### Community Action Team Meeting (CAT)

**Tuesday 25 June 2013 Meeting**

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**Who was there?**

**Present:** Chairman – Cllr Arthur Mandry

**Also present:** Cllr Walker, Cllr Wood, Cllr Forrest, Cllr Mrs Mandry, Cllr Bell, Cllr Woodward, Cllr Tim Knight, Anna McCulloch, Kim Brindley - Community Action Fareham, PC Jo James

**Residents:** 62

**What was talked about?**

**Community Action Team update – Anna McCulloch**

- Applications for Community Fund update
  - Recent spends:
    - Crofton Youth Project, £275 for a Table Tennis Table
    - Residents of Martin Avenue, £50 for 'No Cold Calling' Zone signs
    - Residents of Hill Head, £582 to improve the ground around an entrance to Seafield Park
  - Community current consultations:
    - Free summer events; ‘access all areas’ (free event access for 11 -17 year olds)

**Questions:**

**Q:** Gypsy sites what is the legislation?

**A:** Your question can be answered at the end of the meeting

**Q:** Is there an update regarding the path behind Crofton Junior School?

**A:** No further progress. This is part of a Hampshire County Council project but it is their intention to carry out the works in the future

[www.fareham.gov.uk/cats](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/cats)
Local Police update – PC. Jo James

- A few dwelling burglaries, mostly in March and April. Targeted insecurities
  - Entered garden and stole items
  - Old street
  - Mays lane
  - Vicarage Lane
  - Remember to lock windows and doors

- Non-dwelling burglaries
  - Garage broken into
  - Locked cycle taken from shed

- Car crime
  - People leaving cars unlocked by mistake taken advantage of by thieves
  - 14 thefts from vehicles
  - 5 reports of damage
  - 1 section 59 seizure

- Assaults
  - 13 in total
    - 10 domestic
    - 1 by children
    - 1 older school youth

- Antisocial behaviour is quiet with no connected or on-going series of incidents

**Q:** Prior to 2nd April caravan was vandalised in the night near path at Moody Road to Seafield Park? I reported it to the Police but they haven’t done anything.

**A:** We can’t comment on individual cases

**Q:** What is the result of the report into schools and the man with the white van?

**A:** No more incidents reported, we continue to investigate

**A (CM):** I chair the Community Tasking and Enforcement Group, no more incidents have been reported, and residents did a good job of reporting but no more sightings. Police enquiries into the matters reported revealed that no criminal offences had been committed or intended.

**Q:** You say quiet for ASB but if you go to the park large groups of youths are loitering?

**A:** It is always on-going but it’s at a manageable level

**Q:** I disagree

**A:** If a pattern emerges we focus our resources
Q: I am pleased to see a response to travellers on Stubbington Green, thanks to the Police

A (CM): New protocol between FBC and Police means we can deal with traveller incidents quicker.

2012-2013 all crime down by 25.06%. ASB down 1%, neighbour disputes account for most incidents

Councillor Woodward

Newgate Lane and Stubbington bypass consultation, 8 July – 9 September. Consultation will be online at www.hants.gov.uk.

Exhibitions of the plans - The plans are on display at four locations:
- Gosport Discovery Centre: 22 July to 29 July 2013
- Fareham Library: 29 July to 5 August 2013
- Stubbington Library: 8 July to 9 September
- Lee on the Solent Library: 8 July to 9 September

This is an important topic for local people. As soon as appointed into my new role I said I wanted to put Stubbington bypass onto the agenda along with the improvements to Newgate Lane.

There are 3 options for the possible bypass; these will be included in the consultation. Revisions will be made later in year based on consultation responses.

Secretary for State transport due to visit soon. Improvements to Newgate Lane are fully funded but Stubbington bypass would need Government funding.

Q: What are the timescales for Newgate Lane and Stubbington bypass?

A: Newgate Lane due to start next year. Stubbington bypass is more complicated as need to raise £30 million in funding so we don’t yet know a date

Q: The two proposals, I live on Woodcote Lane, this will affect us yet we only found out about this last night?

A: The consultation will be publicised, please have your say

Q: Housing developments will only make the problem worse?

A: Your right, your right we don’t want to fund a bypass through housing
A Picture of Fareham (presentation from slides) – Cllr. Woodward

Cllr Woodward gave a presentation looking back at the last 12 months in Fareham, based around the Council’s priorities and developments within the last 12 months:

- Maintain and extend prosperity
  - Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
  - Daedalus Enterprise Zone is in operation along with Business Rate Discount
  - Supporting town centre, action plan to maintain vibrancy, includes a new website
  - Locks Heath district centre, consultation and plans. We will consult again later in the year
  - Simpler town centre parking, no charges for district centre car parks

- A safe and healthy place to live and work
  - Third best performing community safety partnership in England & Wales

- Wallington flood incident got national coverage in the news

- Leisure for health and fun
  - Olympic torch relay and liked events
  - New Wicor changing facilities and Portchester community centre opened

- Housing
  - More owner occupiers than any other town in England
  - Large waiting list for affordable housing
  - High number of 85+ age group in Fareham
  - Redevelopment of Collingwood House, new sheltered housing scheme
  - Universal credit will affect social housing

- Strong and Inclusive Communities
  - Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations
  - Support scheme introduced to help some people pay Council Tax

- Dynamic Prudent, Progressive and best Practice Council
  - Apprentice scheme extended
  - New easy to use website and branding
  - New partnerships to help save money E.g. legal, environmental health
  - Council tax frozen for 5th year running
  - Government funding reductions
  - Over £3m in savings during the last few years
  - Further £1m in savings planned for the future

➢ Short Video – review of the year
Questions:

Q: I come from Western Way, it was meant to release pressure with the Bus Rapid Transport and Quay Street roundabout, it is a nightmare, when are you getting rid of it?

