

Cannock Community Forum

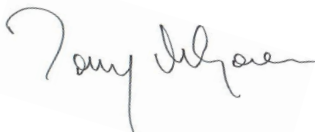
Time and Date

7.00pm on Tuesday 3 March, 2015

Venue

Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Cannock

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



T. McGovern
Managing Director

AGENDA

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

To declare any personal, 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 9 December, 2014 (Enclosed).

4. **Questions for Staffordshire County Council Highways – submitted in advance**
 - (i) **Item from Councillor G. Alcott - Outstanding highways defects within the Cannock area** – email and attachment from Mark Keeling, Community Infrastructure and Liaison Manager is attached.

Mark Deaville, Staffordshire County Council Cabinet Support Member for Highways and Transport has been invited to attend the meeting (at the request of Councillor G. Alcott).

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(ii) **Mr. Gordon Taylor, local resident has submitted the following questions:-**

- 1) *The traffic island at the bottom of Cardinal Griffin Way is being damaged by vehicles during the week as drivers are using it as a car park for dropping off/taking children to school, and at the weekends by people using the sports facility at the back of the school.*
- 2) *The traffic lights/pedestrian crossings on the A34 Ringway between the bus station and Job Centre do not have an audible sound when the green man is shown, thus causing issues for blind people and others when using the crossing.*
- 3) *Request that Mark Keeling attend the Forum to provide updates in person on a number of outstanding highways related issues which have been reported, some of which over 5 months ago.*

Mark Keeling, Community Infrastructure and Liaison Manager, has provided the following response:-

- 1) The traffic island on Cardinal Way is in place to allow coaches and other vehicles to turn around safely. It seems that some of the vehicles occasionally mount the island and cause damage to the soft verge. This is difficult to manage or prevent. We have a neighbourhood highway team which carry out environmental improvement work in the Cannock Town area twice a year, this team can carry out top soil repairs and re-seeding where possible if required. The school could also take some responsibility for the repairs however this would need further investigation.
- 2) I have passed on this information to the signals team and are currently awaiting response. We have recently upgraded the crossing leading from the Bus Station across Park Road.
- 3) The demand for officer time during the evening across Staffordshire is very high and it is not always possible for officers to attend following the many invitations we receive.

However officers are available Mon-Fri to help with any highway enquiries in addition to the information that can be sought via the Contact Centre and the website.

All highway related issues should be reported directly to the call centre on 0300 111 8000 or via highways@staffordshire.gov.uk in order for us to deal with any issues as quickly as possible.

However, the Community Highway Liaison Team is also available should you require any additional detailed local information. I am unaware of any issues that are five months old however if Mr Taylor wishes to raise concerns this can be done via the contact centre as above or alternatively my direct contact information is as follows: Telephone:- 01785 854676 or Email:- mark.keeling@staffordshire.gov.uk

(iii) Mrs. Johnson, local resident has submitted the following question:-

Car parking outside the shops on Bideford Way, Cannock – the angle which vehicles have to be parked outside of the shops is causing issues for passing traffic and other vehicles trying to park, resulting in several incidents of vehicles being bumped/hit.

Mark Keeling has advised that the parking layout outside the shops was improved around 3 years ago following extensive consultation with the shop frontages and CCDC who owned part of the land.

The works included an extension of the parking area which provided additional spaces and spaces for the Disabled. The original layout only provided spaces for a few cars and double parking was a common feature of this particular area. The parking was angled slightly to allow these additional spaces and the improvements were welcomed by the businesses and customers. We are unaware of any incidents at this location however we will continue to monitor the area.

(iv) Question raised at previous meeting:- “How much of the money allocated to the County for highways repairs is spent in the CCDC area compared to other areas in the County?”

Mark Keeling has advised that management of the highway asset will always be constrained by funding availability and decisions have to be made as to how best to allocate budgets. Over the last few years the County Council's asset management policy has focussed on preventative treatments (keeping serviceable roads in a good condition) and the more costly renewal of life-expired roads. This approach has led to an overall improvement in road condition data across the county. Potholes across the wider network are repaired on a risk management basis; with each hazard being rated on size, depth, location and status of the route.

We work on hundreds of schemes and projects across the county ranging from day to day maintenance to designing and building improvements and new additions to the highway network. All are part of our continuing efforts to improve Staffordshire's 3,100 miles of roads. Information on recently completed schemes in each area is available on the website and we aspire to provide information on our forward

programs as soon as possible - www.staffordshire.gov.uk Contact Centre - 0300 111 8000”.

5. Questions for Staffordshire Police

No questions have been submitted in advance of the meeting.

6. Questions for Cannock Chase District Council

No questions have been submitted in advance of the meeting.

7. Questions for Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Services

No questions have been submitted in advance of the meeting.

8. Clinical Commissioning Group

Andrew Donald, Chief Officer for Stafford & Surrounds/Cannock Chase CCG or a representative from the CCG have indicated they will be in attendance to address any issues raised.

9. Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust - Update

The Trust have indicated that a written update will be provided in time for the meeting or, alternatively, a representative will attend the meeting to provide the update.

10. Support Staffordshire - Resident Champions

Resident Champions are a group of volunteers who help to tackle issues in the local community; they can support members of the public with problems such as: Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour, Public Transport, Environmental Health, Highways and Housing.

Zareena Khan (Wellbeing Co-ordinator Administration Support) and Nicola Edmonds (Blake Development Worker) will be in attendance to explain how they might be able to help.

11. “Just Click” Cannock Chase Council website consultation

The website is the most cost effective communication channel the Council offers and enables our residents to interact with us 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We are reviewing our current website and will be developing a new and improved site which will be launched later in 2015. New developments will provide residents with an innovative design and layout, additional functionality, new features and be more

mobile friendly. By taking part in the short survey you can help us with developing our new website. The survey is available online and hard copies of the survey are available at reception or in libraries across the district. Flyers featuring the link to the survey and hard copies will be available at the meeting.

12. Dates of forthcoming Meetings

Forum meetings are scheduled as follows:-

23 June, 2015
29 September, 2015
8 December, 2015
1 March, 2016

13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Questions are invited from members of the public and will be included on the Agenda for the next meeting which is as follows:-

23 June, 2015 – Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Cannock, 7pm

Any questions should be submitted on the form supplied with this agenda. Alternatively, questions can be emailed to membersservices@cannockchasedc.gov.uk/wendyrowe@cannockchasedc.gov.uk

To Councillors:-

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

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

Other Invitees/Representatives:

Mrs. J. Arm	Clerk to Bridgtown Parish Council
County Councillor Mrs. D. Todd	SCC - Cannock Villages Division
County Councillor Mrs. A. Spicer	SCC - Cannock Town Centre Division
County Councillor D. Davis	SCC - Chadsmoor Division
Mr. K. Parsons	Chase Council for Voluntary Services
Chief Inspector Stephen Morrey	Staffordshire Police
Inspector Paul Cooke	Staffordshire Police
Michelle Lucas	Cannock Chase Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Mark Keeling	Staffordshire County Council Highways
Mr. A. Burley	Member of Parliament (Cannock Chase Constituency)
Angela Schulp	District Lead Commissioner (Staffs CC)
Jonathan Bletcher	South Staffs PCT
Neil Pedersen	Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Miss T. Gould	Residents Champions, Chase CVS
Kathryn Bird/Sultan Mahmud	Royal Wolverhampton NHS Foundation Trust

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

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