



Westbury- on-Trym Open Forum

7.00 - 9.00 pm, Wednesday 10th May 2017

**The Old Pavilion, Coombe Dingle Sports Complex
Coombe Lane, BS9 2BJ.**

AGENDA

Tonight's Chairman: Alan Aburrow

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Police Feedback – Beat Manager (Joanne Robertson)**
- 3. NP Matters and Announcements**
- 4. Open Forum** (your chance to raise any issues of concern)
- 5. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 11th October?**

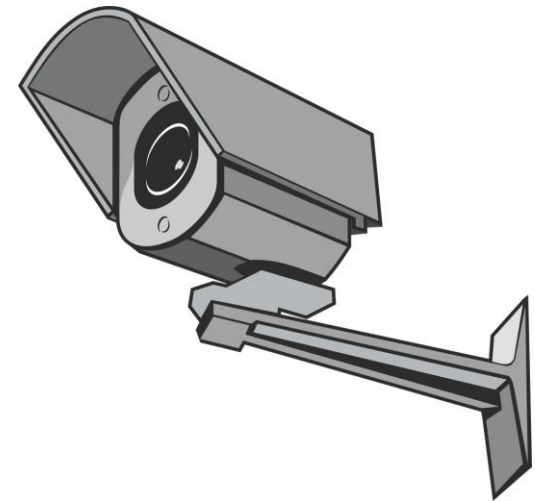
1. Welcome and Introductions

- Notes of last meeting
- We need your e-mail address

2. Police Feedback



**Beat Manager:
Joanne Robertson**



3. NP Matters and Announcements

- Update on BCC Budget Cuts and Consultations
- The Future of NPs and NP Forums
- Westbury Parish Council?
- Westbury Community Forum?
- Frequency of Future Meetings?

Budget Cuts and Consultations

- Update from Councillors

Replacement for NP Forums?

Set up a new organisation, based on the Westbury “bit” of the Westbury and Henleaze Ward with the following aims:

- Run regular forum meetings for councillors to engage with their local community
- To be a link between local people and public bodies e.g. police
- Community engagement & involvement
- Facilitate and support local projects & groups
- Could bid for funds for local projects

Replacement for NP Forums

What should new group be called?

Working title currently:

Westbury Community Forum

Replacement for NP Forums

Structure of New Forum

Chairman

Treasurer (if funds are to be held)

Note-taker at meetings

Committee made up of current WoT NP Reps,
plus additional Volunteers

Ward Councillors need to attend every meeting

(Councillors will need to make any financial decisions)

Replacement NP Forums

Selection of Committee now and after trial
period?

Replacement for NP Forums

In March council proposed £200pa per councillor to run meetings (venue hire, printing posters, website etc). Unclear if this proposal will happen and how it is to be administered (money up front or retrospective claim?)

May be a small grants scheme available, similar to previous NP Wellbeing Grants - picture unclear.
(Proposal in March for £2.5kpa per councillor)

If we became a constituted group with Elected Reps and a Bank Account, then the Group could bid for other sources of funding for specific projects

Replacement for NP Forums

CIL & Section 106 Funds

Still unclear on Council's proposals for CIL & S106 funds for both current unspent balance and future receipts from Developers

CIL: Community Infrastructure Levy – a Planning Charge, of which 15% goes to the local area to spend on infrastructure

S106: Section 106 – a similar planning obligation to CIL, directing funds to the local area to reduce the impact of local developments

Replacement for NP Forums

CIL & Section 106 Funds

- Current spending freeze in place –
- funding agreements made by councillors at last NP meeting for CIL and S106 on hold, same with Well Being grants.
- Council (i.e. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor) want to redistribute CIL funds to deprived areas in the city but need to work within the law. Possible consultation this summer?

Replacement for NP Forums

Promoting New Group

Current NP email contact list is held by council

We need to start again due to data protection limitations

Please add your email to list tonight!

Online – NP3 website, Facebook , Twitter

Articles in local magazines (BS9, Hen & WoT Community Voice etc)

Asking established local groups to pass on details:

Neighbourhood Watch Networks, Churches, Schools, Community groups etc

Replacement for NP Forums

Establish and Run a Westbury Parish Council?

Feasibility

Benefit

Cost

The Future of NP Forums

Frequency of Future Meetings

QUARTERLY MEETING CYCLES			
January	April	July	October
February	May	August	November
March	June	September	December

Suggested 1st or 2nd Wednesday of month
(Historically, WoT Forums have been on Wednesdays)

4. Open Forum

- Your chance to raise any issues of concern

Eg: a) Highways

b) Environmental

c) Trees

d) Planning Issues

Open Forum – Highways Issues

Sea Mills Station Parking Review - shortly to be progressed by the TRO Team, following assessment of consultation results

Parry's Lane/Cross Elms Lane – work schedule recently issued to contractor for a start date in the next 4 weeks

Southmead Hospital Parking Scheme - is now funded for a review and any outstanding work from the existing scheme will be implemented

WoT Parking Review - passed to BCC's Legal Team over 12 months ago and their Statutory Consultation is awaited

North View Parking Review - comments from recent Statutory Consultation reviewed and an Objection Report completed. TRO Team to finalise, prior to sign-off and implementation

Cribbs/Patchway - Mitigation Proposals for A4018

Open Forum – Environment/Trees

Bristol Tree Forum

Bristol's Street Trees in Crisis

In order to comply with Bristol City Council's budget cuts, two decisions have been made regarding the management of Bristol's tree-scape that make no economic sense, and threaten the reputation of the City as a Green and pleasant place to live and locate a business.

Decision 1: Slashing of street tree management budget

- The budget for managing street trees has been cut by 75% from £240k to £53k.
- As a result there will be no pollarding of street trees or removal of "epicormic" growth around the tree.
- Emergency cover outside normal working hours is no longer being provided through the tree management contract, despite having no cost benefit.
- Tree management will be limited to felling to address safety risks, despite greater initial costs and the long term consequent loss of tree sites. One felling costs the same as 16 years maintenance. Many more trees will be removed as there will be no maintenance.

Open Forum - Environment

- Alan Preece

Open Forum – Planning Issues

- Geoff Gollop

5. Date of Next Meeting

- Provisionally: -
 - 11th October 2017?
 - Venue tbc

Thank You

Hope to see you in October

Please leave your e-mail address