

Draft Notes of the
Bathavon Forum
 5th October 2016, 6.00pm
 St Gregory's Sixth Form Building

Present

Name	Organisation Represented
Lynda Robertson	Somer Valley Forum (observing)
Karen Walker	Somer Valley Forum (observing)
John Adler	Freshford Parish Council
Lyn Alvis	Monkton Combe Parish Council
Des Wighton	Monkton Combe Parish Council
Kelly Norris	Avon and Somerset Police
Felicity Gay	Avon and Somerset Police
Martin Robertson	Dunkerton and Tunley Parish Council
Diana Prescott	Dunkerton and Tunley Parish Council
Mary Upton	Shoscombe Parish Council
Jean Fossaceco	Shoscombe Parish Clerk
Neil Butters	B&NES Ward Councillor
Mark Hayward	Business Support Manager - Communities (B&NES)
Robert Law	Englishcombe Parish Council
Doug Payyison	Priston Parish Council
Louise Callan	Priston Parish Clerk
Gareth Lloyd	Station Manager – Bath Fire Station
Dave Dixon	Community Engagement Manager (B&NES)
Hugh Baker (Chair)	Bathford Parish Council
Ian Savigar	Divisional Director for Customer Services (B&NES)
Tracey Long	Group Manager, Customer Service, Libraries and Information (B&NES)
Pam Jones	Waste Services Programme Manager, B&NES
Lorinda Trebaczyk	Waste Services Campaigns Manager, B&NES

Apologies

Name	Organisation Represented
Cllr David Veale	B&NES Ward Councillor
Kathryn Manchee	Clerk for Dunkerton and Camerton parish Council's

Informal Open Public Session

	Action
<p>1. Welcome from the Chair of the Forum and Introductions</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Karen Walker and Lynda Robertson from the Somer Valley Forum, who were present to observe the meeting.</p> <p>It was explained that the Chairs and Vice Chairs from all five B&NES Forums are now meeting regularly to share ideas and good practice.</p> <p>The Chair explained that the Officer support from B&NES to the Bathavon Forum has changed; Dave Dixon and Mark Hayward are the new contacts.</p>	

<p>2.</p>	<p>Local Police Matters</p> <p>It was reported that a large wild cat had been spotted and is believed to be responsible for a number of sheep that have been killed.</p> <p>There have been a number of motor theft incidents and domestic burglaries reported across the area.</p> <p>Speeding offences particularly in areas where the limit is 20mph remain a concern. The Police offered to look at individual areas case by case and offered to look at what might be done to deal with these situations.</p> <p>The Police office in Lewis House in Manver's Street Bath will remain the public facing location for at least the next year.</p> <p>There was a concern raised about communication from the Police across the Bathavon area. An example was given of a robbery that took place at Hinton Charterhouse which had not been passed on to Monkton Combe which is only two miles away.</p> <p>The Police were asked if representative's that work in areas that cover Bathavon could attend future meetings and provide information that is more specific to the area.</p> <p>It was felt that the areas that fall into Bathavon are complex and need to find a way to make sure the messages about crime are effectively joined up. Although most of Bathavon is covered by the Bath Police it was felt that where incidents in areas such as Radstock come close to the catchment area the way information is shared could be improved.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Changes to Waste and Recycling Services (Lorinda Trebaczyk and Pam Jones)</p> <p>A presentation was given with a question and answer session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new wheelie bin and gull proof sacks were demonstrated. Across B&NES 80% of households will receive a bin and 20% will receive the sack. • The new bin will be black and with a 140 litre capacity. • Non-recyclable waste collections will move to fortnightly in most areas. • Recycling service will remain weekly and will fall on the same day as non-recyclable collections. • Garden Waste arrangements remain unchanged. • In February 2017 households will receive a letter outlining what changes will be made. • Industrial Collections remain the same. • On collection days bins/sacks are put outside of properties, once collections have taken place these need to go back and must be taken back into the boundary of the property. • Assisted collections can be arranged for people that require additional assistance. • Everyday plastic bags can now be used for food waste containers. • Additional recycling boxes can be made available if people require more. 	

	An offer was made to visit any additional groups that would like to hear about the changes, talks can be arranged on waste and recycling. Ideas such as zero waste weeks could be repeated to help improve recycling rates.	
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Ordinary Meeting

4.	<p>Minutes of the meeting 22 June 2016 and matters arising (actions recorded at end of minutes)</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>The position of Vice Chair for the Bathavon Forum is still vacant.</p>	
5.	<p>Bathavon working arrangements to be agreed at the November AGM</p> <p>A discussion took place and it was agreed that a vote will be held at the AGM in November on options for the future of the forum.</p> <p>Option One: The Forum continues to run as it is now.</p> <p>Option Two: The Forum splits into two areas, North and South. Each Parish would make a choice of which meeting they wish to attend. Each separate Forum would have its own AGM.</p> <p>Option Three: The Forum splits into two areas, North and South. Each Parish would make a choice of which meeting they wish to attend. Once a year there would be a joint meeting for the AGM.</p>	
6.	<p>Libraries Future (Ian Savigar and Tracy Long)</p> <p>A presentation was given with a question and answer session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savings need to be achieved in the next 18 months. • There is an opportunity for higher numbers of community run libraries. There will be some limited funding to help set up new community style hubs. • Ideas are needed as an alternative to the mobile library route. <p>The Forum was asked to come forward with any ideas that could help with the delivery of community libraries.</p>	
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The Chair reminded the Forum that this year's Chairs Community Awards closing date for nominations is 25 November 2016.</p> <p>There are concerns regarding the mixed use cycle lane in the Shoscombe area as there had been a recent accident where a pedestrian was hit by a cyclist. Cllr Butters explained a cycling strategy could be raised at the communities' scrutiny panel. It was explained that there is an existing code of conduct on the Two Tunnels Route.</p>	

8.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings</p> <p>Monday 28th November, at 6.00 pm St Gregory's School Sixth Form Centre, Combe Hay Lane, Bath</p>	

Actions

	Responsible
Des Wighton to consider representing the forum on the Your Care, Your Way group. DD will provide further information.	DD
Highway schemes information, which was discussed at the June meeting, requires a follow up on what will be done.	DD
Proposals for the future of the forum to be written up before the AGM	HB and DD