

Draft Notes of the
Keynsham Area Forum
 7th April 2016 at 6pm
 Cadbury Room, Somerdale Pavilion, Keynsham

Present

Name	Organisation Represented
Cllr Alan Hale	(Chair) B&NES Councillor
Adrian Inker	(Vice Chair) Community @ 67
Cllr Brian Simmons	B&NES Councillor and Keynsham Town Council
Sheila Crocombe	Keynsham Area Network
Margaret Wilson	Churches Together Keynsham & Saltford
Brian Wilson	Ramblers Association
Roger Busby	Keynsham Civic Society
Cllr Susan Charles	Corston Parish Council
Gill Hellier	Keynsham Civic Society
Cllr Clive Fricker	Keynsham Town Council
Kathleen Houland	Keynsham Action Network
Cllr Philippa Paget	Keynsham Chamber of Commerce and Compton Dando Parish Council
Alison Jordan	Community Manager, Somerdale Pavilion
Patrick Shanahan	Somerdale Pavilion
Cllr Dawn Drury	Compton Dando Parish Council
Denise James	Keynsham in Bloom
Martin Burton	Community @ 67
Cllr Lisa O'Brien	B&NES Councillor and Chair Keynsham Town Council
Cllr Charles Gerrish	B&NES Councillor and Cabinet Member Finance and Efficiency
Cllr Martin Veal	B&NES Cabinet Member for Community Services
Chris Essex	Saltford Community Association
Duncan Hounsell	Saltford Parish Council
Chris Hounsell	Saltford Business Network
Trisha Williams	Butterflies Haven
Daniella Marie Philips	Butterflies Haven
Cllr Neil Dowdney	Marksbury Parish Council
Cllr Sally Davis	B&NES Councillor (Farmborough)
PC James Evans	Avon and Somerset Police
Erica Davis	Keynsham Wombles
Tony Mitchell	Keynsham Wombles
Officers	
Louise Fradd	B&NES, Strategic Director for Place
Sara Dixon	B&NES, Strategy & Performance
Sara Banks	B&NES, Strategy & Performance

Informal Open Public Session

		Action
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
1.1	The Chair, Alan Hale welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
1.2	Alan mentioned to the attendees the open event re: Keynsham	

	Neighbourhood Plan – Big Neighbourhood launch on Friday 8 th April 1pm to 8pm and Saturday 9 th April from 9am to 1pm, in the Community Space, in the One Stop Shop. Flyers were distributed.	
1.3	A slight re-ordering of the agenda, the update from the Police would be taken first before the Community Showcase.	
2.	Update on Local Policing –	
2.1	The Chair invited PC James Evans Keynsham's Community Beat Manager, Avon and Somerset Police to update the group	
2.2	James referred to some technical difficulties regarding the recording of crime stats. Therefore it was not useful to share any stats at the meeting. He hoped this would be resolved soon. <i>For information: Police monthly crime stats for Forum area:</i> <i>https://www.police.uk/avon-and-somerset/CS219/crime/+ALxggT/</i>	
2.3	James mentioned there were a number of issues he wanted to highlight: an increase in burglaries; anti-social behaviour; graffiti; and overnight car crime particularly tools from left in vehicles overnight. There have been a number of crimes not reported. He urged members of the group to report crime and encourage others to do so.	
2.4	Cllr Gerrish referred to the car park behind St John's Church which has become an area for anti-social behaviour and some illegal activity, possibly drug taking. James confirmed that this area was regularly patrolled by the Police.	
2.5	Cllr Drury asked if there was anything the Police could do to discourage HGVs from using the lanes around Compton Dando as one lorry recently got stuck. The reason the HGV's use the lanes is because the driver's Sat Nav shows it as the quickest route. Do the Police have any influence over the companies making the Sat Nav's so they can be encouraged to leave the route off?	
2.5.1	It was recommended the Parish Council should contact the Department of Transport.	DD
2.6	It was noted that there have been police cars parking in the loading bays in Keynsham. James said he would raise this with his colleagues but it is a problem if other cars are parked in the spaces reserved for the Police.	
2.7	Susan Charles from Corston Parish Council asked if she would be prosecuted if she moved A-boards obstructing the pavement to the side. James responded that he thought it would be unlikely.	
2.7.1	Cllr Veal informed the group that a press release has just gone out informing businesses that a zero tolerance policy of hazardous A-Boards is being enforced from the beginning of May.	
2.10	Denise James raised concern about cars reversing out of the loading bay in front of the Civic Centre onto a pedestrian crossing.	
2.10.1	Cllr Hale commented that single yellow lines and signage has now been installed. Louise Fradd added that the enforcement of these bays will now	

