

Final Minutes of the
Keynsham Area Forum
Monday 25th September 2017 at 6.30pm
Community Space, Civic Centre, Market Walk, Keynsham

Present

Name	Organisation Represented
Adrian Inker	Community@67 and Vice Chair of the Forum
Cllr Keith Baker	Keynsham Town Council
Alex Beaumont	Keynsham NOW
Caitlin Brennan	Keynsham NOW
Ashton Broad	Whitchurch Village Council
Cllr Susan Charles	Corston Parish Council
Sheila Crocombe	Keynsham Action Network
Cllr Emma Dixon	B&NES Ward Councillor, Saltford
Cllr Dawn Drury	Chair, Compton Dando Parish Council
Sara Dixon	Locality Manager, B&NES
James Evans	Beat Manager, Keynsham - Avon and Somerset Police
Cllr Charles Gerrish	B&NES Ward Councillor, Keynsham North and Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency
Mike Hammond	Resident
Chris Head	Executive Director West of England Rural Network and Chair of Chew Valley Forum
Kathleen Hovland	Resident
Jess Milton	Communications & Research Internship, Environmental Services, B&NES
Tony Mitchell	Transition Keynsham
Cllr Lisa O'Brien	B&NES Ward Councillor, Keynsham South
Cllr Philippa Paget	Compton Dando Parish Council
Daniella Phillips	Keynsham NOW
Paul Sheehan	Development & Commissioning Manager - Public Health
Cllr Brian Simmons	B&NES Ward Councillor, Keynsham North
Madeleine Town	B&NES SEND Partnership
Andy Wait	Keynsham NOW
Alison Wells	Community Projects Officer, B&NES
Nathan Duggan	This is One Church
Dan Hull	B&NES Healthwatch

Apologies

Name	Organisation Represented
Cllr Alan Hale	B&NES Ward Councillor, Chair of the Forum
Roger Busby	Civic Society
David Clarke	Keynsham and Saltford Churches Together
Cllr Sally Davis	B&NES Ward Councillor, Farmborough
Louise Fradd	Strategic Director - Place, Service Delivery
Duncan Hounsell	Saltford Parish Council
Christine Hounsell	Saltford Business Network
Cllr John Twist	Corston Parish Council

		Action
1.	Welcome from the Chair of the Forum	
1.1	AI welcomed those present and gave a safety notice. Apologies as above.	
1.2	AI said the Agenda had been changed slightly this evening, with the Police update taking place after the break. The reason for this is the meeting is being handed over to Keynsham NOW – the Youth Council for Keynsham. He welcomed Caitlin, Alex and Danni from the group.	
2.	Keynsham NOW – What do Young People Really Want?	
	See Appendix 1	

Break

3.	Notes of the Previous Meeting – date	
	These were agreed as a true record.	
4.	Matters Arising	
	There was none.	
5.	Updates	
	<u>Commemoration of 50th Anniversary of River Chew Flood in 2018</u>	
5.1	AI welcomed Chris Head, Executive Director of the West of England Network (WERN) and Chair of the Chew Valley Forum.	
5.2	CH said that on the 10 th and 11 th July 1968, there was a significant flood in the Chew Valley – bridges in Pensford, Woollard and the County Bridge in Keynsham were destroyed. Six people lost their lives. There is a number of books on it and the Environment Agency previously held a commemorative event. He hopes that the 50 th Anniversary will provide an opportunity for the Keynsham Area and Chew Valley Forums to work together on a joint initiative to ensure the event is appropriately commemorated.	
5.3	There is also opportunity to explore existing environmental issues around flood resilience and have inter-generational projects. The legacy could be natural flood management where small amounts of work can reduce the risk of this happening again. In order to co-ordinate this properly, WERN are proposing to take on a project worker for 12 months.	
5.4	The flood affected many communities along the River Chew from Chewton Mendip to Dundry, including Priddy and Litton – ending in Keynsham. A number of initiatives are being planned by other organisations and it would be good to pull these together to promote. An article will be going in the October issues of Keynsham Voice and the Chew Valley Gazette about the commemorations.	
5.5	Forum members informed CH that a group of writers created a story called 'Up the River down the Mouth'; there is information on the flood in the	

