

# meeting notes

**Title:** Long Eaton and South Community Forum

**Date:** Tuesday 23 June 2015

**Venue:** Long Eaton Town Hall

**Apologies:** Richard Chamberlain; Councillor Steve Bilbie; Philip Wright.

No.	Subject	Action / Lead Officer
1	<p><b>Welcome from the current Chair (Mike Powell)</b>            Mike Powell (MP) welcomed everyone to the meeting, MP explained that he could no longer act as the Community Forum chair owing to his successful election as Councillor for Erewash Borough Council.</p> <p>MP introduced Marie Crowley (MC) as the new Forum Chair, MC thanked Mike for his support of the Forum.</p> <p>Marie Crowley took over the seat of the Chair for the rest of the Forum.</p>	
2	<p><b>Presentation by the Assistant Economic Development Officer at Erewash Borough Council</b>            Ms Roberts provided an update on the proposed changes to the layout of the eastern section of the High Street, Long Eaton.</p> <p>Following the consultation which took place in February 2015 a proposed new layout has been developed a map was circulated at the meeting and can be obtained from Melissa Roberts. This is now being discussed with Derbyshire County Council with a view to obtain the necessary licenses required to change the parking layout proposed.</p> <p>Derbyshire County Council confirmed that if the proposal included the shortening of the disabled access to Gibb Street this would in effect be a change to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and would require amendments to the TRO which based on DCCs risk assessment it is unlikely this would be agreed to by DCC.</p> <p>A question and answer section followed the presentation with all questions posed answered at the meeting.</p> <p>Progress updates will be provided to a future forum meeting.</p>	

<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation from Mr Lucking, Chair of Long Eaton Chamber of Commerce.</b></p> <p>Mr Lucking delivered a presentation on the high profile marketing campaign to promote Long Eaton’s worldwide reputation as a centre of excellence for its upholstery industry.</p> <p>Long Eaton Town Centre has long been recognised for the manufacture of high end quality furniture and upholstery holding a worldwide exhibition twice a year (Long Point).</p> <p>The Chamber of Commerce working with Partners including the Borough Council wanted to develop Long Eaton as the UK centre of excellence developing the brand “made in Long Eaton”.</p> <p>A competition was held in Erewash to develop the logo and brand to be used for the marketing of Lon Eaton as the UK centre of excellence for quality furniture manufacture and upholstery.</p> <p>Local Organisations pay a subscription into the brand and are supplied with a copy of the logo for use in the manufacture of the furniture to promote the made in Long Eaton brand.</p> <p>This project will impact on the community through the continued employment and skills development in the industry for local people.</p> <p>A number of questions was raised by residents which were answered at the meeting</p>	
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Questions for officers</b></p> <p>A 2 part Question was asked regarding a the fire safety procedures at West Park and b the procedure for changing light bulbs at the facility, this question will be forwarded to the relevant EBC officer.</p> <p>Long Eaton Inspector provided the forum an update on local policing issues;</p> <p>Crime has been reducing over the last 12 months in Long Eaton with the last 2 months seeing an overall reduction of 8% in particular in regards to Anti-Social Behaviour, Acquisitive Crime and Sexual Violence. The number of positive outcomes (arrests etc) has also increased providing a positive outcome for the area. Nick Pitt is the new Safer neighbourhood Sergeant for the area.</p> <p>LE enquiry office is now closed but communities can contact via the telephone number 101 or email through the website, police officers are still based at the police station 24/7 with the SNT’s in the community.</p> <p>Local issues have been identified as town centre on street drinking particularly in the area of the Library and Romerantin Place, positive strategies are being employed to tackle this and residents are asked to notify the police if aware of any street drinking activities taking place.</p> <p>Residents are reminded to ensure that they secure their vehicles and houses during the summer periods in response to an anticipated increase</p>	

