

# You said, we did

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## Northwich East, Shakerley & Marbury Feedback News

April 2010

**Welcome** to the Fourth Edition of the Northwich East, Shakerley & Marbury Community Forum Newsletter.

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

Local Residents welcomed the opportunity to find out more about issues affecting their local area at the Northwich East, Shakerley and Marbury Community Forum held on 13 April at the Memorial Hall, Northwich.

The agenda included Northwich Regal Cinema Trust, Brunner Mond Proposals, Northwich Policing Team Update, Waste PFI Contract and Weaver Valley Partnership.

The forum was pleased to welcome Northwich Regal Cinema Trust, a volunteer group developing plans to re-open the cinema as a multi use venue largely operated by volunteers. The trust is made up of volunteer trustees and has over 4,000 supporters on their facebook page. To date the group have carried out an extensive consultation along with a business plan highlighting their vision for the cinema. A Listing application has been made to English Heritage and the group are now a registered company.

## Question and Answers

**Question:** How much will this all cost?

**Answer:** The building is currently on sale for £1 million.

**Question:** Does the proposal involve both the Regal 1 and Regal 2 screens?

**Answer:** Yes, both cinemas will be redeveloped. The plan is to have Regal 2 open initially, with Regal 1 as an ongoing project.

**Question:** What are the timescales for the regal cinema project?

**Answer:** There are no clear timescales at the moment. The first priority is to make sure the building is safe.

**Question:** Have you looked at any similar projects?

**Answer:** Yes, as a group we have looked at similar projects and accept any offers of help in developing the project.

**Question:** The Electric in Birmingham is a similar project to the one you propose for the redevelopment of the Regal. Are you looking at something similar?

**Answer:** Yes, this project is something that the trust can look at.



# Northwich Vision – Baron's Quay

Developer Agreement until May 2012

Ongoing talks with Wilson Bowden

Project Manager post

Transport Infrastructure – key junction, more detailed work

Key site development – feasibility studies for other sites – Warrington Road and Civic areas

## Riversdale Bridge

Contractor selected

Start on site – April 12th

Hunts Lock – Option

Linked footpaths – summer 2010

## Northwich Clean Up

Waterside

Car Park

Station

The regeneration of Northwich, Winsford and Middlewich and the surrounding rural areas are the primary aim of Weaver Valley Programme, along with the successful delivery of Northwich Vision, Winning Winsford and Middlewich Vision.

Current projects taking place within Northwich include: The Vision sites, Riversdale Bridge, Clean Up, Empty shops and local improvements, urban design strategy and public realm along with events development.

Geoff Hope-Terry, the newly appointed Chair of the Weaver Valley Partnership is looking for people to join the partnership and develop the vision of the Weaver Valley from a community perspective.

**Question:** What are the new partnerships key deliverables?

**Answer:** There are deliverables around key projects.

**Question:** Weaver Square: is this for refurbishment or maintenance?

**Answer:** The project involves the refurbishment of the building.

**Question:** I think there is a need for local businesses to be involved.

**Answer:** Both public and private sector organisations will be involved in the partnership.

**Question:** Is the traffic survey (on the junction at the bottom of Winnington Hill) going to be linked into the PFI Waste work and housing proposals for Winnington Urban Village?

**Answer:** Options and solutions with costings have been established. There is however, a need to look at contributions from all parties including Wincham Urban Village, Waste PFI, and Northwich Vision – all will have to work together. The Traffic Survey is to be completed by June 2010.

**Question:** Is there anything that can be done to stop people from feeding the pigeons in the town centre area?

**Answer:** This is to be taken back to the Environmental Health section at Cheshire West and Chester Council.

## PFI Waste Contract - Update

John Jeffrey, Head of Waste Management and Street Scene confirmed that there had been no further steps forward in the process and the Council intends to close dialogue with the two private sector bidders. It still stands that there will be a single proposal agreed by September 2010 with the deadline for planning committee being May 2010. Officers of the council are currently working on the assessments and a firm proposal will be made by the end of 2010.

**Question:** What if both Cheshire East and Cheshire West Council do not agree on the affordability of the proposed bidders?

**Answer:** Both Councils have to agree.

## UK Youth Parliament

Rose Proudfoot was introduced as one of the two newly elected Members of UK Youth Parliament for West Cheshire, whose term of office runs to the end of February 2012.

## Brunner Mond – Update

CLlr Mark Stocks provided an update on the Brunner Mond proposals. Until the end of June, the Council will make comments on the application.

**You Said:** There is a strip of land on the Brunner Mond site (Griffiths Road) at Lostock Gralam. It has been confirmed that Brunner Mond has made enquiries about buying it; which would give Brunner Mond better access to the site. How much did Cheshire County Council pay for this and how much would Cheshire West and Chester Council sell it to Brunner Mond for if they chose to go down this route? Obviously this would only be looked at being purchased if Brunner Mond got planning permission for the incinerator.

So in selling the land to Brunner Mond could this influence Cheshire West and Chester Council to water down their response to central Government in terms of the Brunner Mond proposal?

**We Did:** This will be fed back to the relevant Cheshire West and Chester Council officer for a response.

**You Said:** The application for Lostock Triangle stated that there were restricted hours. Will this be extended? Is this not going back on the initial application?

**We Did:** There was a subsequent application resulting from a technical loophole in the section 106 agreement.

## Northwich Neighbourhood Policing Unit Update

Inspector Paul Loughlin of the Neighbourhood Policing Team in Northwich gave an update on recent performance figures relating to local crime and Anti-social behaviour issues.

- There has been an overall 7% reduction in crime in comparison to 2008/09.
- The Police are now detecting 32% of crimes reported.
- Reports of ASB were high last year (about 20% higher than expected), however, significant improvements have taken place this year and now ASB reports are just 3% more than expected.
- Alcohol related ASB has reduced by 10% compared to last year and mostly relates to incidents in the Town Centre.
- There is a downward trend in assaults with lesser injuries and targets are on course to be achieved.

**Question:** Along Middlewich Road there is an issue with speeding. Can a speed trap machine be used to catch more people speeding?

**Answer:** Yes, this is something that can be achieved.

**Question:** Young people carrying knives is this an issue in Northwich?

**Answer:** This is not a common issue for this area.

## Your Six “Community Champions”



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## 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 Drumber, Winsford CW7 1AH

**e-mail:** [fiona.dunning@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:fiona.dunning@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

### The next meeting

The next Forum will be held at the Memorial Hall, Northwich on **Wednesday 7 July 2010, main meeting starts at 7:00pm, with Community Safety Surgery at 6:30pm.**

### Meetings dates 2010 - 2011

Wednesday 7 July 2010

Thursday 7 October 2010

Wednesday 5 January 2011

Thursday 7 April 2011

### 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.

### Contacts

Area Manager: 01606 867490

Member Budgets: 01606 867660

Community Safety Wardens:  
0300 123 7033

Cheshire Police: 0845 4580000  
(Non urgent calls)

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Drugs Line: 0800 854181

Home Watch: 01606 49000

**All Services: 0300 123 8 123**

### Weaver Valley Partnership

Catherine Fox, Special Projects Team Leader at Cheshire West and Chester Council gave an overview of the four key areas of focus for the Weaver Valley Partnership:

Northwich Vision  
Winning Winsford  
Weaver Valley Regional Park  
Middlewich Vision

The Council are still committed to the Northwich Vision and are looking at better quality retailers for the area.

### Accessing Cheshire West and Chester Council information and services

Council information is also available in Audio, Braille and Large Print formats. If you would like a copy in any of these formats or in another language, please email us at [equalities@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

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