

Draft Notes of the
Keynsham Area Forum
 30th June 2016 at 6pm
 Chandos Room, Somerdale Pavilion, Keynsham

Present:

Name	Organisation Represented
Cllr Alan Hale	(Chair) B&NES Councillor
Adrian Inker	(Vice Chair) Community @ 67
Chris Hounsell	Saltford Business Association
Shelia Crocombe	Keynsham Action Network
Cllr Charles Gerrish	B&NES Councillor
Roger Bushy	Keynsham Civic Society
Mark Penny	Keynsham Community Energy
John Twist	Corston Parish Council
Margaret Wilson	Chair, Churches Together Keynsham and Saltford
Brian Wilson	Rambles (Footpath Area Secretary)
Rachael Buckley	Sirona Care and Health
Philippa Paget	Compton Dando PC
Peter Morgan	Jazz PC/ Local resident
Martin Burton	Chair, Community @ 67
Nigel O'Keeffe	Avon Fire and Rescue
Steve Robinson	Avon Fire and Rescue
Aaron Cooke	Avon Fire and Rescue
PC Gemma Hill	Avon and Somerset Police
PCSO Martyn Braggs	Avon and Somerset Police
Dr Ian Orpin	Chair of B&NES CCG
Barry Grimes	Communications Manager, B&NES CCG
Officers	
Julia Burton	B&NES Council
Becky Reynolds	B&NES Council
Charlotte Matthews	B&NES Council
Sara Dixon	B&NES Council
Sara Banks	B&NES Council

1. Informal Open Public Session

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1.	Welcome and Introductions and Apologies	
1.1	The Chair, Alan Hale welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from: Louise Fradd, Kathleen Hovland, Andy Wait and Whitchurch Parish Council, Julie Poll.	
2.	Updates on Local Policing	
2.1	PC Gemma Hill, the Beat Manager for Chew, Pensford and PC Martyn Briggs attended the meeting and provided an update on local issues	
2.2	PC Hill read out the statistics for the Keynsham area. They revealed that the	

	<p>number of certain offences have risen this year, this could be partly due to the new reporting system which has been introduced.</p> <p>April 2016 – Total Crime 126 compared to 74 in April 2015 May 2016 – Total Crime 120 compared to 106 in May 2015</p> <p>For information: Police monthly crime stats for Forum area: https://www.police.uk/avon-and-somerset/CS219/crime/+ALxggT/</p>	
2.3	Car thefts have increased due to a spate of car crime in the Marksbury area. The perpetrators have been apprehended. There had been several drug raids in Keynsham. Large groups of young people continue to gather around the bandstand, increased patrols continue in the area along with patrols along the Queens Road.	
2.4	There was no update on the Satellite navigation system – this issue was raised at the last meeting as HGV drivers use the quickest route through small narrow lanes and villages which were not designed for large HGV vehicles.	Police to follow up
2.5	Martin Burton commented that St Francis Church were concerned that after reporting a theft and receiving a crime number they had not received no further response from the Police. PC Hill agreed to meet Martin separately afterwards.	
2.6	A number of cars that have been parking on cycle lanes particularly along Bristol Road. PC Hill said that if they are caught they would be issued with a ticket.	
2.7	The Chair thanked PC Hill and PC Martyn Briggs for attending.	
3.	Community Showcase – Keynsham Community Energy	
3.1	<p>The Chair introduced Mark Penny from Keynsham Community Energy. Mark gave a presentation outlining their work. Their aims are to support energy independence for the community of Keynsham by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generating low carbon clean energy using a mix of renewable technologies • Saving money through energy efficiency • Providing opportunities to invest in community generate energy projects 	
3.2	Mark gave an introduction to some of their projects which included discussions with Keynsham Waitrose regarding roof mounted solar PV panels on the store and a local energy tariff for Keynsham supplied by Mongoose energy.	
3.3	<p>Mark was asked if Keynsham could become independent of the national grid. He explained it was an aim of the group but couldn't comment on whether it was achievable at this stage.</p> <p>Roger asked whether there was any opportunity to us Albert Mill weir to generate energy. Mark said that this was something that they could explore further.</p>	
3.4	Martin asked how much difference there from the green energy tariff to the normal energy tariffs. He said that green energy is slightly more expensive	