	<p>in theft from houses and cars anticipated by opportunists looking for insecurities such as open windows are unlocked front doors with the owners in the rear garden.</p> <p>Finally a successful operation has been run tackling ASB on canal paths in Long Eaton targeted action taking against dog fouling, unlicensed fishermen and vehicles on the tow path.</p> <p>A number of questions was asked, all of which answered at the meeting.</p> <p>DCC did not provide an update – no questions asked of DCC</p>	
5	<p><b>Questions submitted prior to the meeting</b></p> <p>No new questions were submitted prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The following Questions were raised again the answers have been included below and are now considered closed.</p>	
5.1	<p><u>Plaque at West Park</u></p> <p><i>Resident:</i> As part of the ongoing management of this superb local facility I notice that the small plaque “Dorothy Gee, Long Eaton’s First Guide” has been removed. This due to the re-landscaping of the corner sections adjacent to Tennis Court area. Is this plaque to be reinstated?</p> <p><i>Ian Marsden (Community Engagement Officer, Erewash Borough Council) forwarded this question to Dave Bramwell, Erewash Borough Council’s Head of Green Space and Street Scene, on 20/02/15 to seek a response.</i></p> <p><i>Dave Bramwell, Erewash Borough Council’s Head of Green Space and Street Scene responded on 23/02/15:</i> The landscaping including the plaque was not looking effective at this location. This area now includes new banking with new turf on top. A design is to be included in this area incorporating a mixture of box hedging and stone that will reflect the new design of the Girl Guides’ badge. This change has been approved by the Girl Guides Association and should be completed towards the end of March 2015.</p>	
5.2	<p><u>Overhead electricity cables, Dales estate</u></p> <p><i>Resident:</i> The original development (late 1950’s) still has overhead electricity cables, (renewed in the 1970’s?). Some supplies appear to have been redirected underground, apparently on an individual basis by the Electricity Supply Company/s. I have correspondence with Liz Blackman (then M.P.) who provided me with recommendations and urged that all these supplies be re-routed underground, not least on the basis of safety. Please would the Forum take up this issue to ensure it is resolved as soon as practicable?</p> <p><i>Ian Marsden (Community Engagement Officer, Erewash Borough Council)</i></p>	

	<p><i>e-mailed this question to the National Grid on 20/02/15 to seek a response.</i></p> <p><i>An e-mail received from the National Grid on 20/02/15 confirmed that it had been internally forwarded to the correct department.</i></p> <p><i>On 19/05/15 Andrew Hill, Planning Engineer, from Western Power contacted Erewash Borough Council and the resident to seek more information. Western Power have suggested a site visit and inspection would assist them to fully understand the residents' concerns and discussions are taking place to agree a suitable time and date.</i></p>	
5.3	<p><b><u>Footpaths and access, Dales estate</u></b></p> <p><i>Resident:</i></p> <p>In October / November of last year (2014) Wensleydale Road footpaths were fully upgraded and, following my investigations, residents were able to request (and for some £100 per metre of additional access) access widened. I contacted the DCC highways department and as a result all residents were given that option.</p> <p>However and much to my surprise and disappointment the DCC has no provision to offer such facilities. The DCC even suggested that they do not seek additional business! Surely it is a complete 'no brainer' and best use of public funds and facilities, to say nothing of the initiatives to reduce on street parking that these options should be made available throughout the County (and Country)? I have email correspondence in relation to this matter which I could forward if required. Please could this matter be investigated?</p> <p><i>Ian Marsden (Community Engagement Officer, Erewash Borough Council) forwarded this question to Paul Jameson, Local Area Forum Liaison Officer, Derbyshire County Council on 20/02/15 to seek a response.</i></p> <p><i>Paul Jameson responded on 24/02/15 to request that the resident forward the correspondence referred to. Ian Marsden e-mailed the resident on this day with the request.</i></p> <p><i>Paul Jameson responded to the resident via e-mail on 25/02/15 stating:</i></p> <p>I have reviewed our file and the e-mail exchanges between yourself and Paul Beckett from our Highways Maintenance department. It appears that Paul has previously provided you with an answer to the query you have submitted and I can only reiterate his response to you. It is not our policy to actively seek additional business in this manner but we will be happy to provide quotations to any resident who expresses an interest.</p>	
	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting:</b></p> <p>7 pm Wednesday 14 October 2015</p> <p>Council Chamber, Long Eaton Town Hall.</p>	