop of times

Concerns were raised regarding the condition of the footpath in Heswall Mount. This is proposed for total footway reconstruction program subject to funding availability for 2005-2006

This issue was raised by letter by Mr Garrett, The letter was not received until after the forum meeting - Old Merseyside/Liverpool Boys Camp, Broad Lane, Lower Heswall. Councillor Hodson has looked into this matter and will give an update to the Area Forum.

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Wirral's Local Strategic Partnership (a partnership of key members from the council, police, health, private and voluntary and community sectors) has a lead role to play in supporting the delivery of the themes listed below and in planning existing services better to deliver their vision for the people of Wirral.

They have undertaken a lot of work over the last 12 months to ensure that they are focusing on those areas that matter most to local people. They have updated their first community strategy to keep it in line with the views and priorities of local people, focusing on those issues that you have said will make Wirral a better place both now and in the future.

Wirral's second community strategy "*Getting Better Together 2005 - 2008*", sets out all that they will be doing over the next three years to make Wirral a better place where people will want to live, work, visit and invest.

Based on your views they have agreed to focus on the following four main themes, and these will be adopted by the area forums to enable them to link into the community strategy:

- ◆ **Worklessness** – *We want all residents of Wirral to have access to well paid jobs. We want to ensure a range of opportunities and training are open to all of our communities, supporting work as an option and the development of an enterprise culture where local businesses are supported and entrepreneurship is encouraged.*
- ◆ **Cohesive and Sustainable Communities** – *We want to make Wirral a place that people are proud of, where all of our communities are safe and supported and where our young people are given the best possible start in life to achieve their potential and secure their futures.*
- ◆ **A Quality Environment** – *We want to make Wirral a clean, green, attractive borough, and through working with, and supporting our local communities, we will protect and improve the built environment, ensuring Wirral is a place where people want to live, work and visit.*
- ◆ **Access and Equity** – *We want to make Wirral a place where all people can easily access services and local facilities such as shops and healthcare. We want our communities to be empowered and involved in local decisions affecting local services and where all people in all areas have similar life chances.*

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- **Worklessness**

Wirral Metropolitan College, Wirral Lifelong Learning Service, Birkenhead 6th Form College and the Worker's Educational Association

Working in Partnership

Developing Skills for Neighbourhood Renewal

Wirral Metropolitan College, Wirral Lifelong Learning, Birkenhead 6th Form College and the Worker's Educational Association are working together in five Wirral wards; Leasowe, Seacombe, Bidston, Birkenhead and Tranmere to provide a range of opportunities in community settings for individuals who wish to improve skills in literacy, numeracy and communication.

Three development workers have been engaged and work as an impartial team in community locations across the Wirral. They work with individuals on one to one basis providing information on opportunities offered by all the partner organisations and helping to overcome individual barriers. They can provide guidance with financial assistance to help with childcare, travel and books. They also work collaboratively with other community based organisations and groups to provide customised provision in community locations.

By working collaboratively, using the expertise of each provider, the project aims to provide information about local English and Maths courses to individuals and respond to community needs with innovative ways of encouraging adults to participate in courses in the community.

If you would like to talk to a development worker about English, Maths and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses in your area, please contact

Carole Wilshaw at St James' s Centre, Birkenhead	670 0359
or Beechwood Neighbourhood College	677 9211
Anna Douglas at Leasowe Early Years & Adult Learning Centre	630 5069
or Rock Ferry Adult Learning Centre	645 9182
Janet Castle at South Wallasey Neighbourhood College	691 2640

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- Cohesive and Sustainable Communities



WIRRAL PATIENT & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT FORUMS

Have you got an interest in local health services? Would you like to join the **Extraordinary Voice** on the Wirral? Wirral Patient and Public Involvement Forums are helping to re-shape health services on Wirral for the better and have the power to influence change.

Forum Members are ordinary people with an **Extraordinary Voice** and are all volunteers who care deeply for the National Health Service but are completely independent of it.

Join one of the 4 Wirral Patient and Public Involvement Forums who work with:

**Birkenhead & Wallasey Primary Care Trust
Bebington & West Wirral Primary Care Trust
Clatterbridge Centre of Oncology NHS Trust
Wirral Hospital Trust**

By joining a Forum:-

- You can gain the satisfaction of knowing you are shaping and influencing the way local health services are delivered.
- Create a great impact by giving just a few hours per week of your time.
- Receive free training relevant to the role of Forum Member.
- Receive out of pocket expenses including carer/childcare costs which will be reimbursed for all Forum business and meetings.

