

## CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE - WIRRAL SOUTH

Wednesday, 4 October 2017

<u>Present:</u>	Councillors	C Carubia(Chair)	I Williams (vice-
		P Gilchrist	chair)
		K Hodson	J Williams
		D Mitchell	A Sykes
		C Muspratt	W Smith
		L Rowlands	W Ward
	Community Reps	M Craig	P Wright

27 members of the public were present at the meeting

### 68 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in connection with any items on the agenda and to state the nature of the interest.

No such declarations were made.

### 69 CO-OPTING OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### RESOLVED:

That the following Community Representatives be co-opted on to the Committee for the ensuing year:-

Mal Wright- Bebington  
Mark Craig – Bromborough  
Peter Wright- Clatterbridge  
Kevin Sutton- Eastham  
Ray Squires- Heswall

### 70 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Hodson, T Pilgrim, C Povall JP and J Walsh and from Community Representatives R Squires K Sutton and M Wright.  
Councillor M Fitzpatrick as Cabinet Portfolio Holder

71      **MINUTES**

The Assistant Director for Law and Governance submitted the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 April 2017.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the Committee held on 21 June 2017 as amended be confirmed as a correct record.**

Page 6 Councillor C Muspratt; The litter pick at Bebington High School was made by members of the Church and not children from Christ Church School.

Page 7 Councillor D Mitchell not Councillor C Muspratt raised concern about cleaning and tidying up at Eastham Ferry as the land is owned by Peel Holdings it is difficult to clean there; At that location there a 6- 8 benches the area is overgrown and Councillor Mitchell felt it was overlooked as a potential Grot Spot Site.

72      **UPDATE PROVIDED BY MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES**

In the absence of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service, the Constituency Manager provided the Committee with an update.

- There have been 37 deliberate secondary (ASB) fires in Wirral South from 1st June 2017 to date
- The only repeat locations have been near to The Oval Sports Centre with 2 fires and 4 fires on Whitfield Common involving grass/gorse
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**RESOLVED: - That Members note the update from Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service.**

73      **UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE**

Neighbourhood Sergeant Mark Kennedy addressed the committee.

Crime statistics

- April -> June 2017 – 808 reported crimes
- July -> Sept 2016 – 730 reported crimes
- July -> Sept 2017 - 969 reported crimes

(239 increase, based on the same period of 2016)

These cover the following criteria (acquisitive crime) - Burglary Other - Burglary Community/ Business– Burglary Dwelling + Residential – Theft of and Theft from.

- 1st April – 30th June 2017 -> 133 incidents
- 1st July - September 2016 -> 183 incidents
- 1st July - September 2017 -> 197 incidents  
(Increase of 14 incidents when comparing the two)

Updated on recent crimes

The crash at Moreton Spur involved a stolen motorbike.

3 males arrested in Liverpool in relation to burglaries in Eastham and Bebington no charges so names can't be released.

A 26 year old man Connor Crawford has been charged for burglary in Spital.

Questions

What does charged mean? Going to Court date set and could be remanded in custody.

Councillor D Mitchell, Who is involved in Home Watch Schemes as his wife is a co-ordinator but has received no contact from anyone? Advised to speak directly to Ray Squires as he is involved in co-ordinating the Home Watch Scheme as it is a community initiative.

Councillor L Rowlands, Figures and trends are the crimes being committed going up or down compared to previous years, how many are solved? Detected and solved will bring back this information regarding this to the next meeting.

Councillors: The behaviour of parents on New Chester Road stopping in two lanes to drop off their children to school as so many park cars in first lane. Problems also about parking for Christ the King on the corner of All Port Road parents even park on the other side of the carriage way and then have to cross over both lanes of traffic to get to the school this is really dangerous. Other hot spot schools are Brackenwood, Norbury Close major congestion with parents driving into the cul de sac to drop and pick up children. Congestion at the crest of Heath Road and St Edmonds Gardens close by Wirral Grammar Boys and Girls Schools.

