

## Community Forum Meeting

**DATE:** 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017

**TIME** 09.00



**PRESENT:** M. RATHORE (BCHS) H. PATEL (BCHS) D. ESTILL (WESTBURY GARDENS UNITED REFORMED CHURCH) K. LAMSTER (BWD ESO) J. CARNE (BWD YOUTH JUSTICE)  
A. GIBBONS (PREVENT) CLLR A. HUMPHRYS (BWD BC WARD)

Item	Discussion	Further Action by whom
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	M Rathore, Community Lead for BCHS, welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared the minutes of the last meeting. Introductions were made. The minutes from the last meeting were agreed (apart from the date which has now been amended)	
<b>Updates of Previous Events</b>	Cllr Humphrys told the meeting about a successful “clean up” day on Romney Walk on Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April . Approximately 15 children from local schools helped to collect about 30 bags of rubbish. There will be another clean up in different areas for the next three consecutive Saturdays at Delph Lane, Shadsworth and Whitebirk Estate. We are trying to encourage children to take pride in their local area and gain an understanding of the impact of litter on the environment and the effect on wildlife. A grant has been given to Intack school by The Big Local, to encourage these clean-up activities. There is money for Community activities and Cllr Humphrys is pushing for it to be allocated to a variety of Community Groups. MRA and HPA queried how we could access these grants and Cllr Humphrys agreed to pass on details to Mo.  A BCBS student represented us in the Peace Charter. This went really well and was an emotional event.	
<b>Upcoming Community Events</b>	Ramadam is approaching and A. Gibbons shared some information regarding Charities. MRA asked if the documents could be shared electronically so we can put it on the website.  Victim Support has a service for young people called NEST and J. Carne is waiting for some up to date information which she will bring to the next meeting. MRA asked J. Carne if she could email up to date information.  K. Lamster shared information about young person’s employment. Leaflets include one for young people, parents, employers etc. Young people will need a licence before they can be employed. This is a legal requirement and is for their protection.  D. Estill advised that on 22 <sup>nd</sup> May there will be a talk on child poverty called “It’s a Poor Do”. This will take place at St Paul’s Methodist Church 12.00 – 4.30. People can call in at any time. MRA asked for the information to be shared electronically.	A. Gibbons  J. Carne  D. Estill.

	<p>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May is the Desi Dinner. The summer Bazaar is coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. All profits from these events will go to the enrichment fund. This fund supports children facing difficult circumstances.</p> <p>Quiz Night at Kebabish on 11<sup>th</sup> May. This is a bi-annual event and everyone is welcome to come along and join the fun. Funds raised from these events support 2 local charities Alimdad and Food Bank. We also support Maundy Relief at Christmas.</p>	
<p><b>AOB</b></p>	<p>Cllr Humphrys advised the meeting that there had been an increase in young children using legal highs. The shop where they are being purchased has been identified but they are not kept at the shop, they are kept at the shopkeepers place of residence. This means we will have to obtain a court order to seize them. Cllr Humphrys said it was very important that children are made aware that the ones on the market at the moment are killers. A Gibbons told us she has some information leaflets which she will send out to us.</p> <p>He also advised that a lot of young girls are coming from abroad and being dragged into prostitution. Arrests have taken place of some Polish and Romanian people from houses on Whitebirk Rd. We need to be aware that this is happening. Cllr Humphrys said work is being done with some Asian Ladies on drugs and alcohol abuse. MRA asked if we could run a workshop in school and the members agreed that this could be facilitated maybe through Early Action. J. Carne advised that "Go To" run workshops and agreed to send details to MRA. MRA to contact Seppo Murphy.</p> <p>A. Gibbons shared information about street beggars. They are dealt with by local teams and get moved around but eventually they end up with an ASBO. Support and help is offered but it is up to them as to whether they engage.</p> <p>Litter picking at Westbury Gardens seems to be a never ending event. Cllr Humphrys agreed and said East Blackburn is a massive problem.</p> <p>Use of Shadsworth Community Hall for after school learning. Current staff are not trained to do it and there has been some enquiries about using teachers. MRA asked if this information could be emailed to her and she can pass it on to the relevant people.</p>	<p>A. Gibbons</p> <p>J. Carne</p> <p>Cllr Humphrys</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017</p>	