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Frodsham, Helsby and Weaver Feedback News

January 2010

Welcome

Welcome to the third edition of the Frodsham, Helsby & Weaver Community Forum Newsletter.

This newsletter gives you an update on items discussed at the last meeting of the Forum held in January 2010.

Review and Gypsy and Travellers Planning Requirements

Local residents welcomed the opportunity to find out more about current Cheshire West and Chester Council planning policy with regard to Gypsy and Traveller sites at the meeting. Jeremy Owens (Senior Manager for Spatial Planning) provided a presentation on latest developments and key elements of the North West Regional Spatial Strategy relating to local issues. Information was provided on the:

- Planning requirements for Gypsy and Traveller pitches
- Current provision of residential and temporary pitches
- What the needs are for additional residential and temporary pitches; and
- Site Identification Study due for completion in April 2010 and current situation based on need and against the provision of existing pitches.

A number of comments and questions were raised by local residents during the 'Q & A' session which was followed by a broader discussion. Local residents requested to be kept advised of any issues, changes in policy or plans and new information concerning gypsies and travellers, however insignificant, on a regular basis by Council officers.

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Frodsham Wind Farms – Update

Stephen Snowdon, Development Manager of Peel Energy provided the forum with an update on the Frodsham Wind Farm Proposals (attached).

Acting on feedback from consultees and residents, consideration is being given to how best to update residents of changes to the scheme and survey results that inform the final application.

The section 36 application will be submitted to the Department of Energy and Climate Change in February 2010.

For further information on the scheme please contact:

**Stephen Snowdon, Peel Energy's
Development manager – 0161 629 8258 or
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Local Transport Plan consultation

There a number of Council consultations coming to a close, which residents were asked to contribute their comments to while the opportunity remained, they related to a new Sustainable Community Strategy, Local Development Framework (LDF, strategic planning) and the Local Transport Plan (LTP).

The LDF and LTP consultations will produce further more refined draft documents which will be further consulted upon, as they will contain more detail about proposed projects and investments, throughout 2010.

A large number of questions were raised specifically concerning future local transport and accessibility issues.

The questions ranged broadly from the use and of the disused railway track in between Helsby and Delamere, greater incentives to use public transport, changes in public bus services, the condition of the cycle path in between Helsby and Frodsham and longer cycle routes and connections between larger local towns (e.g. Ellesmere Port).

You said...A significant number of questions and requests for more detailed information related to cycling routes, their condition and suggestions for more cycle paths arose from the discussion.

We did...Leisure Development Manager and Cycling Development Officer invited to attend the next Community Forum to discuss proposals for cycle routes/paths across Cheshire West and Chester.

It's good to talk...

Community Forums are a great place for all members of the community to have a say on what's happening in the Area. Anyone can ask a question on the night, but to ensure answers are available, people are advised to register their question before the meeting. These can be registered in a number of ways:-

Telephone: Fiona Dunning on 01606 867524

Write to: Fiona Dunning, Community Engagement Officer, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Wyvern House, The Drummer, Winsford CW7 1AH

e-mail: fiona.dunning@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

In future a copy of the answers to any questions raised at the Community Forums will be forwarded to the relevant Parish Council.

Community Forums - Purpose and Functions

Community Forums have been established to increase the involvement of local people in identifying better ways of delivering local services.

Your local Members are there to listen to your views, respond to any matters of local concern and raise issues on your behalf with the relevant body eg the Council's Executive or Partner Agencies

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Western Cheshire Big Drink Debate Have your say

Drinking beyond recommended levels can damage your health and harm your family and your community. The health service, police, council and others are developing plans to tackle these problems together. But we need your help to do it. Please tell us what the issues are for you, your family and your community.

How to participate?

You can complete the survey online at www.westcheshirehealthandcare.nhs.uk/alcohol
Or for a hard copy of the questionnaire telephone **01244 385123**

The next meeting

The Community Forum will meet at least four times per year. The next meeting will be on

Wednesday 14 April 2010, 7pm
Crowton Village Hall, Kingsley Road,
Crowton, Northwich CW8 2RW

Community Safety Help Desk

At 6.30pm, before the start of the meeting, officers, including the Police, will be available to discuss with residents any individual local community safety issues.

Meeting for 2010 - 2011

Thursday 15 July 2010

Wednesday 6 October 2010

Thursday 6 January 2011

Wednesday 6 April 2011

Venues to be confirmed

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Community Safety Wardens:
0300 123 7033

Cheshire Police: 0845 4580000
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Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Drugs Line: 0800 854181

Home Watch: 01606 49000

Fire Service Home
Safety Assessments: 0800 389 0053

All Services: 0300 123 8 123

Topics for the next meetings

- Proposals for Cycle routes/Paths across Frodsham Helsby and Weaverham.

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