

You said, we did

....your local voice

Northwich West & Abbey feedback news

Summer 2009

Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the Northwich West & Abbey Community Forum Newsletter.

This newsletter gives you an update on items discussed at the Community Forum meeting held on 30th June 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 in Winsford & Rural East 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 Congestion**
- **Northwich Vision**
- **Environmental & Ecological Sustainability**
- **Crime (and the Fear of Crime)**

Question: What is the status of Vale Royal Local Plan now that the four Councils have merged under Cheshire West & Chester Council?

Answer: Vale Royal Local Plan will continue to direct planning policy for the next three years. Meanwhile the new Councils' Local Development Framework, including the structure plan will be developed and once completed will override the former authorities' Local Plan.

You said.... Young People need to be represented at the Community Forum as many of the priorities for Winsford & Rural East are in relation to young people

We did.... Members of the Youth Parliament have been invited to participate in the next Community Forum

You said.... Concerns raised regarding speed limits in Hartford and lack of awareness amongst drivers of the speed limits

We did.... Cheshire Police are gathering evidence via the mobile speed recorder on the scale of the problem. Hartford Parish Council are due to pilot a Community Speedwatch Initiative

Connect2Northwich

Catherine Fox, Special Projects Manager at Cheshire West & Chester gave a short presentation on Connect2Northwich which is an exciting opportunity for improvements to footpaths and cycle ways in both Northwich and the Weaver Valley. The proposed project follows a successful award from the Big Lottery Countrywide Scheme of £600 000 to provide a new bridge and improved links at the Riversdale crossing.

The presentation outlined the next steps for the project with an announcement on additional funding due by the end of July 2009, further public consultation and the submission of a planning application anticipated by the end of September 2009.

Question: What is the timescale for completion of the bridge?

Answer: It is estimated that the bridge will be completed by the end of the summer 2010.

Question: Parts of the footpaths along the River Weaver between Newbridge and Vale Royal locks were overgrown and who could these be reported to?

Answer: Where there are specific problem locations in the vicinity of the project these could be reported via email to

Catherine.fox@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Question: What height will the new swing bridge be?

Answer: Subject to agreement from British Waterways the plans have shifted from a high to low-level swing bridge. At pre-planning stage there will be further consultation with local residents to seek their views on the design.

You said.... It is important that Local Councils such as Northwich Town Council are involved and consulted in key projects such as Connect2Northwich.

We did.... Northwich Town Council has been added to the list of consulting partners for the Connect2Northwich Project.

You said.... Have the rail authorities been consulted as to adequate provision for those who travel on the trains with bicycles?

We did.... Cheshire West & Chester Council confirmed that arrangements had been made to ensure rail authorities would be fully consulted in the future

Future Planning Applications

Iwan Hughes, Area Planning Manager and Claire Coombs, Planning Development Manager highlighted the Council's new processes for the administration of planning applications through two planning boards that meet in the three Civic Centres of Chester, Ellesmere Port and Winsford.

There are a number of recent and current planning applications that residents and communities may be interested in such as re-developments at Sir John Dean's College, Mid-Cheshire College and Hartford Grange. In addition future planning applications are expected for extra care housing in Kingsmead, Winnington Urban Village and the aforementioned Connect2Northwich project.

The views of local residents, community groups, town and parish councils are welcomed on all planning applications and if you would like further information please contact via email either iwan.hughes@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk or claire.coombs@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

It's good to talk...

... where the annual floral displays are
... centre do not appear to have been planted
this year.

... & Chester confirmed that all troughs had been
planted ... maintained throughout the summer

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The next meeting

The Community Forum will meet at least four times per year. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 29th September 2009 at 7.00pm in Moulton Verdin Working Mens' Club, Moulton. Topics for discussion will be Children's & Young People and Roads and Highways Maintenance.

Possible Topics for future meetings

- Northwich Vision
- Health Facilities and the Primary Care Trust
- Members Budgets

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