	<p>Keynsham Archives and that a family rescued from the flood still live in the same house.</p> <p><u>Police Matters</u></p>	
5.6	<p>James Evans attended on behalf of Avon and Somerset Police. Please see Appendix 2 for further details.</p> <p><u>Avon Fire and Rescue</u></p>	
5.7	<p>Were unable to be present but a written report was circulated at the meeting and afterwards. This can be found at Appendix 3.</p>	
6.	Any Other Business	
6.1	<p>AI thanked everyone for attending. He said we would like to encourage further engagement with young people and offer the Forum's support to the issues raised in the survey. Sara and Alison will put something together.</p>	SD/AW
6.2	<p>AI said to also let Sara or Alison know if there are any topics you would like to see on the Forum agendas. It was noted that Keynsham and Saltford Churches Together would like to do the Community Showcase at a future meeting.</p>	
6.3	<p>There was a request for a progress report on lights for the skate park at the next meeting.</p>	
7.	Dates of Future Meetings	
	<p>Thursday 30th November, 6.30pm, Keynsham Community Space – Budget</p>	
7.1	<p>CG said in relation to the budget, the Council thought the savings amounted to £11m but it is now £15m. 80% of the Council's spend is on children and the elderly – there is only 20% to spend on everything else. It will be the most challenging budget the Council has faced.</p>	
7.2	<p>2018 Dates – there has been a change with some of the dates advertised because of the room availability. The confirmed dates, venue Community Space for 2018 are as follows:-</p> <p>19th March - changed from 27th February 2018 19th July 2018 25th September 2018 3rd December – changed from 27th November 2018</p>	

Actions

	Responsible
Update on lighting at skatepark for November meeting	SD/AW
Signage in Saltford - follow up	SD/AW
Follow up on reports of a mugging in the skate park	Police

Presentation: What Do Young People Really Want?

Presenters: Keynsham NOW

Andy Wait
Alex Beaumont
Daniella Phillips

The presentation with the results of the survey can be found [here](#).

Introduction

Andy Wait began the presentation and said it is concerning that decision makers rarely seek young people's views or have them present at meetings. His role is to encourage more young people to engage and get involved in their communities. In future, they will be sitting where you are so it's important that they understand the processes. Only 40% of young people eligible registered to vote in the EU referendum – if more had understanding of the issues and participated, the outcome could have been different.

In 2014, Keynsham NOW met with Keynsham Town Council and a Youth Council was formed as a pilot. It was difficult to get off the ground and sustain but there is now a core group of six with up to twenty attending on an ad hoc basis.

AWait said he was a teacher and, in his experience, no-one talks to young people about politics until they are in the sixth form. Young people can get married or join the army at 16 but cannot vote – the age should be lowered. Schools can then get more involved with politics – by 18 it is too late as they are busy with 'A' Levels. It is a missed opportunity and why we started Keynsham NOW, which is now in its fourth year.

Alex is the media person for Keynsham NOW and the first young person from Keynsham to be Deputy Youth Member of Parliament.

Danni is the Chair and in her second year in this role. She attends Keynsham Town Council meetings to speak on behalf of young people.

Caitlin was an original member of Keynsham NOW and has moved to a mentoring role.

AWait handed over to Alex.

Keynsham NOW Presentation

Alex said officers of Keynsham NOW are elected once a year to represent the young people of Keynsham. They attend Keynsham Town Council meetings but also other group's meetings such as Keynsham Wombles and Keynsham Kindness.

Danni has lived in Keynsham all her life.

Jas Miller is Secretary of Keynsham NOW and the Member of Youth Parliament for B&NES.

Caitlin has been a member since Keynsham NOW began and is now a mentor. Alex is the Charity Ambassador and their chosen charity this year is Clic Sergeant. He also helps Caitlin with Social Media.

Keynsham NOW was founded 2 years ago and Butterflies was the original charity supported.

The Police and Project 28 have attended their meetings. Off the Record are due to attend.