Could Police Officers work with parents to change their behaviour any extra activity would be greatly appreciated by the Council and the Police?  
Also D Armstrong to be given a list of the concerned schools.

Councillor Ward asked about grass culture are crimes recorded- crime stoppers have had a big rethink about how they tackle this drugs problem.  
Did the Police know of any hot spots or have experienced any use?

The Police could not comment on this.

M Craig- New Ferry Community haven't heard anything about the Police Investigation and are frustrated since the arrests made it has gone quiet- they need to know if someone is going to be found responsible, some of the Insurance Companies as there is no one to pin the blame on or being found guilty haven't paid out.

The Chair suggested that he would write to Inspector Minnery and request an update for the Community.

D Armstrong told the committee that Council Officers have been asked for further information since they were initially asked to provide.

**RESOLVED**:- That members note the update from Merseyside Police

74 **THE HIVE- WIRRAL YOUTH ZONE UPDATE AND UPTAKE FROM WIRRAL SOUTH YOUNG PEOPLE**

Stuart Barnes - Chief Executive, The Hive, Wirral Youth Zone.

Gave a presentation to the Committee on the Hive- Wirral youth zone with an update and uptake from Wirral South's Young People.

**Questions**

The affordability of the fare to attend the Hive in Central Birkenhead even with the £2 ticket which is only valid to 8.30pm talks taking place with Mersey travel to extend the time to 10.30pm even so this is still a barrier for them to attend.

Travelling home at 10pm from Birkenhead Bus Station concerns were raised about the local vicinity and not feeling safe.

The Hive unlike other youth Centre's is not empty during the day as it is booked by schools to use.

**RESOLVED**: - That members note the report of Stuart Barnes Chief Executive The Hive

## 75 **EASTHAM WALK IN CENTRE UPDATE**

Councillor Gilchrist provided the committee with a verbal update on Eastham Walk in Centre.

The average figures for numbers attending the Walk in not the Clinic in July they were 1,411 908 from Wirral 370 from Cheshire and 91 from North Wales. Cheshire and North Wales pay Wirral CCG for this service. Three staff members on senior grades have been taken away due to targets not being met at Arrowe Park Hospital.

There had been a meeting with Ward Councillors and the NHS and also Simon Banks Chief Officer of Wirral CCG attended a Council's scrutiny Committee meeting held in September a resolution was passed "This scrutiny committee calls upon the CCG to recognise this as a formal request for reinstatement of the service and respond to the concerns raised."

Concerns were raised about bus route changes which would affect anyone from the Bebington area as it would now take 2 buses to get to Arrowe Park due to the closure of the Centre at Eastham.

At the AGM of the CCG questions were raised about Eastham Walk in Centre were but there were still many unable to be asked as this was cut short by their officers so the concerns could not be raised in full. There seemed to be avoidance from them on getting back onto the subject of the Walk in Centre.

The following motion was moved by Councillor Gilchrest and it was unanimously seconded by all the committee members:

### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED :-**

This committee

1. Condemns the closure of the valued local facility at Eastham Walk in Centre.
2. Objects to the way in which 'temporary' closure was brought about with inadequate consultation and limited notice.
3. Wishes to highlight the resultant distress and inconvenience caused to residents in the communities of southern Wirral who face reduced transport links to the service at Arrowe Park.
4. Calls upon the Clinical commissioning Group to re-instate this local service without further delay.
5. Requests the Constituency Manager to convey this resolution to officers of the Clinical Commissioning Group.

## 76 **WIRRAL SOUTH PRIORITY UPDATE**

The Constituency Manager highlighted aspects of his report.  
Reference was made to Isolation Scheme and Gaps in Youth Provision  
See Attachment.

**RECOMMENDATION 1:** The 'Love Where You Live' task and finish group meet before the end of November to agree a programme of spend re. The associated £12.5k budget.

**RESOLVED** (13:0)

**RECOMMENDATION 2:** The committee note the progress detailed in this report.

**RESOLVED** (13:0)

77 **WIRRAL SOUTH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

The Constituency Manager asked the committee due to the time the comprehensive representative's written report and note the progress in the report.