**FOR AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION AND FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:
LYNDA DENMAN OR KAREN PRIOR
AT THE FORUM SUPPORT ORGANISATION: WIRED
ON 0151 670 1500/Email: senppico_ord@btconnect.com**

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Local Updates

At a glance...

- A newly revised electoral register will be in force from 1st Dec 2005
- Return your registration form for your chance to have a say in local, national and European elections.
- Just turned 18? Moved house? New voter? Sign up now!

WIRRAL Council is urging residents to return their voting registration forms to ensure that no one misses out on their right to vote in forthcoming elections.

New electoral registration forms will soon be arriving on doorsteps throughout Wirral in order to update the list and ensure it is accurate. Everyone should fill in or amend the registration form whether they are regular voters or not, as in order to have the opportunity to vote, your name must be on the new list.

Lesley Hales, Senior Electoral Registration Officer states: “People who have recently moved house, young people who will soon be 18, and new voters should all sign up to the new list to enable them to have their say in future national, local and EU elections.

“Having your name on the new register is also useful as banks and finance companies check this when deciding on approving or disproving financial applications.”

If you have not received a new registration form by the 14 September or if you have any queries telephone the Helpline on (0151) 691 8046.

For more information on the revised electoral list, please go to www.wirral.gov.uk

• Access and Equity

WIRRAL IS SPEAKING YOUR LANGUAGE

At a glance...

- Interpreting service offers up to 150 languages for easier access to Council services
- Interpreters accurately and securely relay information between the operator and caller

Wirral Council's One Stop Shops and main Call Centre can now offer its customers an interpreting service covering 150 languages by using the telephone interpreting and document translation facilities of National Interpreting Service.

With this new on-demand capability, Wirral Council can now communicate with its customers swiftly and easily in their own language through the use of highly skilled professional interpreters.

Through a three way telephone conversation, interpreters accurately and securely relay information between the limited English speaker and the One Stop Shop / Call Centre member of staff.

Contact Wirral Council on:

All departments and general enquiries: 0151-606 2000

Housing Benefits or Council Tax: 0151-606 2002

Streetscene (roads & pavements, refuse collection, street lighting): 0151-606 2004

Social Services, (information and advice): 0151-606 2006

General information and advice: 0151-606 2020

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• A Quality Environment

Helplist - Assistance to elderly/disabled people who are unable to carry their full recycle bags? - Streetscene do offer a service, to register you need to contact Streetscene and ask to be put on the "help list" 0151 606 2004 or email streetscene@wirral.gov.uk

The following link provides an online database of collection days, simply enter the road name and it will give the option of paper, garden waste or refuse collection days. It will show a collection calendar for the particular service which can then be printed out by clicking the print button to the top right of the calendar.

<http://www.wirral.gov.uk/be/recycling/>

WIRRAL's ANTI LITTER CAMPAIGNING SHORT-LISTED

At a glance...

- Council short-listed for national Association of Public Service Excellence award.
- Work with anti-litter campaigning to teenagers receives recognition.
- Ceremony to take place in Glasgow on Thursday, September 9.

WIRRAL COUNCIL has been shortlisted for a prestigious national award – in recognition of its achievements with anti-litter campaigning to teenagers.

The X:CELL4WIRRAL campaign has seen innovative partnership working between the Council, secondary schools, Radio City and Tranmere Rovers FC. Last year all were involved in the co-ordinated targeting of anti-litter messages at school children using the web, radio advertising, live stage shows, text messaging and community litter picks.

The campaign has been deemed so impressive that it has been shortlisted for the annual Association of Public Service Excellence awards taking place in Glasgow on Thursday, September 9.

Director of Technical Services David Green: "Wirral Council recognises that there is a problem with litter in the borough. This is a national issue, which our officers are keen to tackle locally. We have been working hard with local schools and the regional station Radio City (96.7fm) to come up with this innovative and effective way of educating young people not to drop rubbish and to take more pride in their local environment.

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"Run-of-the-mill educational posters, leaflets and presentations aren't always effective when dealing with teenagers. By using radio, the web and live events we are more able to successfully communicate anti-litter messages to secondary school children.

"We were overjoyed that this campaign has received so much recognition – at both a regional and national level and look forward to attending the APSE awards ceremony."

The association organises the awards to highlight best practice among local authorities. Officers within Technical Services environmental team will be keeping their fingers crossed to see if they win the category for Best Sustainability initiative.

