



**Note of the meeting of the Chew Valley Area Forum
held on Thursday, 12th February, 2015
in The Wellsway - Harptree Hill, West Harptree, BS40 6EJ**

Meeting Attendance

Rodney Douglas Andrews	Chew Magna Parish Council
Chris Head	West of England Rural Network
John A Harvey	Stanton Drew Parish Council
Judith Chubb-Whittle	Stanton Drew Parish Council
Richard Curry	Chair, Chew Valley Area Forum
John Weiss	Ubley Parish Council
Justin Hobbs	Avon Fire and Rescue
Denise Perrin	WERN Village Agents
Cllr Dr Alex Palmer	Compton Martin Parish Council
Jane Griffiths	Compton Martin Parish Council Clerk
John Waldron	Norton Malreward Parish Council
Richard Ireland	West Harptree Parish Council Clerk
Nick Scholefield	Chew Magna Parish Council
Tony Heaford	Publow with Pensford parish Council
Tricia Dyke	Resident
Chris Brookes	Bishop Sutton Resident
Robert Lovegrove	Chew Valley Resident
Dr Chris Lewis	Bishop Sutton Resident
Councillor Paul Crossley	Leader of Bath & North East Somerset Council
Sara Dixon	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Mark Hayward	Bath & North East Somerset Council

1. Welcome and Introduction

1.1 Richard Curry (Chair) opened the meeting with the following statement.

Welcome to the Chew Valley Area Forum particularly to those people who have not previously attended.

The aim of the Forum is to improve collaboration and engagement between all public sector organisations, voluntary sector and the local community.

The first part of the meeting, 'Ask the Forum' is an informal open session where members of the public and forum members are invited to ask questions. We would like to encourage

questions that have a wider relevance to the Chew Valley area and not specific to an individual or household. Please report these individual issues to the relevant organisation or speak to one of the officers from the Council, Police etc. during the tea break.

This session will last no longer than 1 hour. The second part of the meeting is more formal and includes a presentation and workshop with the CCG on their current review of out of hospital care provision. Members of the public were invited to stay for the second part if they wish.

2. Ask the Forum

2.1 Outstanding questions from the last meeting

2.1.1 Speedwatch was confirmed as being back in operation, Mike Rich is the contact for the scheme, and he is based in Radstock Police Station.

2.1.2 Information was shared explaining that the speed camera in Saltford has now been brought back into use.

2.1.3 Sergeant Will Stephens agreed that he will be reporting back at a future meeting regarding the weekend cycling events that have been taking place in the Chew Valley.

2.2 Question asked by Chris Lewis – When searching the B&NES website the return that is provided does not provide a great deal of clear direction, is there more that could be done to improve this?

Answer: The Council have recently employed an officer that covers the broadband issues, it was hoped he would attend this meeting but has needed to postpone until a future meeting. There is a presentation that will be taking place on 23 February 2015 at the Parish Liaison Forum, information can be shared to this group at the next meeting.

2.3 The police provided an update to the meeting by providing information and crime figures that relate to The Chew Valley Area.

2.3.1 Denise Perrin asked about a forum that used to be held in Bath that looked at specific crime issues, the effect was that crimes would drop off after such meetings took place this appears to have stopped. There are certain members of the elderly community that seem to attract crimes such as distraction burglaries and door knocker incidents. The request was made for advice and materials that could be shared across the village agent network, there is a certain aspect around older people not have a correct understanding of when to use the 999 and 101 numbers.

The police explained that with the issue of door-to-door sellers the individuals are well organised. These people do require a licence to be selling, when somebody is in the act of committing an offence the police should be contact using the 999 service. The police also have an offer to attend meetings to provide advice to groups of people.

2.3.2 The issue was raised regarding “boy-racers” on a private car park on the A368 near the garage near Ubley especially on Saturday evenings.
When reporting incidents to the police it would help if number plates are provided.

2.3.3 Community Speedwatch is provided by requests that are submitted from residents and is included as locations on a route plan.

