

FAVERSHAM & DISTRICT ENGAGEMENT FORUM held in The Guildhall, Faversham on Tuesday 11 July 2017

1. WELCOME

The Mayor, Cllr Campbell, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their interest.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies are noted at the end of these minutes.

3. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING from 11 April 2017

It was noted that there were no yellow lines around Canterbury Cathedral, although they were on the surrounding round network. The Minutes were agreed.

4. UPDATE FROM KENT POLICE

Inspector Gavin Wade provided an update on his last report. He reiterated his previous advice to ensure that vehicles are locked and noted a couple of people had been arrested for theft from cars. Insp Wade confirmed that he was working on the Hop Festival plan. A total of 695 fixed penalties had been presented for illegal parking, 12 vehicles had been immobilised and 4294 moved on. The rural team had been working on an operation on organised crime on the theft of fruit and hare coursing. A distraction burglary had taken place in Faversham. He reminded people to lock their windows in the hot weather. Dunkirk PC asked about designated PCSOs in villages, Insp Wade confirmed that although the number was remaining the same, they were being diverted to different roles. Police resources were judged by threats and Faversham was a safe place to live. Sheppey had increasing problems, particularly during the summer.

The work of the police was recognised, particularly following the fire at Glenfell Tower, as some local officers had attended.

Graveney PC had looked at the crime map but it didn't seem to cover their area. Unfortunately the crime stats software was not compatible and it was recommended to use the crime statistic map.

There was no news on the Preston Street fire.

5. KENT AND MEDWAY SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PLAN: WHAT IT MEANS LOCALLY

Simon Perks, Accountable Officer, NHS Ashford CCG and NHS Canterbury And Coastal CCGS

Local GPs have a say and influence on commissioning health services and Faversham GPs are increasingly more involved.

Kent & Medway plan is the footprint taken by Central Government. Canterbury and Ashford now have as big a growth as Ebbsfleet. More people are living longer but they are not well. Health and social care is not good dealing with more than one condition. There are 1000 patients in hospital beds who do not need to be there, but there is a lack of community care. There is also a problem recruiting GPs.

Simon Perks' presentation is available at http://www.favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk/Local_Engagement_Forum

6. CAMPAIGN UPDATE FROM CHEK

Ken Rogers gave details of the background history to CHEK which was first formed in the 1990s when a group of people came together to fight to maintain the Kent and Canterbury as a teaching hospital. When the draft STP appeared in October 2016, with the possibility of losing 300 acute beds and downgrading the K&C, six members of the original committee came together to continue the campaign for a fully acute hospital. The two local MPs are supporting the campaign. A local property developer has offered to provide a hospital shell, but this needs further investigation.

7. FAVERSHAM HEALTH MATTERS UPDATE

Brenda Chester provided background information on the proposed closure of the Minor Injuries Unit in 2013, the purchase of the X-ray equipment by the Friends of the Cottage Hospital, which is now run by the Faversham Medical practice. Following a meeting organised by FHM on 30 June there were a number of questions sent to the panel, which will all be put in a formal report.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Charlotte Relf, Chair of Oare Parish Council, spoke regarding the proposed application by East Kent Recycling to redevelopment the site and doubling activity at Oare. It was felt that EKR was already not abiding by their current licence and concerns surrounded the additional traffic. Oare Creek runs alongside the Saxon Shore Way and there is no separate footpath.

Cllr Mike Cosgrove noted the feelings of people attending the previous public meeting, where there was a conception of illegal activity and

sympathised with the scale of the proposed planning application. He pointed out that the site bordered with KCC Cllr Mike Whiting.

Cllr Antony Hook said all activity must be logged to provide evidence

Apologies

Findlay Macdonald

In Attendance

Brenda Chester
Janice Rogers
Alison Eardley
Tim Stonor
PC Emma Willson
Cllr Trevor Abram
Cllr Peter Flower
Cllr Charlotte Relf
Cllr Colin Woods
Cllr John Peto
Sue Akhurst
Louise Bareham

Ken Rogers
Cllr Antony Hook
Clare Boggia
Insp Gavin Wade
Cllr Mike Cosgrove
Chris Oswald Jones
Linda Morrison
Simon Perks
Cllr Jeff Tutt
Susan White
Cllr Shiel Campbell