



**Meeting**      **Chew Valley Area Forum**

**Date**        **Thursday, 24th May, 2018**

**Time**        **6.00 - 8.00 pm**

**Venue**        **Chew Valley Secondary School - Chew Magna**

	Subject		
1.	<b>Welcome from the Chair, Chris Head</b>		
2.	<b>Notes of the 26th February meeting and matters arising</b>		
3.	<b>Update from the Police</b>		10 mins
4.	<b>Community Showcase - Health and Wellbeing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New facilities at Pensford Play area Laura Baxter, Pensford Memorial Committee</li> <li>Plans for the recreational ground and play facilities in Bishop Sutton Cllr Heather Clewett, Stowey Sutton Parish Council</li> </ul>		20 mins
5.	<b>Bristol Airport expansion</b>  next steps towards preparing a new MasterPlan James Shearman (Head of Sustainability) and Oli Melzack (Public Affairs Executive)		15 mins
6.	<b>Health and Wellbeing services in the Chew Valley</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambulance Community First Responders, Alex Easton</li> <li>Wellness Wednesday – Village Agents – WERN</li> <li>Chew Valley Recreational Trail - Sarah Jackson, B&amp;NES Council</li> </ul>		50 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age UK services – Janet Dabbs, Chief Executive</li> <li>• Fit for Life Strategy – Marc Higgins, B&amp;NES Council</li> </ul>		
<b>7.</b>	<b>Any other business</b>		

**Date of Future Meeting:**

Monday, 23 July 2018

Chew Valley Secondary School - Chew Magna

## Draft Notes of the Chew Valley Area Forum

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 6.00pm

*The Library, Chew Valley Secondary School*

### Present

Name	Organisation Represented
Chris Head	Chair, West of England Rural Network (WERN)
Cllr Tony Heaford	Vice Chair, Publow with Pensford PC
Jane Griffiths	Clerk, Compton Martin Parish Council
Cllr Pam Carver	East Harptree Parish Council
Cllr Phil Collins	Ubley Parish Council
Cllr Rodney Andrews	Chew Valley Parish Council
Mark Dury	Whitchurch Parish Council
Julie Bragg	Clerk to Publow with Pensford Parish Council, Norton Malreward and Village Agent
Cllr Janette Stephenson	Publow with Pensford Parish Council
John Harvey	Clerk, Stanton Drew Parish Council
Rosemary Naish	Clutton Parish Council
Cllr Nick Baker	Chew Stoke Parish Council
Cllr Heather Clewett	Stowey Sutton Parish Council
Cllr Richard Ireland	West Harptree Parish Council
Hilary Collins	Clerk to Ubley Parish Council
Anna Wheeler	Bath College Adult Community Learning
Cllr Tony Hooper	Cameley Parish Council
Cllr Vic Pritchard	B&NES Council, Cabinet Member and Ward Councillor
Cllr Liz Richardson	B&NES Council and Ward Councillor
Mike Bowden	Forum Sponsor, B&NES Strategic Director
PC James Evans	Avon and Somerset Constabulary
Sarah Williams	SWAN Advice
Chris Lewis	Resident and GP at St Mary's Surgery Timsbury
Sally Calverley	Resident
Eldin Fahmy	Resident
Marie Campbell	Resident
Jonny Blake	Resident
Mari Martin	Resident
Mike Adrian	Resident
Helen Stocknell	Resident
Liz Hine	Resident
Cllr Paul Myers	B&NES Cabinet Member
Sara Dixon	Locality Manager, Communities Team (B&NES )
Louise Davidson	Team Leader, B&NES Housing Team
Steve Watson	Affordable Housing Adviser, Wessex Community Land Trust
Jamie Tutton	Assertive Outreach Worker, Julian House
Rowan Wootton	Operations Director, Julian House

**Apologies:** Chris Craig, Janet Ward, Cllr Tim Warren, Helen Harris, Chew Medical Practice  
PC Gemma Ludlow, Andy Ward, Hilary Burn, Sarah Oughton, SWAN Transport, Cllr Karen Warrington,  
Denise Perrin, WERN, Village Agents, Lynne Easton, Melanie Hodgson, PC Gemma Lindow

	Ordinary meeting	Action
1.	<b>Welcome from the Chair of the Forum</b>	
1.1	Chris Head the Chair welcomed those present and roundtable introductions were made. Apologies were noted.	

