Western Wards Community Action Team Meeting (CAT)
Tuesday 15 October 2013 Meeting

Who was there?

Present:  Chairman – Mayor of Fareham Cllr Susan Bayford
Also present:  Cllr Bayford, Cllr. Woodward, Cllr. Ellerton, Cllr. Swanbrow, Cllr. Evans, and Cllr. Cartwright., Peter Shelley (Bus Services) Dr Paul Howden (CCG)

Apologies:  Cllr. Ford
Residents:  40

What was talked about?

Sgt. Freemantle – Police update

Park Gate West (Including Whiteley)

- Crime down since 2010
- Warsash would like speedwatch volunteers
- Warsash Road had 19 visits in 2013
- Boat thefts – significant number, working with harbour master plus smartwater is available
- Cycling on pavements – proactive in tackling this
- Successful in tackling drug factories
- Slight rise in anti-social behaviour
- Burglaries – increased focused on Warsash
- Beat surgeries 2nd November Locks Heath district centre, 20th November Whiteley

Questions:

Q: Notice cyclists with no back lights at night, is it a legal requirement?

A: Yes we give them tickets

Who is the Chairman of the Western Wards area?

Mayor of Fareham
Councillor Susan Bayford

Who is my local CAT officer?

Scott Mills

www.fareham.gov.uk/cats
Q: Mobility scooters in the middle of the road with no lights too – what are the rules?
A: Most have lights or reflectors; we have got leaflets on it.

Q: Is the anti-social behaviour number 101 or 999?
A: Anti-social behaviour is 101, but 999 if it is an emergency

Q: Parking on Hunts Pond Road – who do we phone?
A: If it is an obstruction call the police

Q: How has crime gone down?
A: We are working with communities and partners and we now have lots more tools in our toolbox

Sgt. Freemantle – I’m leaving Park Gate next month. I’ve really enjoyed my time here

Scott Mills – Community Action Team update
- Progressing several bids e.g. no colds call signs, new kitchen facilities, kitchen ovens, sporting equipment
- Completed bids – Burridge AFC new portable football goals
- Community fund support capital projects - contact your CAT officer
- Citizen of Honour awards – nominate by 31 Jan 2014

Claire Burnett - Locks Heath District Centre update
Claire discussed the recent New River Retail (NRR) consultation on their vision for the possible future development of the Locks Heath District Centre and explained that they were not being run by the Council and outlined the timetable for the development sites and policies plan.

Q: Find it confusing with NRR consultations, NRR plan will encourage more anti-social behaviour e.g. Race track road and site of skate park we have huge unattended car parks now with boy racers, the plan will encourage more. We want it designed out.
A: Valuable feedback. That will be one of the issues we look at any future planning applications.

Q: NRR plan – who do I contact about it?
A: I’ll give you the details later

Q: Development sites and policies plan and pre-submission plan – which came first?
A: It’s the same development document and it will have a specific policy on Locks Heath
Q: Heard last year that the first stone for the swimming pool will be laid in Coldeast but now NRR are saying they want it at Locks Heath.

A: There are 2 possible sites for the swimming pool but we already have the land agreed in Coldeast

Q: How do Morrisons get rid of the Co-op?

A: NRR are owners of Locks Heath District Centre and there will be a lot of negotiations

Q: Who owns the land?

A: Fareham Borough Council owns it towards the North.

A: Cllr Evans – The Development Sites and Policies Plan shows the Council would be happy to see a 7000 sq.m food store, what NRR propose is more than this. Hampshire Council owns land to South, FBC owns land north of the buildings and the Co-op have a long lease. This means NRR have some challenges. Swimming pool – Fareham Council can fund it. We told NRR that timing is of the essence. The pool is likely to be at the Coldeast site and the Council will fund it.

A: What provision does the Council have to stop NRR not pushing out local shops?

Q: We will look at that and assess vitality and maintaining local shops in the centre.

Q: Concerns about NRR’s plans for development. It appears a lot of green space will be built on. They want to build the supermarket on the skate park and move it behind elderly housing. Concerned by the plan to show Co-op gone at a later stage – do NRR know they can do this?

A: Cllr Woodward - Very good points. The site is owned by NRR, but they must apply for planning permission from the Council and we have to agree it. I’ve told Co-op they need to smarten up or go, but they have a very long lease and no rent (because they used to own whole site).

Peter Shelley – Bus Services in Western wards & Access to Fareham community hospital

- Most bus journeys – 72% - are commercial, that is not funded or controlled by the County Council
- Around 28% of bus journeys and 13% of passenger trips (4 million a year) are made on County Council funded services
- Bus operators investing in over 60 new buses this year
- Success in winning Government funding means that the County Council will install:
  - 120 new real time info displays this year
  - 500 buses being fitted
  - Onboard Wi-Fi
  - New ‘My Journey’ website
  - New Smartphone ‘app’

Q: How are commercial operators paid by Hampshire Council for concessionary travel?
A: They get the same amount of fairs as if there was no concessionary scheme. We have a formula to work it out. We keep a very close eye on the figures

Q: I represent Friends of Fareham community hospital. There is more housing and more people using the bus to get to hospital. We need a bus on Brook Lane, please tell First Bus.

A: You've raised some good points; we will take your case forward

Dr Paul Howden – Clinical Commissioning Group

Clinical Commissioning Groups are groups of GPs that are responsible for 'commissioning' (planning, designing and procuring) the following health and care services:

- Regular planned hospital care
- Urgent and emergency care in hospital and from out of hours providers
- Community health services
- Mental health and learning disability services

Q: What about the Ambulance Service?

A: They are a key partner, we commission services from them and we have to make sure they offer good value and services

Q: Are you able to visit schoolchildren?

A: Yes

Q: Gill Sadler – Chair of Friends of Fareham Community hospital. Noticed lots of people want to come to hospital and they are being encouraged to go to QA to help pay off their debts

A: I can assure you we want to maintain as many services as possible in community.

Q: What is £3.1m allowance?

A: It’s for people who need care out of hospital in the community. It pays for facilities in e.g. nursing homes.

Questions from the floor:

Q: Where are we with Coldeast site plans?

A: Cllr Woodward – Bridge Road – we’ll have a 2\textsuperscript{nd} lane and put in cycle lanes, we want to move things along because the land will be given to the Council for e.g. Swimming pool, cemetery etc.
Have Your Say - Consultations

All consultations are available at www.fareham.gov.uk/consultation