	commence. The officers will commence the enforcement with verbal warnings and then issuing parking tickets.	
2.11	Alan mentioned that a multi-agency Anti-Social behaviour group has been set up including Curo and other agencies to address anti-social behaviour across the district. A number of Councillors from Keynsham attend this meeting to report on local issues. This was as a result of issues raised at previous Forum meetings regarding an increase in Anti-social behaviour.	
2.12	Alan thanked James for attending the meeting.	
3.	Community Showcase	
3.1	Alan introduced a new part to the agenda 'The Community Showcase'. The purpose of which is to provide local community groups and organisations an opportunity to promote themselves to the Forum. The format may change, dependent upon the speakers at each meeting.	
3.2	For this meeting The Community Showcase will take the form of a series of short 10 minute presentations from local voluntary and community groups in Keynsham about their work.	
3.3	Alan introduced the first speakers Erica Davies and Tony Mitchell from Keynsham Wombles .	
3.4	<p>Keynsham Wombles are part of Transition Keynsham and was set up in 2012. They have a network of over 100 local volunteers, age range from 3 to 80 years, collecting litter on a weekly basis in an area of their choice which could be the road they live in, a local footpath etc. They also litter pick at local events. Their aim is to change people's attitude to litter and make Keynsham a litter free town.</p> <p>For more information: Keynsham Wombles - https://www.facebook.com/KeynshamWombles/ Contact: Erica Davies, email: womble@transitionkeynsham.org</p>	
3.5	<p>Alan introduced the Councillor Brian Simmons, Chair of Keynsham & District Dial A Ride.</p> <p>Keynsham and District Dial A Ride provides is a door to door fully accessible minibus service for those who cannot use conventional public transport. They also provide minibuses for hire to local organisation. The service is much more than just transport. It enables people to live independently for longer and offers a social and befriending service.</p> <p>For more information: Keynsham & District Dial a Ride - http://www.keynshamdialaride.co.uk/ Contact: Terry Hopkins, email: terrykddar@yahoo.co.uk</p>	
3.6	<p>Alan introduced the Martin Burton, Chair of Community at 67.</p> <p>A short film was shown about Community at 67. To view the film go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xxvxnHRr4E</p> <p>Community @ 67 is a local resource centre run by volunteers. It offers a</p>	