1.2	CH explained the purpose of the Forum was to act as a conduit for discussion across a wide interest and geographical area. There is currently six Forums working across the district all working in slightly different ways. However there are opportunities for the Chairs of each Forum to meet quarterly to discuss common issues and the agenda forward plan.	
1.3	For more information about all the Forums:- <a href="http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/neighbourhoods-and-community-safety/localism-and-community-planning">http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/neighbourhoods-and-community-safety/localism-and-community-planning</a>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes from the previous meeting and matters arising</b>	
2.1	The notes of the meeting were agreed as an accurate record.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
3.1	<b>Local Police Matters – PC James Evans</b>	
3.1.1	PC James Evans attended the meeting in the absence of PC Gemma Lindow. James provided an update an activity since the last meeting and referred to the repot which was made available at the meeting (see appendix 1).	
3.1.2	James commented that burglaries had increased across the whole area due to a number of travelling criminals.	
3.1.3	He mentioned that the Beat team were interested in starting a Chew Valley Community Speed Watch Scheme, as they were aware that there are areas within Chew Valley where speeding is an issue. If anyone was interested to contact Gemma – contact details in Appendix 1.	
3.1.4	A comment was made about whether vehicular collisions were reported. James responded and confirmed that only accidents were there has been an injury are reported.	
3.1.5	There were a number of arson attacks in Clutton. Would this be part of the figures presented? ACTION: PC James Evans to check the reporting figures.	
3.1.6	Chris thanked James for attending the meeting. He mentioned that Sue Mountstevens the Police and Crime Commissioner would be attending the Forum meeting in September to talk about the strategic policing plans.	
3.1.7	Chris reminded attendees to note the contact details (email and mobile) of the PCs and PCSOs.	
3.1.8	NOTE: You can also report non emergencies via the on-line reporting system <a href="https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/contact-us/report-a-crime-or-incident/report-a-crime-online/#/">https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/contact-us/report-a-crime-or-incident/report-a-crime-online/#/</a>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Update on Community Empowerment Fund</b>	
4.1	An update was given on the Community Empowerment Fund. Overall 54 projects were funded. This was a total allocation of £83,704.50 (93% of the funds available).	
4.2	It was anticipated that the projects funded would bring in over £300,000 worth of other funding and over 4,500 volunteer hours.	

4.3	39 of the towns and parish councils applied for funding, totalling £39,704.50. 12 did not apply for funds which left £6,195.50 unspent.	
4.4	<p>A selection of the successful applications in the Chew Valley area included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chew Magna – £580 - towards countering vandalism in King George V play area through CCTV monitoring.</li> <li>• Clutton- £810 to purchase and install two litter bins at Station Park.</li> <li>• Whitchurch - £680 Removable Park Bollards at the entrance to improve safety.</li> </ul>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Community Showcase</b>	
5.1	Unfortunately Melanie Hodgson from B&NES People and Communities was unable to attend the meeting. In her absence, Sara provided a brief summary of the resources they offer.	
5.2	<a href="#">1 Big Database</a> - Bathnes supports local families with information including registered childcare, parenting support, activities and clubs, news and calendar of local events, baby and toddler groups and much more.	
5.3	<a href="#">Rainbow Resource</a> provides information about organisations, activities and services for children and young people aged 0-25 years with special educational needs, disability and those requiring additional help. This includes inclusive activities, SEND information, news and events, parenting support and much more. The Rainbow Resource card entitles holders to concessions at several local organisations.	
5.4	<a href="#">Wellbeing Options</a> provides a wealth of information for adults (or their family/carer) needing support to live a full, independent life. Wellbeing Options provides information about local activities, clubs, 'What's On' and care and support providers.	
5.5	In addition, Sara mentioned the Interagency Bulletins. These are part of a series of bulletins which share information about events, update on news, training, grants and funding programmes – you can view the latest <a href="#">here</a> . To sign up email: <a href="mailto:sara_dixon@bathnes.gov.uk">sara_dixon@bathnes.gov.uk</a>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Any other issues or updates</b>	
6.1.1	Chris referred to the project ' <b>Great Flood - Remembering the past – preparing for the future</b> ' which covers the Chew Valley and Keynsham. Funding has been awarded by Big Lottery (Awards for All) for a project officer to work across the area to bring together a series of events to mark the 50th anniversary.	
6.1.2	The project has brought up a series of issues through talking to local people. Events will include a Resilience day in Chew Magna. Details about all the events taking place can be viewed <a href="#">here</a> .	
6.2.1	<p>Chris highlighted a <b>parking issue</b> raised by a local parish and asked if other villages were experiencing similar issues. Clutton and Whitchurch were experiencing issues of informal park and ride into Bristol as the bus services along the A37 are good.</p> <p>Cllr Pritchard said that parking issues also included people parking to access the airport, parking outside of school, bad parking. There was a concern about lack</p>	

