

Agenda

Cannock Community Forum

Time and Date

7.00pm on Tuesday 27 November, 2012

Venue

Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Cannock

You are invited to this meeting to consider the matters listed below.



S.G. Brown

Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

To declare any personal or pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct and any possible contraventions under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
3. **Notes**

To receive the Notes of the meeting held on 18 September 2012 (Enclosed).
4. **Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust**

Lyn Hill-Tout, Chief Executive and Maggie Oldham, Chief Operating Officer will be in attendance to answer questions and provide an update on Trust related matters.
5. **Questions for Staffordshire Police – submitted in advance**

Chief Inspector Carl Ratcliffe will be in attendance to answer questions in relation to local policing matters that have been submitted in advance. The following question has been submitted by Gordon Taylor (local resident):-

“Parking of cars on grass verges when there is ample parking at properties”.

Chief Inspector Ratcliffe will respond on behalf of the Police. However, the following information has been provided by Staffordshire County Council Highways and Cannock Chase Council’s Waste and Engineering Services Team:-

Response from Mark Keeling, Staffordshire County Council Highways Officer:

“There is no Highways Officer attending Cannock Forum on this occasion, however see below for comments in regards to this enquiry.

Parking on grass verges is a problem across Staffordshire. This issue is generally a result of high volumes of car ownership and in some cases inadequate off street parking availability. This has resulted in excess vehicles being parked on the public highway including grass verges. If there are no restrictions such as double yellow lines there is very little action we can take, we do rely on residents using their off street parking if available, and taking pride in their surroundings and being considerate to other residents. In some areas we have considered placing bollards to control parking however they are unlikely to be considered within residential estates or to resolve neighbour disputes. The resident could get further information and feedback by contacting the Highways Hotline on 0300 111 8020”.

Response from Joss Presland, Waste and Engineering Services Manager:

In addition to the above, the Council’s Civil Enforcement Contractor does issue penalty charge notices (parking tickets) where a Traffic order exists for parking on verges. If the issue occurs on a Council housing estate within the District, our Housing Estates Management Team would look to resolve it.

6. Questions for Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Services

No questions have been received.

7. Consultation on Stadium Site

Mike Edmonds, Head of Commissioning will provide a presentation on the consultation and take any questions.

8. Poor maintenance of road name plates throughout the District

Item requested by Gordon Taylor, local resident. Steve Schofield, Senior Technical Assistant will provide a response.

9. Curtailed Road Sweeping – road sweeping is taking place at 6.30am. Is the “Noise Abatement Act” still in force preventing noise before 7am?

Item requested by Gordon Taylor, local resident. Mike Walker, Environmental Protection Manager will provide a response in relation to the whether the Noise Abatement Act is still in force. However, Joss Presland, Waste and Engineering Services Manager has provided the following information in relation to road sweeping in general:-

“Road sweeping commences at around 06.30 am to avoid disruption to motorists but we are not aware of any issues being reported in the Cannock area. Since Cannock Chase Council took street cleansing back in-house (January 2012) we have only received two complaints about sweeper noise (both in Hednesford Town Centre) which were dealt with by re-organising the sweeper's route.

Where a specific issue is identified relating to our sweeping activities we will of course look to resolve it, with the residents involved, if at all possible.

District roads are only swept once every thirteen weeks by Cannock Chase Council but private developers are often required to employ private road sweeping companies to keep the roads clean around development sites”.

10. Update on the position of the negotiations in respect of the Asda s.106 monies for the Artificial Turf Pitch

Stephen Brown, Chief Executive will provide an update.

11. Forward Agenda for Future Meetings

Questions are invited from members of the public and will be included on the Agenda for the next meeting. Any questions from members of the public should be submitted on the form available at the meeting. Submission of written questions in advance will ensure that appropriate representatives can be invited to attend meetings to debate the issues and answer any questions.

12. Date of Future Meetings

A Forum meeting has been scheduled for 19 March 2013.

To: Councillors

Alcott, G. (Chairman)
Kraujalis, J.T. (Vice-Chairman)

Allen, F.W.C.	Mitchell, C.
Anslow, C.	Morgan, C.W.J.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Snape, P.A.
Dixon, D.I.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Freeman, Miss M.	Toth, J.

Other Invitees:

Mrs. J. Arm	Clerk to Bridgtown Parish Council
County Councillor J. Rowley	Cannock Villages Division
County Councillor P. Corfield	Cannock Town Centre Division

County Councillor D. Davis
Chief Executive
Chief Insp. Carl Ratcliffe
Michelle Lucas
Mark Keeling
Mr. M. Walters
Mr. A. Dery

Chadsmoor Division
Chase Council for Voluntary Services
Staffordshire Police
Cannock Chase Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Staffordshire County Council Highways
Vice Chairman, Moss Road Residents Action Group
Area Tenants and Residents Collective

Ms. A. Ames

Chair of Rumer Hill Residents Association
& Secretary of CTRF

Theresa Atherton
Mr. A. Burley
Angela Schulp

Secretary of Rumer Hill Residents Association
Member of Parliament (Cannock Chase Constituency)
District Lead Commissioner, Staffordshire
County Council

Neil Pedersen/K. Staples
Victoria Singleton
Miss T. Gould
Deborah Neal

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Neighbourhood Watch, Staffordshire Police
Residents Champions, Chase CVS
Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust

Note: The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Wendy Rowe,
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