The group has been campaigning to get floodlights at the Skate Park but are disappointed that no progress has been made. A young man was mugged there recently.

The group have stalls at the Keynsham Music Festival to raise funds and awareness. They also took part in a local radio interview.

Questions and Answers

Q1: What would you really like to see happen in Keynsham?

A1: Lights in the skate park and young people's voices heard.

Q2: What motivates you to get involved?

A2: I have always been passionate about getting young people's voices heard in the community. Andy has told us that Youth Councils don't always work – there is only one other in Somerset, in Frome, so we have done well.

Q3: What response have you had to your request for floodlights?

A3: We have spoken to Keynsham Town Council who spoke to B&NES.

Comment 1: There are bats in the park and other Planning related issues.

Q4: This must be very frustrating – is there someone here who can help them through this maze?

Comment 2: Young people can be very easily put off when there is no progress – they don't want to bother.

Comment 3: I attended the Town Council meeting where this request was made. It has been progressed doggedly, albeit slowly. There are three main issues as well as local objections. We are now in the process of obtaining evidence from other Councils that it reduces anti-social behaviour. The ecological issues are being researched as well. The park is in a conservation area and lighting does impact. We do support the young people and have funds for this but there are hoops to jump through.

Q5: If you could have any one thing, apart from money, to help your group develop in Keynsham, what would it be?

A5: To welcome the group – they often attend meetings but are not always supported in the way I would like them to be. A lot of jargon is used when adults speak and they need to cope with difficult language and concepts. I have been told to stop speaking in meetings when I am trying to explain things to the young people.

Q6: How long do you think the Council will take to resolve the lighting issue in the skate park?

A6: The Town Council has progressed it recently – we are doing all we can.

Comment 4: Public Health commissions services for young people and need 'mystery shoppers'. If you are willing, I would like to get your contact details.

Response 4: Andy can give you a business card.

Q7: Are there any plans to roll this out to other villages?

A7: Yes – we did have a member from Saltford. For Keynsham NOW, there has to be a connection to Keynsham but this can be attending school there.

- Q8: Why do other people not want to join?
 A8: Once a year we take part in assemblies at local schools to encourage attendance. Some may feel shy about signing up in front of their friends. It is difficult and they have other activities in their lives. Some do come forward though. If you know of anyone who may be interested in attending, please encourage them.
- Q9: What is the age range for members?
 A9: 13 – 20 years

Keynsham NOW Workshop

AWait said that Keynsham NOW have undertaken a survey with young people and are going to test the Forum on whether they know what young people want by showing them three of the questions so they can consider how local young people may have responded. Danni will then reveal the answers. The questions were as follows:

- 4: What is your overall impression of Keynsham (marks out of ten)
 5: What are the problems facing young people
 9: Better access to help – what do you need?

The Forum members worked in groups and then fed back their responses:

Table 1	<p>4: no overall conclusion</p> <p>5: feel safe; employment; no third</p> <p>9: didn't get 'round to it</p>
Table 2	<p>4: different views – depends on background (7)</p> <p>5: affordable housing; lack of leisure facilities; safety in the street</p> <p>9: didn't get 'round to it</p>
Table 3	<p>4: 4-6</p> <p>5: lack of leisure/things to do; safety in the street; skate park lighting</p> <p>9: mental health/bullying</p>
Table 4	<p>4: 5</p> <p>5: lack of facilities; street lights; drugs</p> <p>9: mental health</p>
Table 5	<p>4: 7</p> <p>5: lack of leisure (if not into sport); skate park lighting; anti-social behaviour</p> <p>9: didn't get 'round to it</p>

Results of Young People's Survey

Danni went through the results:

They had 63 responses and noted the ages of the respondents, where they lived and how long they had lived in Keynsham.

She said comparing the results of the survey with the feedback from the Forum, it seems that young people have a higher opinion of Keynsham than perhaps you thought.

Their top three issues are:

- Litter
- Bullying
- Lack of leisure facilities

Questions and Answers

Q1: Is there a lack of facilities for young people in Keynsham or are they too expensive?