2.4 Chris Head provided an update on the business voucher scheme that is being run with the Chew Valley Gazette. A press release will be run shortly.

2.5 Justin Hobbs provided an update from The Fire and Rescue Service.

- There is a free smoke detector service for vulnerable people that is available through the services website.
- There is to be a period of industrial action that will take place in the coming weeks, dates are yet to be announced. The impact will see both employed and retained personal involved although there is an expectation that a level of critical cover will be maintained.
- Chew Magna Fire Station is to be used as a base for the flood defence workers.

2.5.1 It was explained that the Village agents can arrange for home safety visits that are a complete room by room assessment of a property. This is presently carrying out by Care & Repair who provide a top to toe inspection with the residents. These inspections tie into the Police and Fire Service.

2.6 Councillor Paul Crossley spoke about the upcoming budget setting arrangement that B&NES Council are soon to undertake on Wednesday 18th February following agreement by Cabinet.

- This will be the fifth year in a row that there will be a zero percent increase in the Council Tax.
- There are development plans across the whole of B&NES.
- There are no additional cuts that have not been announced in previous budgets.
- The passing of the budget down to support from other parties as the Liberal Democrats run the Council with a minority number of seats.
- B&NES are moving to pay their staff at a level that sits above the minimum wage.
- The Connecting Families programme is a top performer in the Country. Chew valley does have a small number included in this programme.
- Notices of amendments from other parties do not include any significant change requests.

3. Apologies and notes of the last meeting

3.1 Apologies were recorded for Peter Duppa-Miller; Rod Podger – Chew Valley Chamber of Commerce; Cllr Tim Warren – Elected Member; Cllr Liz Richardson – Elected Member; Cllr Vic Pritchard – Elected Member and Kate Atkinson, Cameley Parish council

3.2 The notes from the last meeting of the forum were agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters arising

4.1 The points previously raised about the diversions that B&NES set up in The Chew Valley were discussed again. Sara Dixon has requested that Highways provide advanced information that consult about works and also provide the schedule of when works will take place. The aim is for this information to be shared with this forum.

5. Your Care, Your Way: Let's plan community services together

5.1 Jane Shayler provided an introduction that explained that the reason for the attendance at this meeting was to collect the issues from the communities to help shape the commissioning of future (outside of hospitals) health provision. New services need to be in place by April 2017, as the planning moves along an update will be provided to this forum at a later date.

5.2 The present position for commissioned service is that there are between 350 and 400 different services that are provided by 80 different providers. With the help of communities input there is an aim of promoting wellbeing and building both capacity and capability locally.

5.3 Summary of issues highlighted in the workshop groups

- How effective are our defibrillators – do they need upgrading and more training given on new equipment
- Impact of Fuel poverty
- Access to Transport
- Access to information – broadband issues effecting tele-care and tele-health
- Clear signposting and information
- Directory of services/community facilities available
- Seamless care
- Streamline services by having less providers to make it easy for referrals
- Integration of services across different areas
- Groups of GP Surgeries working together potentially bringing in consultants for minor ops
- Protect and ensure continuity of care
- Better understanding of rural issues
- Tapping into the local workforce and local solutions
- Issues of social isolation for children and young people
- Carers – when carers are not family members they are not kept informed of any changes need to recognise that carers are not always a relative.
- Access to prevention and early intervention locally
- Access to minor operations.
- Supporting people to be more active – link between schools and public health
- Utilise volunteer networks – not to stretch them, help brokerage opportunity

6. Future Agenda Items

6.1 A document called “Draft Agenda Planning” was included in the agenda pack that outlined topics for future forum discussions. Members of the Forum were asked to send any additions or comments on this to Sara Dixon.

7. Dates of future meetings

Due to the period that takes place in the run up to the forthcoming elections (known as purdah), there are no further dates set at this time. Dates will be circulated for addition meetings; these dates will be from June 2015 onwards.