6.2.2	of enforcement particularly on double yellow lines. The group felt that this issue would continue.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Theme: Affordable Housing</b>	
7.1	Chris introduced the agenda item and welcomed all the speakers to the meeting. The discussion will offer a wide spectrum of housing issues affecting rural communities including data on local housing needs, services provided by Julian House and examples of affordable housing solutions delivered by Wessex Community Land Trust.	
7.2	Louise Davidson, B&NES Housing Team, gave an overview to affordable housing need in the Chew Valley. She explained the challenges for local people: house prices in the Chew Valley were exceptionally high; not many properties were available on the open market; there was not much development and; rental sector prices were high.	
7.2.1	<p><u>Examples given from Rightmove (26.2.18)</u></p> <p>Average 2 bed house £307,000, average 3 bed house £495,000, lowest value 2 bed home in Pensford £239,000 – this would require a 10% deposit of £24,000 and an income of £60,000.</p> <p>Rental market – West Haptree £775 per month – would require an income of £26,500. Bishop Sutton £950 per month – income £32,500. Based on 2 bed house.</p>	
7.2.2	Louise exemplified the Rural housing test. This was a 2 stage test, firstly whether they were eligible to go onto Homesearch and secondly did they have a local connection. She explained that not many local authorities allowed to prioritise people with a local connection. Homesearch was available to people who were in employment and they too would also have an opportunity to bid on properties.	
7.2.3	For more information see the presentation: <u>Who is in Affordable Housing need?</u> – Contact details: Louise Davidson, B&NES Housing Team, email: <a href="mailto:Louise_Davidson@bathnes.gov.uk">Louise_Davidson@bathnes.gov.uk</a>	
7.3	Chris welcomed Jamie and Rowan to the meeting. Jamie explained the role of Julian House and the specific issue of ‘Sofa Surfing’ affecting many local people.	
7.3.1	There was very little data on the numbers of people ‘Sofa Surfing’ it was a hidden issue. It particularly affects people aged 18-25 possibly going through a relationship breakdown. They have no rights as there is no tenancy agreement however they are technically eligible to homeless services.	
7.3.2	Julian House offers a night shelter and outreach work for people who are homeless. They work closely with DHI and have a joint outreach worker. There is a specialist female outreach worker. Their team get involved in the annual street count in November. This is easier in Bath but they have more difficulties out in the parishes.	
7.3.3	To notify the service of someone who is homeless, sofa surfing or at risk referrals can be made to: Street Link - <a href="https://www.streetlink.org.uk/">https://www.streetlink.org.uk/</a> .	
7.3.4	Julian House operates a severe weather policy and opens its doors and offers 30 beds during the colder weather. The service doesn’t turn anyone away. They offer hot meals and drinks throughout the night. <u>Severe Weather Extra</u>	