Wirral's anti litter campaigning has already received regional and national - recognition – winning the category for Innovation and Technology at the Merseyside 21 Awards and being short-listed for the national ENCAMS environmental awards.

Have a say on Rights of Way

WIRRAL Council is encouraging more residents to 'have a say' about the Rights of Way network in the borough.

Walkers have access to more than 70 miles of public footpath in Wirral.

A Merseyside-wide forum has now been established to help make the countryside more accessible and enjoyable. The Local Access Forum meets every three months and includes representatives from the local authority, land managers and user groups.

Director of Technical Services at Wirral Council David Green said: "Together, with land owners, the Council shares a joint responsibility to look after Wirral's Rights of Way network.

"We already have good contacts with the Ramblers Association and the British Horse Society - and through this new Forum we hope to reach wider audiences and encourage more people to make use of the many countryside footpaths we have here in Wirral."

"We welcome feedback from members of the public to register concerns over surface conditions, overhanging trees and hedges, mud and water problems, blocked ditches or obstructions. This helps our Rights of Way officer to identify if we need to take enforcement action or include a maintenance scheme in our improvement plan."

Anyone who wants to report a Rights Of Way matter or attend a meeting of the new Merseyside Local Access Forum can phone the Streetscene contact centre on 606 2004 for more information.

Section Three

Community Initiatives Funding

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Community Initiatives Fund

Progress Report on projects that have previously received funding from Heswall / Pensby & Thingwall Area Forum through the Community Initiatives Fund – September 2005

Heswall Junior Football Club	To purchase equipment to enable the club to run junior football teams for under 6's through to under 16's.	Report received from Heswall Junior Football Club - July 2005: Thanks to the funding the club has purchased new equipment enabling the training of over 50 children aged 7 to 10 at Gayton Park.
Stanley Special School PTA	To raise funds for the replacement of the school minibus. The bus is used to take the children to therapeutic activities such as horse riding and swimming.	Report received from Stanley Special School PTA - July 2005: The minibus, which will be used to take the children to therapeutic activities such as horse riding and swimming, has been ordered from the Variety Club of Great Britain.
Orion Club	To purchase hi fi equipment and storage for this.	Report received from Orion Club - July 2005: The equipment has enabled all our members to enjoy music each week at our club, and we thank you for the opportunity to purchase the equipment.
Richmond Hall Club	To install a fire alarm system.	Report received from Richmond Hall Club - August 2005: Thanks to the funding all the fire alarm and related safety features as advised by the fire prevention officer are now in place in our community hall.
Pioneer People Wirral	To purchase a digital projector.	Report received from Pioneer People Wirral - August 2005: The projector has been a very valuable tool and has been used in youth work and children's work to show PowerPoint and multi-media presentations. It has also been used to promote the work of the charity and volunteering opportunities.

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Victim Support & Witness Service Merseyside	To recruit, train and meet expenses of 25 new volunteers, to visit victims and their families over the whole of Wirral.	Report received from Victim Support & Witness Service Merseyside - August 2005: We have recruited and trained 16 new volunteers and are in the process of training a further 9 to meet the needs of victims. Since April we have supported over 2,000 victims, made nearly 400 home visits to victims and their families and given 785 sessions of telephone support.
Heswall Skaters Party	To contribute towards providing CCTV and further security equipment for the proposed Skatepark at Gayton.	Report received from Heswall Skaters Party - August 2005: We are hoping to start building work at the Skate Park in November 2005 and complete this by August 2006, after which we will install the CCTV and security equipment.
Wirral Women & Childrens Aid	To provide training for staff and volunteers and educational and development courses for women, to help them break the cycle of domestic violence.	Report received from Wirral Women & Childrens Aid - September 2005: We have run staff training courses, set up a resource library and formed a group for residents / ex residents on self esteem to raise awareness and build confidence.
2nd Thingwall Scout / Cub Group	To fund repair works to the roof of the scout hut.	Report received from 2nd Thingwall Scout / Cub Group - September 2005: We wish to express special thanks to the forum for the valuable help this grant has provided to us in repairing the roof.

Section 3 Community Initiatives Fund

Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) Update

The area forum had £11,000 in the CIF, £3,000.00 from the Community Safety fund and £1,500.00 from the Local Agenda 21 Fund.

The CIF panel met on 5th September, 2005, the panel consisted of Cllr Oliver Adam, Cllr Jacquie McKelvie.

Also Sue Weldon, La21 Co-ordinator, Ian Lowrie, Volume Property Crime Manager (advisory role) & Janet Triggs, Area Co-ordinator (advisory Role).

