

You said, we did

....your local voice

**Frodsham, Helsby & Weaver
feedback news**

Summer 2009

Welcome

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

This newsletter gives you an update on items discussed at the first meeting of the Forum held in June 2009.

Frodsham Medical Centre

Following the closure of Frodsham Science & Technology College, the site was sold to Western Cheshire Primary Care Trust so that a new health centre could be built to serve the communities of Frodsham and Helsby.

The Health Centre was an integral part of the development of the PCT's Transforming the Care Environment Programme. David Parry from the PCT and Mark McNamee from City Heart, the Company that has won the contract to build the development, were at the Forum to give an update on the progress of the Programme and how Services could be delivered in the future.

A question and answer session followed the presentation and included the following issues:

- all existing GP practices would keep their existing structures when moved into the new building
- parking provision would be dictated by the planning application; provision had been made for approximately 90 spaces
- the one-way system around the site would also be dictated by the planners
- the school would be demolished as soon as possible after closure
- it was recognised that all transport links, including cycle ways, were important
- the PCT hoped to complete the development before any financial constraints were imposed by the Government
- a library may possibly be included in future development plans
- information was available on the PCT's website at: http://www.wcheshirepct.nhs.uk/default.asp?page=Better_Buildings_For_Better_Care/Frodsham.asp



Frodsham Science & Technology College

The pupils and teachers of Frodsham College were represented at the Forum and expressed their concerns over the increase in transport costs that the pupils moving from Frodsham to Helsby faced when the new term started in September. There had been an agreement between the school and Cheshire County Council that the additional travel undertaken by the pupils to the new site in Helsby would be covered by the County Council, however, to date it appeared that nothing had been done to resolve this problem.

We did.... since the Forum met Councillor Arthur Harada, the Executive Member for Education & Children, has decided that the additional costs of travel incurred by the children who are transferring to Helsby High School will be met from the Children's Services transport budget.

You said.... you were concerned about the future of Parish Plans

We did.... a process has been put into place which will see the Plans adopted through the Area Partnership Boards.

You said.... there were no bedding plants at Frodsham and Helsby Stations

We did.... the planters have now been stocked-up by Streetscene staff.

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Sustainable Communities Act

The Sustainable Communities Act enables local authorities to put forward proposals for changes to legislation to improve sustainability. The Cheshire West and Chester Council Executive has resolved to put forward a proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act to amend the Licensing Act to include ward councillors in the definition of "interested party". This would enable local ward councillors to make representations to the Licensing Committee, as of right, which they are unable to do at present.

We did.... Community Forums were consulted on their views for this proposed change to the Licensing Act. The responses were considered by the Council at its meeting on 23 July and it was decided that the proposal to amend the Licensing Act should go forward to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

You said.... the noticeboard at Frodsham Station had been vandalised

We did.... Streetscene have ordered a new front cover to replace the damaged one

We did.... the Highways Service met with representatives of Norley, Weaverham and Kingsley Parish Councils to discuss specific local issues

We did.... the Gypsy & Traveller Liaison Officer attended a meeting of Alvanley Parish Council on 1 July

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Topics for the next meeting

- Frodsham Forward and future support from CWaC
- Local Highways issues
- Members' Budgets

The next meeting

The Community Forum will meet at least four times per year. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16 September 2009 at Weaverham Community Centre at 7pm.

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:-

Visit: cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Telephone: Chris Wilson on 01606 867519

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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.

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.

If you require this document in a different format such as large print, Braille, audio tape, CD or in another language, please contact:

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