

# Community Action Team Meeting (CAT) 22 June 2022 – Holy Rood Church, Stubbington

## Who was there?

**Present:** Cllr Woodward, Cllr Needham, Cllr Bull, Cllr Hayre, Cllr Dugan, Cllr Mandry

**Residents:** approx. 26

## What was talked about?

### Local Police Issues- PC Hunns and PCSO Jones

Local Police Officers provided an update on crime in Fareham. They identified some key issues such as, anti-social behaviour in local parks, speeding vehicles and graffiti at bus stops. They also reported a high number of road traffic accidents at Newgate Lane.

The Police officers reminded attendees that theft from vehicles remains a problem and to be mindful of what they store in their car. They also noted that bike theft is a problem and even when stored in a shed, it is always a good idea to lock-up your bikes.

### Questions from the floor

**Q** Are the Police aware of the use of electric scooters in the area?

**A** Yes, the Police are aware that an increasing number of people are using electric scooters as a mode of transportation. Unless they are being used as part of a trial in specific areas such as Portsmouth and Southampton they require, tax, MOT and insurance. and insurance to be legal modes of transportation. The police advised people to report the use of these vehicles to the police.

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**Q** Are the Police aware of noisy antisocial behaviour in coastal car parks at night?

**A** Yes, the Police are aware of this issue and there is an action plan in place to address 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 of 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](#).

## **Questions from the floor**

**Q** Does the Council have a secure five-year housing supply?

**A** The Council's five-year housing supply is currently just below our target. This is because our Local Plan has recently been reviewed by a government Inspector who queried the

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deliverability of some of the small sites and have since been removed. There were also some queries regarding the Welborne timeline. The Council is going to challenge these as the Welborne planning process has progressed since then.

**Q** Is the Council going to act against the considerable number of people scouring for shellfish at Hill Head beach?

**A** The Council is aware of this problem and has previously been involved in a multiagency approach to address the issue. Another multiagency approach is required as the problem has not been resolved. The Council encourages people to report the problem when they see it as it helps inform any action that is taken.

**Q** How much money will be invested in Daedalus over the next five years?

**A** The Council has agreed a programme of investment in the Airport at Daedalus over the next 5 years with a value of £4.7 million.

**Q** Could the town centre be better used for housing rather than shopping facilities, could large blocks of flats be built?

**A** In our Local Plan we have put forward 600 homes for the town centre. A significant amount of funding would be required for the Council to build large apartment complexes. As there are limits on the amount of money the Council can borrow for housing, redeveloping the town centre in this way would be a significant challenge.

**Q** Will the Council address the lack of business premises available to rent and buy in Fareham?

**A** There is land available to rent and buy at Daedalus. There are external funding opportunities available to businesses to help them.

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**Q** Are the Coastal Partners going to protect homes along the Fareham coastline from the impacts of rising sea levels?

**A** There is a programme for coastal protection across all the authorities in the Coastal Partnership. However, a lack of funding means that the Partnership must prioritise its projects. Fortunately, Fareham is a relatively low risk area with a small number of homes at risk in the next 100 years. This means funding for projects within the Borough are not as likely to come forward soon.

**Q** Has Stubbington Community Centre been assessed for its suitability for solar panels?

**A** The Community Centre is being included in a carbon reduction audit that will look at the potential for small energy saving measures out our community centres.

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