

Community Action Team Meeting (CAT) 11 June 2018 – Titchfield Community Centre

Who was there?

Present: Cllr Woodward, Cllr Harper, Cllr Hockley, Cllr P Davies, Cllr Keeble and Cllr Ellis.

Residents: approx. 50

What was talked about?

Cllr Harper, the Chairman of the meeting, gave a brief introduction and introduced the speakers.

1. Sgt. Nick Morgan gave an update from the local Police.

Q There have been a number of incidents involving horse riders.

A I don't know of any recent information that has been reported to the police, but I will look into how many reports there have been.

Q There have been a number of lead thefts.

A We are aware of it, but we haven't got any more information on it.

Q When a report is made, does a crime number get issued?

A Yes, a number should be issued.

Q What is the policy on begging?

A If people keep begging, they will be moved on and can eventually go to court if they continue to beg.

Q Do we have a Police Wildlife Officer?

A Yes, but there are only 3 or 4 in Hampshire.

2. Hayley Hamlett from One Community talked about Volunteering opportunities and support available in the Borough.

3. The Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Cllr Woodward, gave a presentation about developments in the borough over the past year and a look at what is happening now and then took questions from the floor. You can view the presentation here.

Q I have concerns with the condition of the road on the A27 improvements and the grass verges.

A There will be night time work to sort out uneven roads. The cutting of grass verges is for road safety only, and Hampshire County Council only fund around three cuts a year, but we fund an additional dozen cuts. Because of the weather we are struggling to keep up.

Q What is being done about the increase in begging in Fareham?

A We had around 42 beggars a year ago, and now we have around 12, so the issue is getting better. We are working closely with our partners. No one needs to sleep rough in Fareham, however, some will not engage with anything the council offers.

Q What about the loss of retail shops?

A Marks and Spencer are still paying to have an empty unit, as they have 82 years on their lease. We are coping better than most, but there has been a shift in how town centres function. We can't force companies to continue to trade.

Q There is more development but what are the plans for the schools, doctors and hospitals?

A As of March we can take money from developers to mitigate the issues for schools. We have a hospital in Fareham that isn't used much, as it isn't doing things that it could do. Doctors are private business and how they run their businesses is a matter for them. We are directing these issues to the Clinical Commissioning Group.

Q I've seen a number of trees being cut down.

A It's mostly part of a Woodland Management Scheme, but sometimes trees are cut down for reasons such as widening roads.

Q Will current planning applications be picked in order of suitability? (e.g. brownfield over greenfield sites).

A Every planning application must be looked at and they can only be refused if there are sound reasons to do so.

Q Have we got your support in extending the 20mph speed limit in Titchfield?

A You will need the support of Hampshire County Council, not the Borough Council.

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