Apologies were recorded from Mr S Beal, Mr J. Birch and Mr P. Duffy.

The total amount spent on

CIF	£11,000.00
Community Safety	£3,000.00
LA21	£1,500.00

Details of the recommendations of the panel are attached. A report went to Cabinet on 22nd September 2005 for final approval. Cheques will be issued to successful applicants at the beginning of October after the 10-day call in period

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ID	Bid No	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Received From	Bid Details	Comments of Panel	Community Initiatives Fund	Community Safety Fund	Local Agenda 21 Fund
Budget							£11,000.00	£3,000.00	£1,500.00
745	1	£1,000.00	£500.00	Wirral Tuesday Club	To help cover costs associated with running the club, including transport costs, hall hire, presents, trips and providing / updating music.	Panel considered this to be a good project and agreed to contribute £500.00 towards this from the Community Initiatives Fund, but requested that the applicant be advised to provide more details about the number of users from the forum area in any future applications to this forum.	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00
754	2	£250.00	£250.00	Wirral Barn Owl Trust	To purchase the materials to construct a minimum of 5 barn owl boxes in the area.	Panel considered this to be a good project and agreed to award £250.00 from the Local Agenda 21 Fund.	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00
762	3	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Lighthouse Productions	To contribute towards producing a film linked with sustainable development (involving pupils from Thingwall Primary School, Pensby High School for Boys, Pensby High School for Girls and Stanley Special School) with a view to raising young people's awareness	Panel considered this to be an excellent project for young people from this area and of environmental benefit and agreed to award £600.00 from the Community Initiatives Fund and £400.00 from the Local Agenda 21 Fund.	£600.00	£0.00	£400.00

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764	4	£900.00	£900.00	Richmond Hall Club	To contribute towards the cost of repairing flat roofs at the hall.	Panel considered this to be a well used facility and agreed to award £900.00 from the Community Initiatives Fund.	£900.00	£0.00	£0.00
781	5	£1,000.00	£600.00	Stanley Special School PTA	To set up a Parent / Carer Resource Unit.	Panel considered this to be a good project and agreed to contribute £600.00 towards this from the Community Initiatives Fund.	£600.00	£0.00	£0.00
790	6	£480.00	£350.00	Pioneer People Wirral	To run a community auction and environment day.	Panel considered this to be a good project worth supporting and agreed to contribute £350.00 towards this from the Local Agenda 21 Fund.	£0.00	£0.00	£350.00
791	7	£1,000.00	£500.00	Pioneer People Wirral	To establish a website that publicises the services of the charity.	Panel considered this to be a good project but were not sure of the effectiveness of a stand alone site, and felt the organisation should also contribute towards this. They agreed to contribute £500.00 towards this from the Community Initiatives Fund.	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00
792	8	£1,000.00	£750.00	Stepping Out Group - Wirral	To plan several social activities for the group.	Panel considered this to be a good project and agreed to contribute £750.00 towards this from the Community Initiatives Fund.	£750.00	£0.00	£0.00

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793	9	£1,118.00	£1,118.00	Heswall Squash Rackets Club	To purchase equipment and run courses to encourage sport and fitness in adults and school children in the local community.	Panel considered this to be a good project that will be of benefit to the local community and agreed to award £1,118.00 from the Community Initiatives Fund.	£1,118.00	£0.00	£0.00
806	10	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	Heswall Skaters Working Party	To purchase and install all weather lighting for the skate park, playground and park area.	Panel considered this to be an excellent project and supporting this honours our commitment to young people. They agreed to award £2,000.00 from the Community Initiatives Fund and £1,000.00 from the Community Safety Fund. The Panel requested that the applicants be advised to contact Ian Lowrie in the Community Safety Team (tel: 0151 606 5493) for advice and guidance on this project.	£2,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00

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807	11	£2,500.00	£1,500.00	Heswall Skaters Working Party	To purchase and install a complete CCTV system for the skate park, playground and park area.	Panel considered this to be an excellent project and supporting this honours our commitment to young people. They agreed to contribute £1,500.00 towards this from the Community Safety Fund. The Panel requested that the applicants be advised to contact Ian Lowrie in the Community Safety Team (tel: 0151 606 5493) for advice and guidance on this project.	£0.00	£1,500.00	£0.00
881	12	£1,178.00	£1,000.00	Age Concern Wirral	To purchase costumes and equipment for Tap Dance and Keep Fit Classes.	Panel considered this to be a good project serving the local community and agreed to contribute £1,000.00 from the Community Initiatives Fund towards this.	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00
882	13	£380.70	£380.00	Juice (Children's Club)	To purchase a portable AMP / Speakers and an OHP for the club.	Panel considered this to be a good project for local young people and agreed to contribute £380.00 from the Community Initiatives Fund towards this.	£380.00	£0.00	£0.00

