

You said, we did

....your local voice

Goway and Eddisbury Feedback News

Summer 2009

Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the Goway and Eddisbury Community Forum Newsletter.

This newsletter gives you an update on items discussed at the Community Forum meeting held on 28th July 2009.

Role of Your Community Forum

Ewan McHenry, Area Manager for Winsford & Rural East at Cheshire West & Chester Council made a short presentation to the Community Forum outlining the future arrangements for area working both within the Council and through working in partnership with other agencies.

The presentation highlighted the main priorities that Cheshire West & Chester will seek to tackle through the Area Partnership Boards during the next twelve months. Local residents were asked what priorities they would like agencies to tackle in the coming months and raised the following priority issues:

- **Traffic problems in rural areas – weight restrictions, speeding vehicles, speed limits, issue of ‘ratruns’**
- **Littering in Kelsall area**
- **Parish Council aspirations to be accommodated within priorities of the Community Forum**
- **Need for clear and effective consultation on major Cheshire West and Chester Council policies, such as the Local Development Framework and Local Transport Plan.**

Question: How will the Community Forum serve the two electoral divisions of Goway and Eddisbury, with their potentially differing needs and priorities?

Answer: The effectiveness of the current area working arrangements will be kept under review and subject to change if proven to be necessary.

Question: How will the aspirations contained in the various local parish plans and village design statements be incorporated into those of the Community Forum and Area Partnership Board?

Answer: Parish Councils are invited to attend Community Forum meetings and feed the priorities of their Parish Plans into the Community Forum meetings. Town and Parish Council representation on Area Partnership Boards is also being agreed.

You said.... Littering in public places in Kelsall is a problem that needs to be addressed through education and raising awareness, not just by way of fines

We did.... Arrangements are being made for educational awareness sessions to be undertaken within the schools in Kelsall

Question: Why are there now so many highways signs in rural areas, for example, notices advising of CCTV coverage to deter fly tipping?

Answer: Signage is a necessary element of the process for successful prosecution for littering and flytipping. In areas where such signs have been provided, such as Morley Bridge/Bridge Trafford, the incidence of flytipping has fallen dramatically.

You said.... Concerns raised regarding speeding and speed limits on rural roads

We did.... Cheshire Police are gathering evidence via the mobile speed recorder on the scale of the problem. A review of speed limits has been commissioned and the findings are due to be published in autumn 2009

You said.... Tarvin Community Centre Management Committee is in need of a representative of Cheshire West and Chester Council, and would also ask the Council to consider the extension of their lease on the Community Centre for a longer term

We did.... Cheshire West and Chester Council confirmed that a representative would be identified to attend meetings of the Management Committee, and the extension of the lease would be investigated

Question: How are Community Safety Wardens provided and funded throughout Cheshire West, as they do not appear to be present in Tarporley?

Answer: : Community Safety Wardens are funded by Cheshire West and Chester Council, based on provision made by the former Chester City and Vale Royal authorities. The new Council is currently reviewing the provision and operation of Community Safety Wardens across the greater area of Cheshire West. They are in operation in Tarporley, where they work closely with the Police.

Highways Maintenance

Richard Flood, Area Highways Manager at Cheshire West and Chester Council, gave a presentation on the role of the Highway Maintenance service based at the Chester and Winsford Highways offices. The core aims of the service are as follows –

- **To reduce deaths and injuries on the roads of Cheshire West**
- **To improve the condition of roads, footways and bridges**
- **To manage the impact of traffic and resulting congestion on Cheshire West's communities**
- **To improve the quality of and access to transport networks and services in Cheshire West**

Statistics for the condition of principal roads in Cheshire West show that maintenance of principal 'A' roads is good, with only 3% failing, whereas some 8% of other and unclassified roads are failing.

Highways has an on-line fault reporting service available on the Cheshire West and Chester website (www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk). This is the quickest and most effective way of having a fault dealt with, and members of the public are encouraged to use this facility.

There is also a dedicated phone number for dealing with all customer enquiries, again ensuring that issues are referred without delay to the right person for dealing with them.

The options for contacting the Highways Service are as follows –

- Internet – www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- Phone – 0300 1237036
- Email – Chester Office at engch@cheshirewest.gov.uk

Winsford Office at engvr@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

- Post – Chester Area Highways Office
Guilden Sutton Lane, Guilden Sutton, Chester,
Cheshire CH3 7EX

Winsford Area Highways Office
Phoenix House, Clough Road, Winsford
Cheshire CW7 4BD

The Highways team are always happy to be advised of any problems/faults on the highway, and indeed rely upon the public to alert them to such.

It's good to talk...

Question: How do I report a pothole on-line?

Answer: Visit the Council's website on www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk, use the 'Report It' menu from Online Services and select Highways Faults, then complete on-line form

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Future meeting

Tuesday 24 November 2009 –
Kelsall Community Centre,
starting at 7 pm.

Possible Topics for future meetings

- Traffic in Rural Areas
- Road Safety
- Speed Limits

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Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Drugs Line: 0800 854181

Home Watch: 01606 49000

All Services: 0800 123 8 123

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