

Meeting Notes
 Meeting: Winton Forum
 Date: 21/03/2017
 Time: 7pm
 Location: St Lukes School, Luther road.



Item	Discussion	By who
Introduction	<p>Stuart Lane opened the meeting welcoming those that had come out to support the community.</p> <p>SL detailed the approach for the meeting was to cover three specific issues but also to capture other issues that residents would like addressed in further meetings.</p> <p>A flip chart was made available for residents to put their votes to prioritise focus for upcoming meetings.</p> <p>The meeting was framed to be a space to develop opportunities for a better Winton.</p> <p>Apologies conveyed for councillor Pat Oakley who had an important Conservative members meeting to attend.</p>	
Homelessness and Rough sleepers	<p>Caroline Roundhill Housing Strategy & Policy Manager and Matt King community enforcement manager spoke about the homelessness and rough sleeping both locally and nationally.</p> <p>CR explained the many contributing factors to the increase of homelessness which has been seen nationally, and explained how local services are working collaboratively to provide support and help rough sleepers to make positive moves off the street. This includes the Rough Sleeper outreach team, the Housing Options Team, supported housing providers, a specialist Homelessness mental health worker, as well as partnership work with Dorset Police, Social Services and local community and faith groups. Services work closely together to ensure people are getting the most appropriate support.</p> <p>The local authority commissions a Rough Sleeper team, who go out in the early hours to engage with people sleeping on the streets to assess their needs and get them the support they need.</p> <p>CR explains there are approx. 150 bed spaces in supported accommodation for homeless people, where residents are supported to become ready for independent living.</p> <p>CR explained there is a Homelessness Strategy available for people to read on the borough website; please see link below.</p> <p>http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/Housing/HelpwithHousing/Documents/Housing-Strategy.pdf</p>	
	<p>Matt King spoke about the work the community enforcement team were doing in Bournemouth to try to manage and reduce some of the difficulties that come with street anti-social behaviour and begging.</p>	

	<p>MK explained there had been a pilot project initiated within Bournemouth town centre and this had been working well in responding to these issues and trying to get those in need to engage with the numerous Council services, but also to try to protect the wider community.</p> <p>MK also explained they had identified that all highstreets (main shopping areas) had similar issues and that they had managed to secure some funding to migrate the pilot over to Winton and work had already commenced. This pilot initially is only for 3 weeks to try to establish where the issues are and where limited resources going forward need to be targeted.</p> <p>MK spoke about how important it was to find the right balance between offering support and enforcing and how collecting evidence was the key and sometimes a lengthy process but essentially working towards reducing anti-social behaviour.</p>	
<p>David Chidwick Faithworks</p>	<p>David Chidwick, homelessness coordinator from Faithworks gave a speech about the work he does in the local community to support the homeless and rough sleepers.</p> <p>DC explains how many of the Christian churches in the area have come together to work collaboratively in providing support to the homeless.</p> <p>Across Bournemouth the churches have offered a sleep safe service. Over the winter months every night one churches opens their doors and provides sleeping facilities for people. This year they have provided safe sleep beds to 75 people and have assisted in getting 45 people off the street into independent living.</p> <p>The churches also provide what is called 'half time'. This is a service homeless people can access via appointment. During this session they can access a shower, some food and then have a one to one discussion with a worker to assess their needs and hopefully implement a support package.</p> <p>Faithworks can offer home start packs for people who manage to get into accommodation.</p> <p>DC would advise people who wanted to help homeless and rough sleepers to point them into a direction of accessing services rather than giving money or food as this enables them to stay in their situation rather than improving it.</p>	
<p>Gillian Lewis Student Union Bournemouth University</p>	<p>Gillian Lewis Community Partnerships Manager – specialising in community, volunteering and green Students' Union at Bournemouth University (SUBU) GL explained to the group they had been working hard to improve relations between students and local residents and wanted to share some success'. The Community Warden Scheme is a scheme run by SUBU, BU, AUB and supported by Bournemouth Borough Council. The Wardens are a team of students who are paid to work each week, patrolling the main student roads in Winton, Wallisdown and Charminster. They are there to support both students and permanent local residents, and to help them integrate together in the local community. The community warden service has been running for four years now they get involved in your community by supporting both residents and students with issues including, burglaries, bins, noise, parking, green living etc.</p>	

	<p>They organise projects such as informative videos of how bins being left out on the pavement impacts on people who use mobility scooters or pushchairs. At the end of the spring term they organise a 'Big give' bag drops. This is to encourage students to have a final clear out before leaving for the summer and donate their unwanted items to charity and food banks.</p> <p>Comments from residents: Some residents felt the noise issue had worsened rather than improved. The group agreed to put this on the agenda for the next forum meeting in order to give the issue adequate time to discuss in more detail to try to find some solutions.</p>	
Richard Easton Neighbourhood.	Richards gave a presentation on neighbourhood planning (slideshow attached). Those present were invited to participate in a boundary definition exercise. Contact details taken for those interested in getting involved in the Winton Neighbourhood Plan project.	
	The group discussed Winton's boundaries in order to pursue a neighbourhood plan for Winton.	