A: A good point, I’ve asked for HCC to draw plans to get rid of the bus lane on Western Way and take buses off Quay Street roundabout, we will consult on this

Q: Gosport are building a lot of houses. I asked Cllr. Forest for traffic calming measures. We got them but not helping

A: 10 trials in Hants for 20 mph zones. Once there done we will look at other areas

Q: Great presentation, I didn’t take part in the naming of Welborne as I didn’t feel that I lived close enough.

A: We went all over Fareham to get people involved and received over 5000 votes

Q: What will go on the land at Portchester Community Centre if the MUGA is not built?

A: Consultation is on-going, we want your views. The consultation form includes lots of questions about what people want, please take part

Q: Welborne - I’m worried about infrastructure, will it be another Whiteley?

A: Good question. Infrastructure is very important. We wanted around 6000 houses which is large enough to fund infrastructure. It will take a long time to build the houses. There will be a public enquiry next year to see if a plan is sound.

Q: Welborne, I support it but will Fareham Borough Council always be in control of Welborne?

A: We can’t control who lives there. The development is the size of Portchester and a 3rd will be affordable homes. Regards the traditional council housing we are able to decide who goes in them. Self-build homes have also attracted a lot of interest

Q: Are you bringing in a new sewage infrastructure?

A: Yes, it’s not just about transport plans and also energy has to be provided

Q: Update on solar farm?

A (CM): Application came in on Friday

A: Half the original size of 1st application
Q: I’ve lived here 27 years, the use of country paths is virtually impossible. A lot have been allowed to erode and grow. What will it take to get them sorted. I’ll show you photos.

A: Difference between capital projects and revenue services. I don’t know which footpaths, are they public rights of way? If tarmacked they are FBC, if rights of way then HCC Cllr will go out with you and see it and look to get it sorted. We rely on residents telling HCC councillors.

Q: I contacted HCC and got sent round the houses. I got Cllr Tim Knight out and then an officer cut grass at the back of my home and left the rest.

A: Speak to Mrs Giles (HCC), you need to contact her as she is rights of way officer

Q: What is cost benefit of BRT. I see many buses with only a couple of people in

A: Neither HCC or FBC money spent on BRT. Eclipse passage rocketed. Service used tremendously. First bus bought all the buses. Traffic on A32 dropped 5% since BRT. I can forward the figures to you.

Q: Great developments in FBC but concerned about: a) houses for trade purposes with vehicles blocking the road, b) Domino’s pizza house attracting youths, c) Stubbington Health Centre is outdated

A: c) GPs are independent contractors to NHS, they normally own the surgery. You need to speak to your GPs and patient group or GPCG. a) Okay to run business from home but if creates problem you can report it to planning enforcement officer, because of the process it can take many months to get sorted.

A (CM): Contact your councillor tonight

Q: I was practice manager at Stubbington practice 1994-2000. Doctors are trying hard to get a better site but too expensive to purchase. BT won’t sell exchange next door.

Q: Crofton Lane grass too long, dumped doggy bags, someone strimmed it and sprayed it everywhere

A: I know its disgusting enforcement service will prosecute if we catch them

A (CM): If you speak to me enforcement team can patrol
Q: Lack of advertisement for planning application for Domino's Pizza
A: Cllr Mandry & I personally think that all Traders Association are aware. 41 letters received in response to the planning application. Owner of the Chinese restaurant made the planning application to turn it into a Domino’s. There were no planning grounds to reject it. There is CCTV outside on insistence of the Police.

Q: CCTV only effective if the authorities follow through
A (CM): CCTV will be used to watch for issues
Q: What about traffic enforcement
A (CM): There is adequate protection for the corner and the area
A (CW): Need some clear cut planning reasons for rejecting then if appealed they would get it irrespective of letters sent
A (CM): If make a decision that can’t be held up on planning grounds then there would be an appeal and they would win and could claim costs from FBC
A (CW): Every decision needs to be made for sound planning reasons
Q: Delivery scooters are noisy
Q: Nothing you can do about planning regulations the best you can do is not use Domino’s
Q: Bypass up Newgate Lane, how will people get on bypass?
A: Please look at the options in the consultation
Q: What about the houses on Daedalus?
A: No houses on FBC land, 200 on Gosport part

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Have Your Say - Consultations
All consultations are available at www.fareham.gov.uk/consultation

When is the next CAT Meeting?
The next Crofton CAT meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 October at Holy Rood Church in Stubbington, 7.00pm to 8.30pm