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883	14	£1,000.00	£502.00	Heswall Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) / Arrowe Park Hospital Outreach Project	To maintain a minimal outreach service whilst carrying out an expansion and reorganisation of the service.	Panel considered this to be a good project, but found it difficult to determine how many local people would benefit from this. They agreed to contribute £502.00 towards this from the Community Initiatives Fund.	£502.00	£0.00	£0.00
884	15	£300.00	£0.00	Wirral African and Caribbean Community Voice (WACCV)	To fund the printing of leaflets and payment of volunteers expenses so that the people of West and Central Wirral will know about WACCV and be able to access the support that the group provide.	Panel considered this to be a good project, but did not fund this as it did not meet the criteria as closely as other applications.	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
885	16	£1,000.00	£500.00	Wirral Tikes - Heswall	To continue to support a 'Carer & Tots' group and purchase relevant equipment for under 5 year olds.	Panel considered this to be a good project and agreed to contribute £500.00 toward this from the Community Initiatives Fund.	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00
886	17	£1,000.00	£500.00	Wirral Tikes - Pensby	To continue to support a 'Carer & Tots' group and purchase relevant equipment for under 5 year olds.	Panel considered this to be a good project and agreed to contribute £500.00 toward this from the Community Initiatives Fund.	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00
887	18	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Heswall & District Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) - Playschemes - Heswall & Pensby	To contribute toward playschemes run for four weeks over the summer holidays.	Panel considered this to be an excellent service for local young people and agreed to award £1,000.00 from the Community Initiatives Fund.	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00

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888	19	£500.00	£500.00	ABC Together	To run a cardboard recycling scheme.	Panel considered this to be a good project that fully supports the Local Agenda 21 ideals. They agreed to award £500.00 from the Local Agenda 21 Fund.	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00
889	20	£300.00	£0.00	Wirral Information Resource for Equality & Disability (WIRED)	To provide funding for power chair, scooter and wheelchair parts/repairs for Birkenhead shopmobility to serve people from the Heswall, Pensby and Thingwall area.	Panel considered this to be a good project, but did not fund this due to lack of evidence that it would be of material benefit to local people.	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
890	21	£250.00	£150.00	Wirral & Deeside Standing Conference of Women's Organisations	To hold a one day event including speakers from both old and young sections of the community, to allow an opportunity for discussion and debate.	Panel considered this to be a good project and agreed to contribute £150.00 from the Community Initiatives Fund, which is the balance of the project cost as the group already has £100.00 from the last round of funding.	£150.00	£0.00	£0.00
891	22	£2,500.00	£500.00	Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre	To publicise the organisation and its services on Buzz FM Radio over a 12 month period.	Panel considered this to be a good project, but are unsure how effective the advertising will be, but wished to support this and agreed to contribute £500.00 towards this from the Community Safety Fund.	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00

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924	23	£325.00	£0.00	Victim Support & Witness Service Merseyside	To train all victim support staff and volunteers, and to cover travel expenses for volunteers, to conduct home visits to support victims of domestic violence.	Panel agreed to consider this application despite it being received after the closing date, but did not fund this as the organisation was awarded £175.75 from this forum last year and they felt that the other applications received had projects which will make a more direct positive contribution to the lives of those in the area and are more area specific than the generality of this application.	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Spend							£11,000.00	£3,000.00	£1,500.00
Total Carried Forward							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Section Four

Local Area Plan

AREA PLAN UPDATE

The purpose of this report is to provide forum members with an update of progress made in relation to the development of area plans and to suggest possible next steps for the forum to implement which will support the achievement of priorities identified locally for action.

One of the key tasks envisaged for all area forums since their introduction in 2001 was the development of specific local area plans which reflected the needs and priorities of the area forum. The area plans form a key element of the overarching community strategy – developed through Wirral's Local Strategic Partnership – which sets out how the council and its partners will work towards improving the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of all communities in Wirral.