	than traditional energy but it is better for the environment. To help reduce climate change it is important that we all work together.	
3.5	Alan asked about the new LED lights. He commented that he had received a number of complaints about the lack of light. Mark replied and said they are not as bright as traditional lights however this could be because of the colour, traditional lights are very orange and LED lights are white. Philippa added that the LED lights are not helpful when it is a foggy day, drivers find it hard to see the white lines in the road.	
3.6	The Government have recently slashed feed-in tariff subsidies making lots of small schemes unviable.	
3.7	Although wind farms were not mentioned in the presentation Keynsham Community Energy would not rule out the option if the community were in agreement.	
3.8	The Chair thanked Mark for a very interesting presentation and welcomed he back to a future meeting to update on his progress. To find out more about Keynsham Community Energy:- http://keynshamenergy.co.uk/	
4.	Briefing on the West of England Devolution Proposals	
4.1	Cllr Gerrish outlined the Devolution proposals and what it will mean for residents across Bath and North East Somerset. The devolution proposal transfers powers from Whitehall to the West of England concerning use of Government Funds totalling £30 million per year for 30 years.	
4.1.1	An area of concern raised by some members of the Forum was the appointment of a Metro Mayor. Cllr Gerrish explained that all local authorities involved in the Devolution will decide how the money is spent. The Mayor will be elected. Local Authorities will retain all their current powers.	
4.1.2	Cllr Gerrish said the period of consultation runs from the 4 July until 15 August 2016 and various events will be held across B&NES. There will be a roadshow in Keynsham on the 25 th July. Cllr Gerrish encouraged people to attend and put forward their comments.	
4.1.3	For more information about the West of England Devolution proposals: http://www.westofenglanddevolution.co.uk/	
4.2	Other updates	
4.2.1	Neil O'Keeffe from Avon Fire Service gave an announcement about the Open Day at the Hicks Gate Station on 16 th July. This event was open to the public. He explained this was a new fire station following the merger of a number of stations.	
4.2.2	A question was asked about the traffic controls at Hicks Gate. Neil said that the public is more aware of the new station's location and the controls are	

	working better.	
4.2.3	<p>Neil also mentioned that they were focussing on home fire safety checks particularly focussed on cooking safely.</p> <p>For more information about how to book a free home safety check:-</p> <p>http://www.avonfire.gov.uk/our-services/home-fire-safety-visits</p>	
4.2.4	<p>The Chair referred to the Bath City Conference held this Friday, 1st July. The event is open to all. You may be interested in joining the 'Ask the Panel' debate at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber, the Guildhall. Panel members include Cllr Tim Warren, Sue Mountstevens, Ben Howlett MP, Caroline Kay and Stuart Hooper. Details about each panel member are available on the programme. If you can't attend in person the debate will be webcast on the Council via this link: http://www.bathnes.public-i.tv/core/portal/home.</p>	

Ordinary Meeting

5.	Notes of previous meeting held on 7th April.	
5.1	The notes were agreed.	
6.	Matters Arising	
6.1	There were no matters arising.	
7.	B&NES Clinical Commissioning Group	
7.1	The Chair welcomed Dr Ian Orpen and Barry Grimes from the B&NES CCG.	
7.2	Dr Orpen explained that the CCG is the body responsible for the planning, purchasing and monitoring of all health care across the district. He said that the CCG has been consulting with local communities.	
7.3	B&NES CCG is the top 2-3% in the UK for patient satisfaction and number one in the country for outcomes, so it is in a strong position. However, there is pressure from population growth through existing and planned housing development as well as an ageing population and medical workforce, particularly in relation to GPs.	
7.4	Dr Orpen presented the CCG's vision for general practice. The CCG was particularly interested in getting more feedback on its 7 day working. Evening and Saturday morning appointments are popular for those that work full time but there seems limited demand for routine appointments on Sunday at present.	
7.5	Cllr Gerrish commented that that an issue for the out of hours' service is that they are unable to access patient records. Dr Orpen agreed that sharing of data was an issue and needed to be addressed in order that GP practices can work more closely together.	

7.6	Racheal asked how GP practices deal with missed appointments. Dr Orpen said this is relatively low numbers and the on-line booking and text message system has helped reduce the numbers of missed appointments.	
7.7	Alan commented that he had received a very good service from the 'Walk-in' Centre and was dealt with within an hour and half.	
7.8	Barry Grimes updated on the group on the 'your care, your way' consultation. The preferred bidder will be announced on the 18 th August but the contract will not be signed until November. The current organisations in the frame are Sirona care and Health and Virgin Care. The contract value is £70M over seven years.	
7.9	Sheila commented that the service from Sirona has been excellent. Philippa commented that Virgin Care were delivering in Wiltshire, they are a private company. She added that it was a shame that not many people knew who Sirona were.	
7.10	Barry said that the decision was based on the submissions, evidence and legal assessment. He added that unfortunately the public comments do not count when choosing the provider this done by the CCG and B&NES Cabinet.	
7.11	Barry said that they would come back to the Forum in February next year to introduce the new provider.	
7.12	The Chair thanked Dr Orpin and Barry for attending the meeting.	
8.	Any Other Business	
8.1	SD again asked for organisations to do a community showcase for future meetings.	
8.2	The Chair asked the group if they wished to keep meetings at the same venue or rotate them. It was agreed to send out a survey to all members to get their views and report back to the next meeting.	SD
9.	Dates of future meetings	
9.1	Wednesday 28 th September 2016, 6pm, in Community Space, Keynsham Tuesday 22 nd November in Community Space, 6pm, in the Community Space, Keynsham (AGM and Budget Meeting)	