**RESOLVED:** -That members note the report from the Community Representatives.

78 **WIRRAL PLAN OVERVIEW UPDATE 2017-18 QUARTER ONE**

The Constituency Manager presented the Wirral Plan Overview Update 2017-18 Quarter One.

**Resolved :-** The report was unable to be sent out with the minutes so as the members have not had time to read the report this item is deferred till the next meeting.

79 **PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER(APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES) INCLUDING RESPONSES ASKED AT THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Mr G Roberto

Q1. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group and partners have decided to close the services at Eastham Walk in Centre and announced it 5 days before the ceasing of services. As far as I can tell they have not adhered to their Statutory Duty under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to fully engage with the public, patients, carers and service users. Can you supply list of

stakeholders and patients, service user's reps, who have been involved, copies of governance papers and correspondence, related to this matter?

Q2. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group and partners, have stated that the recent closure is only a "temporary measure" and therefore I would appreciate confirmation of when Eastham Walk in Centre will fully re-opening?

Q3. Can you set out your long-term plans for developing services at Wirral NHS Eastham Walk in Centre and at other Wirral South locations?

Mr D Bird

Q4. Closer cross party working on Eastham Walk in Centre he has organized a petition on change .org and also has a written petition, a face book page has been set up Friends of Eastham NHS Walk in Centre; please encourage people to make posts on it.

Mr L McDonald

Q5. The Delamere Centre Eastham provided an update in the Social Isolation Scheme met with Constituency Manager as Community Rep. K Sutton not well the launch date has been delayed.

Ms S Bramwell

Q6. Wirral Society of Arts an open invitation had been sent to all Councillors for 6 October very few responses, if unable to make that date group ward visits could be arranged.

Ms L Clyne

Q7. Cross party working this doesn't appear to be happening now over the New Ferry Disaster as the Conservatives are going back on the agreement to pursue funding from the Government.

The Council have used money from the reserves but more is still needed from Central Government.

It was brought up that the victims in the Grenfell Towers Fire all were given £5,000 but nothing given as New Ferry not seemed by Central Government a big enough disaster.

## 80 **URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR**

The Chair proposed that the committee need to spend 2 half days to discuss New Ferry, Eastham Walk in Centre, Green belt issues and development of the Acre Lane site.

**RESOLVED That the Committee members meet for 2 half days to discuss the above issues.**

## 81 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee has been advertised as taking place at 6pm, 7th March 2018, venue to be confirmed in Heswall.

**POWER POINT SLIDES**



**4 October 2017**

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# Wirral South Constituency Committee

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# CO-OPTING OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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# APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Cllr Pilgrim

Kevin Sutton (Com Rep Eastham)

Mal Wright (Com Rep Bebington)

Ray Squire (Com Rep Heswall)

Insp Georgina Minnery

Cllr Matthew Patrick (Portfolio Holder)

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# MINUTES (Pages 1-18 reports pack)

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## Item 5

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# UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Delivered by Constituency Manager (Fergus Adams) on behalf of Mike Buratti – Arson Officer Wirral

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# UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE

Inspector Georgie Minnery

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# THE HIVE- WIRRAL YOUTH ZONE UPDATE AND UPTAKE FROM WIRRAL SOUTH

Stuart Barnes - Chief Executive, The Hive, Wirral  
Youth Zone.

