

You said, we did

....your local voice

Goway and Eddisbury Feedback News

November 2009

Welcome

Welcome to the second edition of the Goway and Eddisbury Community Forum Newsletter.

This newsletter gives you an update on items discussed at the Forum meeting held on 30th September 2009.

Role of Your Community Forum

Cheshire West and Chester has been split into five areas, each with an Area Team to develop and implement effective area and neighbourhood working. Goway and Eddisbury is one of three Community Forums falling within Winsford and Rural East. Community Forums have been set up to increase resident involvement and engagement in identifying and delivering improved services for the local community.

Community Forums provide residents with the opportunity to find out more about how Cheshire West and Chester Council will be working locally and what priorities are being focussed on for action. They also provide a forum for local residents, parish councils and community groups to raise concerns with their local councillors and work together to deliver sustainable solutions within the area

Community Forum Update

At the meeting on 30th September, Ewan McHenry, Area Manager at Cheshire West & Chester Council, gave a brief update on the following issues of concern which had been raised by residents at the first Community Forum in July:

- **Traffic problems in rural areas, including speeding vehicles, speed limits, issue of rat runs. Outcome of a recent speed limit review by the Council to be considered at a future meeting.**
- **Litter problems in Kelsall. Education awareness sessions had been arranged in local schools.**
- **Tarvin Community Centre. Problems regarding the term of the lease and Council representation on the management committee were still to be resolved, and were being addressed**

Consultation Role

Community Forums can be utilised as a mechanism for both keeping communities informed and facilitating consultation on those strategies and plans that the Council are required to produce.

Look out for the following major strategies, to be presented at the next Community Forum :

- **Local Transport Plan**
- **Local Development Framework**
- **Sustainable Communities Strategy**

Rural Neighbourhood Police Unit - Update

Inspector Phil Hodgson highlighted some of the main areas of local police activity in recent months.

Speeding traffic was an on-going area of concern, requiring constant police vigilance.

There had been an increase in the number of sizeable cannabis farms in the area and the detection of which required significant police resources. Residents were asked to be vigilant and to report any suspicious situations to the police, to assist them in this matter.

The increasing pressure on police resources meant that they were looking at innovative ways of improving their interaction with the community. For example, police surgeries were to be provided alongside mobile library services in rural communities.

Inspector Hodgson informed the Forum that the volume of reported crime in the local area was lower than average. Residents were therefore being urged to report any incidents or situations giving rise to concern, using either of the following contacts –

- **Police Hotline 0845 458 0000**
- **Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111**

Community Action Update

Cheshire Community Action, in collaboration with the Police and Cheshire West and Chester Council's Highways Officers are assisting local communities to tackle problems of speeding traffic in both rural and urban areas, using Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). It is hoped that, eventually, villages taking this approach to speeding traffic, will have a 'Community Speedwatch Area' sign at the entrance to the village.

Rural Passenger Transport

Gerry Rhodes, Transport Network Manager at Cheshire West and Chester Council, gave an overview of public transport services in the area, and highlighted recent developments.

Following a review of bus services, there have been a number of service improvements, involving some innovative changes.

Two new bus services have been launched, linking Utkinton, Eaton, Cotebrook and Little Budworth with Northwich on Wednesdays and Fridays. The Wednesday service operates via Winsford and the Friday service via Whitegate.

A new shuttle bus service, introduced recently between Stamford Bridge, Great Barrow, Ashton Hayes, Tarvin and Chester, is already proving popular. This service operates three days a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and, from mid-November, will comprise two return trips each day. To use the service, residents need to register as a user with the Integrated Transport Service by completing a simple application form and, once registered, book their transport in advance. For more information, please telephone 01244 973039.

The Community Forums may be used to disseminate information about new bus services, however, if you want any information about the services in your area, please contact the Traveline on telephone number 0871 200 22 33

Question Time

Question: What can be done about youths causing anti-social behaviour on Cuddington playing fields at night at the time of the end of school summer examinations?

Answer: Police to consider the provision of additional resources at this location, particularly on specific dates marking the end of summer exams.

You said.... There is an unrestricted speed sign close to a dangerous bend on the Weaverham Road on the outskirts of Cuddington

We did.... Cheshire West and Chester Council's Highways team to look at the provision of appropriate signage at this location

Question: What are Cheshire West and Chester Council doing to ensure the proper representation of the interests of those residents who live in Cheshire West, but who receive their health care services from Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust (PCT)?

Answer: Links are in existence through the Area Partnership Board. Contact Officers have now been established within the Adult Social Care and Health Team

You said.... concern amongst local residents about a planning application for affordable housing at Delamere, and uncertainty about how the local community could influence the outcome of the application

We did.... Cheshire West and Chester Council's Planning Services to make a presentation to the next meeting on how the public can engage in the planning process

You said.... There is a need for better publicity of revised passenger transport services, such as bus services

We did.... Community Forums to be used to disseminate information such as revised bus timetables

You said.... The rail service on the Chester to Manchester line through Cuddington is very poor in terms of journey time, fares, rolling stock and driver reliability

We did.... Cheshire West and Chester Council's Rail Officer to be asked to make representations to the relevant rail company for improved services

It's good to talk...

You Said: The local public footpaths in Cuddington are in urgent need of maintenance

We did: Cheshire West and Chester Council's Public Rights of Way Team to look at maintenance issues on the footpaths highlighted

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Future meeting

Tuesday 24 November 2009 –
Kelsall Community Centre,
starting at 7pm.

Possible Topics for future meetings

- Planning Applications
- Consultation on the following Cheshire West and Chester Council Strategies: Local Development Framework, Local Transport Plan, Sustainable Communities Strategy.

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