A1: It's not really cost – sometimes it is difficult to enjoy places because of others present, doing drugs. There is not much to do if you don't like sport.

Adrian Inker asked that the Forum give a round of applause to the young people for the work that they and Andy Wait have done.

Police Report for Keynsham Connecting Communities Meeting

Crime figure comparison for Keynsham and surrounding areas

Covering:

Keynsham North	Saltford
Keynsham South	Compton Dando
Keynsham East	Burnett
Farmborough	Woollard
Marksbury	
Corston	
Queen Charlton	

Offence	21/07/2017 – 22/09/2017	21/07/2016 – 22/09/2016
Theft and handling	65	42
Dwelling/non-dwelling burglary	26	12
Violence against the person	110	92
Criminal damage	48	41
Arson	1	1
Robbery	2	0
Drugs	10	13

As you can see, the crime statistics are fairly on the increase. The population of the town has grown significantly during the last year, this will have some bearing on the levels of reported crime. As mentioned previous, with limited resources across the Constabulary there are less opportunities for pro-active patrols.

Theft and handling offences

This includes anything from a minor shop theft to the theft of a vehicle.

Dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries

The number of burglaries is higher than the previous year. The majority of the burglaries are residential burglaries, 17 of the 26 reported. These include garage and shed breaks. We have had crime groups recently targeting several addresses over a couple of nights which has caused the figures to spike.

We have also had a rise in the population of the Beat area due to the new houses being built.

Violence against the person offences

This category includes a large number of offences from low level public order offences (shouting and swearing) to physical assaults. The offences primarily cover issues such as arguments between children, neighbourhood issues, ASB, domestic incidents and road rage incidents.

Arson offences

ASB related issues, mainly setting fire to bins in Memorial Park, Keynsham.

Robbery

None of the noted incidents have resulted in serious injury.

Drugs

There has been a reduction in the detection of drugs largely due to less pro-active patrols in the area due to staff restrictions.

Summary

We are working hard to maintain a visible police presence in Keynsham and surrounding areas. We continue to encourage members of the community to contact the police to report any suspicious activity. We rely on intelligence and information from those around us to assist in keeping our communities safe.

The colder weather and the darker evenings are here so we would encourage everyone to think about their security, even when at home. All doors and windows should be left secure when out and when at home, consideration should be given to the parts of the house which are not occupied (for example if you are in the back garden and the front door is unlocked). Consider leaving a light on if you are out for the evening to give the impression somebody is at home. Think about where house and car keys are kept. Vulnerable keys leave cars and other premises potentially at risk. Advice is available on home security if required. Please feel free to contact your local beat team.

Other news from the beat

A very recent warrant conducted in Keynsham produced a positive result with the apprehension of two individuals. The investigation into the Possession of Cannabis is still ongoing.

Increased patrols have been put in place to cover Balmoral Road, Memorial Park, Bath Hill Car Parks, Farleigh Road, Queens Road, Durham Grove, Caernarvon Road, Handel Road, Tintagel Close – this is due to increased reports of Anti-Social Behaviour.

Crime and Consequences talks will be taking place over the next few months with children in year 6 at local schools. The aim is to educate them on the law and what is and isn't acceptable behaviour. This is in an attempt to ensure that when the summer holidays arrive, our local young people have the tools to make the right decisions and ASB remains low.

Beat Officers for Keynsham and surrounding areas

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The above contacts are for information and non-urgent enquiries only. If officers are on rest days, leave or sick there may be a delay in responding.

If you wish to report an incident or a crime or need to speak to a Police Officer you should contact 101. For all emergencies call 999.

James Evans ran through the figures

He said there has been a spike in the theft of cycles – probably due to travelling criminals.

There has been a number of shed break-ins recently with a number taking place on one night.

In terms of criminal damage, there has been some damage in the park including to the bandstand.

There is no detail on the robberies but it would be theft with some form of violence.

JE said the rise in figures is due to less pro-active policing. Drugs are being tackled in a different way. There are only two part-time staff covering a large beat. The Police are currently trying to get into schools to educate those new to secondary school on the behaviour we expect.