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# THE HIVE WIRRAL YOUTH ZONE





- **Founded in 2008**
- **To replicate the successful model of Bolton Lads & Girls Club in disadvantaged areas of the UK**
- **Strong Private Sector Led Governance**
- **Wirral is the 8<sup>th</sup> Youth Zone in the OnSide network**
- **A target of 20 live projects by 2020**



A growing charity now expanding into London

# YOUTH ZONE OFFER

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- 20 activities each night
- Buildings that create involvement
- Sports, arts, personal development
- Expert staff & an army of volunteers
- Employability and enterprise
- Try, train, team approach
- Inclusive
- Raise aspirations
- Second home for young people





# WHAT IS A YOUTH ZONE?



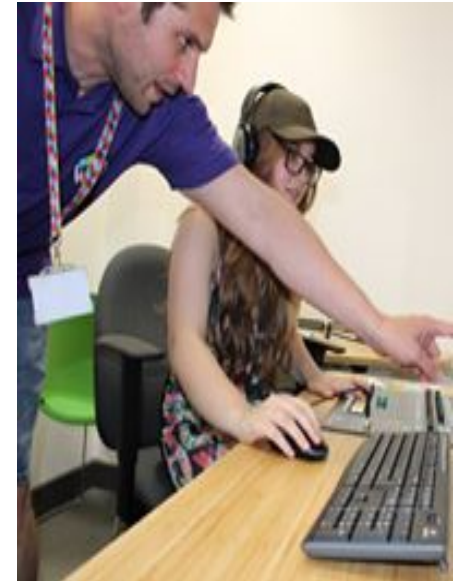
- A safe, supportive & inspiring space
- Quality provision for all young people, regardless of ability
- Providing support for young people in deprived areas
- For young people aged 8-19 or up to 25 for those with a disability
- Affordable; 50p per visit & £5 annual membership
- Open when schools are closed, all day weekends & during school holidays

# IMPACT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

“ When speaking to Wirral’s Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub about one of our members due to concerns at home and school, the social worker thanked us at the Hive for being one of the most positive providers of support for young people. She also mentioned that The Hive is the only place this young person is not lashing out or unhappy at”

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“My child “T” LOVES the Hive! The staff are amazing, they interact well with the kids, the facilities are brilliant, the cost is super low, what's not to love? “

“Great place! Would recommend this to anyone. Took our 11 year old son today and he had a blast and going again tomorrow! Staff very friendly, informative and very professional. An absolute must for children and young people during school hols as there is so much to do. All subsidised so extremely affordable! Cannot think of anything negative to say. Just wish I was a teenager again!! “



# WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE SAY:

## RAISING ASPIRATIONS

“I went to The Hive for the first time yesterday signing up simply for social development and as a relaxation space. I think I've found my home away from home. The facilities are amazing and completely safe to use, The staff are very polite and engaging with you as shown by the fact that they actually play the games with you and the whole place will just simply wash your anxieties away. I would strongly encourage youths with social issues and learning disabilities to come here because it will be a massive benefit”



# REALISING DREAMS

- “I have been part of the Young People’s Development Group (YPDG) for over a year and it has been one of the best experiences of my life. I have done things that I never thought I would have had the confidence to do, such as interviewing staff and speaking in public, rapping with John Barnes and even being on the hoardings. The YPDG has helped me in lots of ways from gaining friends and accessing support to increasing my confidence”

## WIRRAL YOUTH ZONE HAS:

- A growing membership of 5,800 young people
- Created 75 jobs, full-time & sessional
- Recruited over 100 volunteers

## WIRRAL YOUTH ZONE WILL:

- Significantly reduce ASB in the area, by taking a joined-up community approach
- Improve perceptions of young people in the community
- Support young people to be fit for work and fit for life



# YOUNG PEOPLE – AT THE HEART

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## Young People's Development Group

- Design and Branding
- Views and opinions
- Recruitment
- On-going consultation & input
- Young Leaders





# MEMBER UPDATE

- Target – 3,000 members within 1 year – by April 18. This represents 6.6% of 8 – 19 yr olds in Wirral.
- 3000 members by week 3 of opening! Now 5,800!



