

West Joint Committee

Report of the Bidford on Avon and Alcester Community Forum

The Bidford on Avon and Alcester Community Forum met on **2 September 2008** at the Crawford Memorial Hall, Bidford-on Avon and this is the report of their meeting.

Matters Discussed (for information only)

The following items were discussed:

1. **Membership of the Forum** – the Forum hoped that the PCT would be represented at future meetings. They had committed to sending a representative. Other organizations/people that would be invited to attend future meetings:
 - Chairmen of Alcester and Bidford PACT meetings
 - Alcester and Bidford-on-Avon SCAN
 - ACT.com (Health and Equality in the Alcester area)
 - Young People representatives
 - Other local groups, representing the community, would also be invited and it was agreed the membership of the Forum should be allowed to be fluid
2. **Policing** – Sgt Wild provided a presentation on local policing issues.

The Police were holding surgeries an hour prior to the Community Forums Meetings, to allow members of the public to raise issues directly with them.

The following concerns were put to the Police:

 - Safety record of the A46 between Oversley Green and Redhill – it was proposed and agreed that a report should be made available for the next Community Forum
 - Only 5 residents – 1 from Exhall and 4 from Bidford had attended the surgery before this meeting. Concerns were raised at the suspension of the PACT meetings and Sgt. Wild replied that, as he had mentioned during the presentation, these were being replaced by regular surgeries.
 - Haselor – now that the school year had started again, parking near the school was again an issue, especially when cars parked in dangerous, and it was suggested that a few parking tickets may act as a deterrent. The Police would look into this but it had to be appreciated that this was a wide spread problem and a few tickets did not appear to be the answer.
 - Speeding – some assistance could be obtained from the Parish/Town Councils by publishing figures of speeding fines in their locality in the Parish Magazine. The Police to give feedback of speeding campaign figures to Clerks

3. Localities Report

As there were none for this area, the Chairman used this opportunity to open the meeting to the public and asked if there were any issues they wished to raise:

- **Bidford Bridge** – large number of HGVs using the bridge despite the 10T weight limit. – The resident was advised that County Council together with the Police and other Agencies were looking at a solution to this by using a system of pads and camera. The Council is now waiting for the cost of this, which can be used for 5 bridges in the county – although Bidford is the only one which is Heritage. It was suggested once the cost had been received, this could be taken to the Joint West Area Committee for some funding.
- **Barton** – large numbers of HGVs are currently driving through Barton causing many of the older houses, which have no foundations, to shake. With the permission of the Chairman, the Clerk to Bidford PC replied that she had been made aware of this and she had advised that the traffic should be monitored for a period of 3/4 weeks and the information will be sent back to WCC for them to consider which action to take. It was proposed, and agreed, that written representations made by Parish/Town Councils be dealt with by the Forum, if appropriate

4. Items for future meetings

- a. A 46
- b. Bidford Bridge
- c. Flooding – overall planning and action
- d. PCT – action on delayed discharge of patients from hospital
- e. State of pavement of A422 –overgrowth making the use of this footpath impossible

Matters Referred to the Joint Committee for attention (for discussion)

The Forum asked that the following items be raised at the meeting of the Joint Committee:

| Issue | Recommendation |
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| <u>There were no items that the Forum asked to be brought forward</u> | |
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For further information on anything contained within this report, please contact Richard Hood, Head of Member Services, Stratford-on-Avon District Council

5 September 2008

ALCESTER/BIDFORD COMMUNITY FORUM

DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday 2 September 2008

VENUE: Crawford Memorial Hall, Bidford-on-Avon

IN ATTENDANCE:

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