Q1: What is happening in the nursery car park in relation to drugs?

A1: A number of areas are on our patrol plans. The PCSOs work hard to visit them and monitor activity.

Q2: B&NES has been approaching the Police about HGVs breaking the weight limit on Wellsway and St Ladoc – what is being done in terms of enforcement?

A2: It is scheduled but has not been undertaken yet. There were 22 vehicles from B&NES recycling contravening on Wellsway. HGVs are also going through Burnett, using sat navs that are not suitable for the size of the vehicle.

Q3: Are there any signs on these roads re weight limits?

A3: Yes.

Q4: Does your beat go as far as The Globe? There are two signs here with pictures of traffic lights but it is a pedestrian crossing (on the dual carriageway). Drivers see the green traffic lights and think this gives them right of way on the roundabout, so are not giving way to the right.

A4: Signage is a Council issue. SD said the Council will follow up.

Comment 1: In certain parts of South Keynsham there is late night speeding and cars back-firing.

Response 1: Cars are being fitted with anti-lag systems which makes the turbo spin and backfire. It also nullifies insurance. We are going to look into – we've had complaints of this noise occurring at 3am and it travels through the valley. We can contact insurance companies and tell them.

Comment 2: I saw a school age lad put a brick through the window of a derelict house at 5.45pm.

Response 2: The owner is not interested in maintaining this property.

Q5: Do you go to schools to talk about drugs? I heard there is an issue at Wellsway.

A5: We do go to schools to give support. There are drug problems everywhere. The most prevalent is 'nos' (nitrous oxide) which is readily available. There are no signs that it is being used and it is the current drug of choice.

JE said he noted Alex's earlier report of a mugging in the skate park. He was not aware of this but will follow up.

Avon Fire and Rescue Report



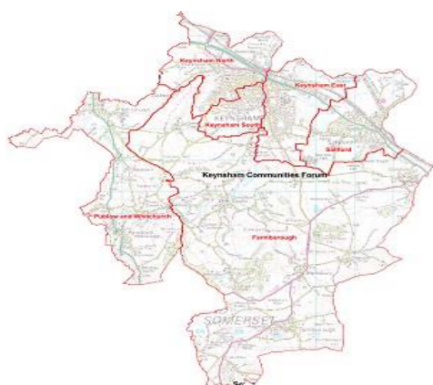
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Keynsham Communities Forum

Fire Service Summary

September 2017

Neighbourhood Map:



The Communities Forums are unique areas set up by the Local Authority. Each Communities Forum is made up of several Wards.

Community Fire Safety Activity:

Total of last Three months

April 2017 - June 2017

Home fire safety visits	93
Education Institutions visits	3
Off Station Community Events	3

Fire Incidents:

	Jul 2015 - Jun 2016	Jul 2016 - Jun 2017	Change
Deliberate vehicle fires:	20	18	-2
Deliberate small fires:	31	48	17
Deliberate large non-vehicle fires:	6	3	-3
Accidental dwelling fires:	13	17	4
Other fire incidents:	33	28	-5
Non-fire incidents:	81	77	-4
False Alarm incidents:	171	231	60
Total number of incidents attended:	355	422	67

Station Managers report:

From the end of September Hicks Gate Fire Station will be the new home for Avon Fire & Rescue Service's Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams. There will be no change in the stations response to fire calls as USAR will be an additional specialism to the personnel operating at Hicks Gate. Due to the amount of training and equipment maintenance involved with USAR alongside the day to day running of the station, Hicks Gate will be reducing their community safety intervention to high risk individuals only. Any other community safety interventions will be shared amongst neighbouring stations. The Station Manager will continue to attend these meetings, however if they are unable to attend this meeting there will no longer be a representative from Hicks Gate attending due to the increased work load of USAR. A written update like this one will be provided in their absence.

National Campaign Theme:

As the nights start drawing in Avon Fire & Rescue Service are working with universities, the police and key agencies to deliver safety messages concerning water, fire and personal safety.

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In an emergency: 999 or 112
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