

Community Action Team Meeting (CAT) 13 July 2022 – Fareham Gateway Church

Who was there?

Present: Cllr Woodward, Cllr Foot, Cllr Bryant, Cllr Ingram, Cllr Trott

Residents: approx. 27

What was talked about?

Local Police Issues Acting Inspector Young and PC Stephenson

The main issue for local police in Fareham, especially at this time of year, is anti-social behaviour. The police are working with youth support services and the Council to address key areas of concern.

Tackling violence against women and girls is another police priority. A service called Street Safe enables people to report areas where they feel unsafe, and the police will monitor them.

Reports of incidents from the public on drug taking are useful as they enable the police to build a better picture of the issue. Incidents of drug taking in the town centre have decreased significantly since last year.

Homeless people have been offered shelter since the pandemic. The police are in regular contact with the homelessness shelters in the local area.

Questions from the floor

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Q Electric scooters are a problem, how are the police addressing the issue?

A The first time someone is stopped they are issued a warning letter, if they are stopped a second time their scooter is seized and they are prosecuted.

Q Bonfires are a problem at Park Lane Recreation Ground.

A We will add this location to our patrols.

Q Were the homeless people at Osborn Road car park offered accommodation during the pandemic?

A All homeless people were offered accommodation and nearly all of them accepted it.

One Community Presentation- Marilyn White, Volunteer and Community Development Coordinator

One Community is a charity working across Eastleigh and Fareham connecting volunteers with charitable organisations and groups. They also provide advice and guidance to charitable organisations on issues such as funding.

There are a wide variety volunteering opportunities in the local area, if you would like to volunteer, please contact One Community.

Update on the developments in the Borough: Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Cllr Seán Woodward

Cllr Woodward gave a presentation on recent developments and Council initiatives across the Borough and outlined some of the exciting projects that are planned over the next few years. You can view the presentation [here](#).

Q Where can I find more information regarding the finances associated with Daedalus?

A The [Daedalus Scrutiny Panel](#) provides regular reports on the finances of the airport and business parks which are available on our website.

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Q The pavements in the town centre are in a poor state, can they be repaired?

A Pavement repairs are the responsibility of Hampshire County Council while street cleaning is the responsibility of Fareham Borough Council.

Q Quay Street roundabout is dangerous, can something be done?

A The County Councillor for Fareham Town has arranged for a Hampshire cabinet member to visit the roundabout next week.

Q Is there a planning strategy for 5G masts?

A All 5G masts are private commercial entities. Companies pay for the masts to be installed. The masts have their own planning process which means they are automatically granted permission unless the Council opposes them.

Q Will coastal parking permits be extended to cover two vehicles?

A Coastal permits have been hugely successful and we have sold more than anticipated. We are reviewing our parking strategy but do not anticipate that permits will be extended to cover two vehicles.

Q How is the Council encouraging business in the town centre?

A Fareham Borough Council does not own Fareham shopping centre but we do own 15% of the equity. The Council does provide events in the town centre to draw people in and has begun developing its town centre masterplan.

Q Can the paths at Broadlaw Walk be improved?

A Your local councillor is in attendance this evening, I would recommend discussing your concerns with him and I'm sure he will investigate for you.

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Q Why is the town centre in decline if Whiteley shopping is performing well?

A Out of town shopping centres have performed better in recent years compared to traditional town centres. However, Fareham town centre does offer a host of independent retailers that are a credit to the Borough. The development of Fareham Live will also provide an exciting entertainment offering to help regenerate the town centre and evening economy.

Q Do we have a 5-year housing supply?

A Yes, we have a 5-year housing supply.

Q Has the 'No Rubbish Excuses' campaign been a success?

A It is hard to measure whether it has significantly reduced the amount of litter but we hope it has made some people think twice before dropping it.

Q Is there space in the town centre for more housing?

A There is a space in the town centre that could be utilised to provide housing such as above shops and the shopping centre.

Q Are we still taking housing numbers from Gosport and Portsmouth?

A In order for our Local Plan to be deemed sound, we must abide by the Duty to Cooperate. This can mean taking on the unmet need of other Local Authorities that are unable to meet their housing requirements. Our draft Local Plan includes provision for 800 homes which we took on behalf of Portsmouth City Council.

Q Has the Stubbington bypass improved traffic moving from Gosport to Fareham?

A The bypass was designed to improve traffic flow coming from Gosport travelling west and has done so.

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Q Has the Council measured its carbon footprint?

A The Council has calculated its carbon footprint and produced an Action Plan that will enable us to work towards our 2030 carbon neutral target. There are a number of pages on our [website](#) where you can find out the details.

Q Are the police aware of drug taking at the Gilles?

A (Answered by Police officers in attendance) Yes the Police are aware of the issue and are monitoring the area. Reporting any incidents that you may witness is useful as it helps the Police build a more comprehensive understanding of the issue.

Q Are there small employment spaces available to rent or buy in the Borough?

A The Borough has a large offering of employment space including, Fareham Innovation Centre and Faretec at Cams Estate.

Q As garden waste has been so successful could other recycling schemes be introduced?

A We are currently working with Hampshire Waste Partnership to determine the best way forward for Fareham's recycling services. We are investigating food waste collections and the expansion of recycling collections to include plastic pots, tubs and trays. This is also subject to government legislation regarding countrywide waste and recycling collections which will play a big part in shaping waste collection arrangements in the future.

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