Area plans are designed to:

- Identify the needs and aspirations of the local community;
- Identify significant social, economic and environmental trends through establishing an overall demographic picture of the area;
- Promote initiatives that will address the identified local needs and priorities;
- Provide a work plan for the area forum;
- Provide a more local perspective to the overarching community strategy through identifying 'common' issues and needs across the area forums;
- Feed into the service planning cycles of the council and its partners to ensure that the identified local needs are influencing business plans and strategies.

Area Plan Sub Group.

As agreed at the last meeting, this Group has been established. The following people agreed to serve on the group;

Cllr Adam, Cllr McKelvie, Cllr MacKenzie, Inspector Fazakerley, Mr Garrett and Ms Lees.

The Group Met for the first time on 14th October to begin looking at refreshing the plan and will continue to hold regular meetings.

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Youth Update

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UKYP and Youth Forum Update

Over the past 6 months the participation work on Wirral has involved the following:

UKYP: the support of the current Members of Youth Parliament (MYP's) for Wirral. This work has included enabling MYP's to attend a regional conference in Hawkshead and a national conference in Leicester. As part of these conferences MYP's have to sign up to one of 7 constitutional issues. The Wirral MYP's have signed up to the teen pregnancy strategy and are in the process of applying for places on a teen pregnancy conference in Brussels. As well as this they are meeting with Brook Advisory to look at the educational material available for young people in Wirral. This information will then be shared at a regional meeting in Oct with a view to producing some material for the region. The MYP's are currently organising a Democracy Dinner as part of a national initiative to consult on issues around voting. The Dinner will be hosted on Sept 28th for a group of ten young people. The MYP's are currently involved in planning this years UKYP election.

Area Youth Forums: the area youth forums have recently been involved in consultation on the Charter of Participation, their results have been fed back to the planning group. The forums are beginning to look at more local issues. Birkenhead forum is concerned with safety for young people and lighting in sports cages. West Wirral are concerned with lack of facilities in a local park. South Wirral would like to look at facilities for young people particularly the Youth Engagement Scheme and Wallasey are concerned with skateboard parks.

Young people from the youth forums have recently completed training to be Youth Evaluators, which will enable them to assist in monitoring the youth service. We have now joined British Youth Council and this will enable us to access national training and opportunities.

Next meeting of youth forums

- ◆ Wallasey Forum on Tuesday 27th September 2005 at Wallasey YMCA, Manor Road Wallasey.
- ◆ Birkenhead Forum on Thursday 29th September 2005 at Shaftesbury Youth Club, Mendip Road, Prenton.
- ◆ West Wirral Forum on Tuesday 4th October 2005 at Kylemore Community Centre, Kylemore Drive, Pensby.
- ◆ South Wirral Forum on Thursday 6th October 2005 at Bromborough Youth Club, Acre Lane, Bromborough.

Other initiatives: As well as the above participation work has also included:

- The development of a pack to skill up young people to be involved in club forums, management committees etc.
- Raise awareness of the rights and responsibilities of young people
- Provide resources to increase participation
- Plan the youth conference
- Plan the UKYP elections
- Involvement in a range of initiatives including hear by rights strategy, Beacon Status bid, Children's Plan consultation and regional and a national participation networks.

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Streetscene update

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Streetscene:

The last co-ordinators report for this forum detailed the Councils preparation for the Open golf championship in 2006. Whilst Hoylake will become the centre of interest, it is important not to forget the remainder of the borough, as no doubt many visitors will take the opportunity to explore the area.

A key factor when forming a view on an area can be the condition of the footpaths and roads.

The Government has set local authorities the target of ensuring there are no roads left, requiring structural maintenance by the year 2010. A challenging target. However not one we are going to shirk

Whilst most of you will be aware that reporting simple highway faults can be carried out through the Streetscene call centre (606 2004), it may of some interest to describe the detail behind the structural maintenance programme.

This is the method through which we plan and carry out our pro-active maintenance programmes for footway and carriageway renewal.

Each year external consultant's tender to carry out a highway condition survey. The successful contractor utilises the United Kingdom Pavement System (UKPMS). This allows the existing highway condition to be ascertained using either machine or visual inspection methods. These results are then analysed with the appropriate computer software which produces a list of roads and their condition, the worst being first.

At this point suggestions from the Area Forums, Members and officers are integrated where possible into the programme. The finished list is then presented to Members for approval.

To give an indication of the size of the programme, this year will see 49 footways reconstructed and a further 35 tarmac footways given a sealing coat to extend the working life. This will cost in the region of £1.6m.

For carriageways, 65 schemes will be completed; with 51 other sites receiving a sealing coat. The cost of the work is expected to be £2.1m.