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WARD	TARGET	MEMBERS	PARTICIPATION	% OF ANNUAL TARGET
Bebington	151	247	151	100
Bromborough	136	206	136	100
Clatterbridge	117	146	83	71
Eastham	120	98	59	49
Heswall	110	39	20	18

# THE JOURNEY AHEAD

## OUTREACH

- GEOGRAPHY
- DIVERSITY



## PARTNERSHIP & COLLABORATION

- ADDRESSING FEARS
- ADDITIONALITY
- LEARNING
- JOINT PROJECTS



# CURRENT WORK

- Focus on Eastham & Heswall
- Street Based Work
- Parks, Shops, Outdoor Facilities
- Sports Clubs
- Schools
- Uniformed Groups
- Minibus Pick ups in Heswall
- Pop Ups – Tesco
  - Engaged with 700 people
  - 500 flyers
  - 150 membership forms
  - 15 volunteer applications





# UNITING WIRRAL

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Wirral Youth Zone brings together the whole region with a common goal of supporting the future of the borough's young people.





**“A WORLD CLASS YOUTH ZONE WHERE  
ALL YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ACROSS  
WIRRAL CAN REACH THEIR FULL  
POTENTIAL, GROW THEIR DREAMS AND  
ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS”**



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# EASTHAM WALK IN CENTRE UPDATE

Cllr Phil Gilchrist

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Councillor Moira McLaughlin

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18 September 2017

Dear Simon Banks

Thank you for attending the Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday. We believe the committee left you in no doubt as to the members' strong wish to see the Eastham Walk in Centre re-opened. We certainly felt, on the night, that you accepted the points raised and we believe that you indicated your willingness to address local concerns.

As councillors we are not in control of your timescale or in immediate possession of the monitoring information you have. However, you indicated an improvement in the situation at APH and we hope that progress can be demonstrated and sustained, since we accept your points about the risks caused to ill patients who have extended waits in A&E for treatment. It is certainly vital to improve A&E performance.

The scrutiny committee considered the recommendation from the Chair which, as a result of the discussions, included this specific request-  
*'This scrutiny committee calls upon the CCG to recognise this as a formal request for early reinstatement of the service and respond to the concerns raised quickly'*

The Committee looks forward to playing its full part in the consultation to be issued in November, but as was made clear at the meeting on Wednesday, before that then, we seek an early restoration of the Walk in Centre at Eastham and trust that the CCG will back its expressions of understanding with the action that the committee wishes to see.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Moira McLaughlin

Councillor Wendy Clements

Councillor Phil Gilchrist

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# WIRRAL SOUTH PRIORITY UPDATE (Pages 19 - 24)

Constituency Manager, Fergus Adams.

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### Social Isolation Fund

#### 3.1.1 Pg 20

The Social Isolation assessment panel met and the following applications were agreed to be funded (leaving £502.66 unallocated):

Age UK Wirral	Communities Can Ambassadors	£1,990.00
Christ Church, Higher Bebington	Indoor Bowls Café	£1,978.00
Christ Church, Higher Bebington	Men in Sheds	£2,000.00
Delamere Centre	Something for Everyone	£2,000.00
Friends of Bebington Central Library	Sew Friendly	£2,000.00
Heswall Hall Community Trust	Dementia Friendly Project	£2,000.00
SUEvivor Stroke Support Group	Community Stroke Support Outreach	£1,801.94

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### Gaps In Youth Provision 3.2.1 pg 20

Following the meeting 25 September:

- Lindsay Davidson (Manager of Targeted Services) committed to ensuring the best practice and value for money identified by the Wirral South approach would be factored into the current restructure/review
- In his role as Chair Cllr Carubia has invited the other three constituency committee chairs to meet so that he might share the benefits the Wirral South approach has delivered for local young people

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### Gaps In Youth Provision

#### 3.2.2 pg 20

Testimonial from young person in receipt of the Wirral South National Citizenship Service bursary to be presented at next committee

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### Recommendations:

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# WIRRAL SOUTH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (Pages 25 - 30)

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# WIRRAL PLAN OVERVIEW REPORT 2017-18 QUARTER ONE

## Recommendations:

**RECOMMENDATION 1:** The progress made in delivering the 2020 plan be noted

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# PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER

(APPROXIMATELY 20  
MINUTES)

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## Item 12

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# URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR

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## Item 14

# DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be held at 6pm on Wednesday 7 March, venue to be arranged.