	<p>range of services including an employability programme, activities to reduce isolation and loneliness such as IT classes and social activities, veg box scheme and a drop in facility for people seeking support.</p> <p>For more information: Community at 67 - http://www.community67.org/ Contact: Martin Burton, email: mburton401@yahoo.co.uk</p>	
3.7	<p>Alan introduced the Dee James and Dawn Drury from Keynsham In Bloom.</p> <p>Their aims are to improve and regenerate the local environment, through imaginative planting of trees, shrubs, flowers and landscaping, conservation and recycling projects, and to reduce litter, graffiti and vandalism. They work with many organisations locally including Community at 67, Keynsham Wombles, Keynsham Dial a Ride to name a few. In Bloom is more than just flowers, it's about environmental responsibility, community participation and horticulture.</p> <p>Keynsham In Bloom - https://www.facebook.com/keynshaminbloom/ Contact: Dawn Drury, email: Deputytownclerk@keynsham-tc.gov.uk</p>	
3.8	<p>As Chair of Keynsham Foodbank, Alan provided a brief explanation about their work.</p> <p>Foodbanks receive donations of food from schools, churches, businesses, individuals, or through supermarket collections. Supermarket collections help foodbanks engage the public. Keynsham Foodbank was set up in 2013 and feeds on average one person per day. Professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers, Citizens Advice Bureau staff, welfare officers, the police and probation officers, identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher.</p> <p>Keynsham Foodbank - http://keynsham.foodbank.org.uk/ Email contact: keynshamfoodbank@gmail.com</p>	
3.9	<p>Alan introduced the Trisha Williams and Daniella Marie Philips from Butterflies Haven. Alan mentioned that this week is World Autism Awareness Week so it was very pertinent that both Trisha and Daniella were able to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Butterflies Haven has been running for over 7 years. They provide support for families affected by autism. They offer parents support as well as a safe and non-judgemental environment for young people to grow. Due the success of the project they now have a waiting list of families to join. A short film, made by Danni, was shown that explained the challenges she faced dealing with Autism. Danni spoke after the film and commented that Butterflies Haven had provided her with the support she needed. Danni is now a representative on Keynsham Now, the Youth Council for Keynsham.</p> <p>Butterflies Haven - http://www.butterflies-haven.co.uk/ Email contact: butterfliesnetwork@hotmail.com</p>	

	<i>The presentations from all speakers are attached to these notes.</i>	
3.10	The Chair thanked all the speakers for providing a very informative and interesting contribution to the agenda. He added that he hoped a similar format could be followed at future meetings. The Forum agreed.	

Ordinary Meeting

5.	Notes of the Previous Meetings	
5.1	The notes were agreed as an accurate record subject to an amendment to 2.7 – the 2% rise was not a national rise but a local decision by Bath & North East Somerset Council.	
6.	Matters Arising	
6.1	There was none.	
7.	Keynsham Area Forum Action Plan	
7.1	Alan referred to the document that was circulated with the papers of the meeting. The Forum noted the Action Plan.	
8.	Update on the West of England Joint Spatial Plan	
8.1	Alan welcomed Simon DeBeer, from B&NES Planning Policy and Peter Dawson from B&NES Transportation.	
8.2	Simon DeBeer went through the presentation on the JSP (see attached). This included an update on the recent consultation. This followed with a presentation by Peter Dawson about the Transport Strategy. He said they are working with planning to make sure the JSP is supported by the right infrastructure.	
8.3	Simon commented that there had been 1,000 comments received. A draft plan would be produced in June and public consultation would commence in September. He added that there has been engagement with the Parishes and Towns councils throughout the process and holding special workshops for those councils that may be affected.	
8.4	Duncan Hounsell commented that if the devolution deal is approved and a metro mayor is appointed, how will this affect the JSP? Will B&NES have a veto?. Louise Fradd replied that the decision on Devolution is not taking place until the full Council meeting on the 29 th June. For more information about the Devolution proposals goto: http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/your-council-and-democracy/west-england-devolution/west-england-devolution-qa To note: A briefing on the Devolution Proposals will be given at the next meeting on the 30th June.	
8.5	Clive Fricker commented that the A4 is already at capacity and further development will put increased pressure on the road infrastructure.	

9.	Any Other Business	
9.1	A list of highway schemes for 2016/17 were distributed to all present.	
9.2	Alan asked any members of the Forum if they wished to host the next Community Showcase to contact Sara Dixon.	
9.3	It was felt that more publicity was needed to be done to publicise the meetings. Alan agreed to organise a press release for the local newsletters about this meeting and inviting members of the public to attend future meetings.	AH
9.4	Sara agreed to prepare a poster for the circulation.	SD
10.	Date of Next meeting	
10.1	Thursday 30 th June, at 6pm	