	<p><u>Provision (SWEP) policy at their night shelter on Manvers Street. Contact details: Jamie Tutton, Assertive Outreach Worker, Julian House, Manvers St, Bath, BA1 1JW, Tel: 01225 311991, E-Mail <a href="mailto:jamiet@julianhouse.org.uk">jamiet@julianhouse.org.uk</a></u></p>	
7.5	Chris welcomed Steve Watson to the meeting.	
7.5.1	Steve Watson from Wessex Community Land Trust showed a film produced by Countryfile on Toller Porcorum CLT's project. This was a joint project with Aster Homes, supported by the HCA, West Dorset and Wessex Community Land Trust. You can view the film on their website. Here is the <a href="#">link</a> .	
7.5.2	Steve explained what a Community Land Trust (WCLT) is able to achieve. Set up in 2010, WCLT has delivered 37 projects completed or in progress across Somerset, Devon and Dorset. Steve ran through a number of schemes the Trust has delivered.	
7.5.3	To view the presentation given <a href="#">Wessex Community Land Trust</a> . Contact details: Steve Watson, Affordable Housing Adviser email: <a href="mailto:steve.watson@wessexca.co.uk">steve.watson@wessexca.co.uk</a>	
7.6	<p>Chris thanked all the speakers and opened up the discussion to the group.</p> <p>Q - In East Harptree we have affordable homes available to let over what period is the local test applied?</p> <p>A – These houses will be made available through Homesearch. People would have to bid for the properties. It would take several weeks.</p> <p>Q - How are the rental levels set?</p> <p>A – Most social housing stock is set by government – based on 60% of market rent.</p> <p>Q – How many people are there on Homesearch in the Chew Valley?</p> <p>A – 132 with a first preference of home ownership. 46% of housing need is single occupancy.</p> <p>Q – How does the WCLT get funded?</p> <p>A – Grant funding, some through local authorities. We recover our costs from projects.</p> <p>Q – Does the WCLT work in the B&amp;NES area?</p> <p>A – Currently we do not have the capacity.</p>	
7.7	Chris Lewis, GP from Timsbury surgery commented that the GPs are always signposting to services and he was unaware that Julian House service could extend to support some of his patients. He said the presentations were extremely helpful.	
7.8	Chris thanked all the speakers and the group for an interesting discussion.	
8.	<b>Any other business</b>	
8.1	There was none.	

<b>9.</b>	<b>Date of future meetings</b>	
9.1	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Theme Health and Wellbeing. Invited speakers: Age UK, Wellness Wednesday, Fit for Life Strategy. Community Showcase – Stowey Sutton and Pensford play facilities projects, Ambulance Community First Responders.	
9.2	23 <sup>rd</sup> July – confirmed speaker Sue Mountstevens. Also invited the B&NES Community Resilience / Emergency Planning team. Possible invite Flood Wardens as part of Community Showcase.	
9.3	24 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	
9.4	26 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 - Council Budget & AGM	



## **Police Report for Chew Valley Connecting Communities Meeting** **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

### Crime figure comparison for Chew Valley

<b>Offence</b>	<b>05/12/2017 – 20/02/2018</b>	<b>05/12/2016 – 20/02/2017</b>
Theft and handling	9	12
Dwelling/non-dwelling burglary	6 (3/3)	10 (3/7)
Violence against the person	14	19
Criminal damage	6	2
Arson	0	0
Robbery	0	1
Drugs	0	0

The crime statistics above are for the period since the last Connecting Communities meeting. A comparison with the same time period in 2016/2017 has been provided.

### **Theft and handling offences**

This includes 4 thefts from vehicles and 2 unauthorised taking of vehicle.

### **Dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries**

Out of the 3 dwelling burglaries during this period, a possible suspect has been identified for one and the investigation is ongoing.

### **Violence against the person offences**

This category includes offences from low level public order (shouting and swearing), physical assaults (usually minor), neighbourhood issues, ASB, domestic incidents and road rage incidents.

### **Drugs**

There have been very few identified issues with drugs in the last couple of years. It is hoped that this is due to the fact that there are few drugs issues in the area but may also be linked to the strain on resources and the fact that there are less opportunities for proactive patrols.

Local police are aware of the issues with NOS use and are patrolling the areas where young people are likely to gather to use this.

### **Summary**

We are working hard to maintain a visible police presence in the Chew Valley and surrounding areas. We continue to encourage members of the community to contact their Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators or the police to report any suspicious activity. We rely on intelligence and information from those around us to assist in keeping our communities safe.

### **Other news from the beat**

We are interested in starting a Chew Valley Community Speed Watch Scheme, as we are aware that there are areas within Chew Valley where speeding is an issue. We hope to gather a large group of volunteers to assist with watches throughout the area. The hope is that with a large group of volunteers, we will be able to maintain a regular watch and we can provide a large community effort across the whole Valley and not just individual villages. If anyone is interested, please contact PC 4343 Gemma LINDOW.

### **Beat Officers for Chew Valley and surrounding areas**

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For all emergencies call 999.