

Bromyard PACT Meeting
23 November 2010
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Attendance:

Chair: Richard Quallington, Chief Executive, Community First

Cllr Alan Seldon

Sgt A Scott (West Mercia Police)

PC John Meek (West Mercia Police)

Rob Cunningham (NHS Herefordshire)

Fred Spriggs (Licensing Officer, Herefordshire Council)

Colin Frampton (Amey)

Mike Saunders (Amey)

Jane Jones (Herefordshire Partnership)

Apologies:

Cllr Jacobson

Keith Eyles (Enforcement Officer, Herefordshire Council)

8 Members of the public, inc Parish/Town Council

Richard Quallington, Chair, explained the review of PACTs which had confirmed that although they offer an opportunity for some members of the public to raise issues and hear presentations about changes in the public sector, they are not achieving what the partnership hoped they would in relation to working with communities to find solutions to local issues delivered by local groups. In addition, the overall cost to the public sector of the meetings relative to the levels of attendance has proven to be very high and thus not cost effective.

All the issues raised at this meeting would be pursued and reported in the usual way.

In light of this, and the work underway by Herefordshire Partnership over the next couple of months to agree the most appropriate ways to work in partnership to engage communities, the scheduling of any further formal PACT meetings has been put on hold. However, West Mercia Police would still continue to hold PACT surgeries as part of their community engagement work.

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Issue	Response
<p>Item 1: (Item 1 at previous meeting) Movable Barriers on the Downs</p>	<p>Update at the PACT: Sgt Scott updated the meeting – the barriers had been taken away and there was a legal team on the case at the present time.</p>
<p>Item 2: (Item 3 at previous meeting) Lighted bollards on the bypass – these bollards are difficult to see due to unavoidable dirt and/or snow. Should they be replaced by bollards with reflectors? This had been raised previously but no action had been taken.</p>	<p>Update at the PACT: Amey had no progress to report. Andrew Lee Jones would be on site the following day and it would be raised with him.</p>
<p>Item 3: (Item 4 at previous meeting) Concern regarding buses stopping on the Bypass (Tower Hill / Pump Street). This tends to occur in picking and dropping off students in the morning and late afternoon (20/30 minutes each time) as there is no proper dropping off place. This issue has been previously raised.</p>	<p>Update at the PACT: Cllr Seldon commented that a pull-in is required and will raise the issue with Andrew Lee-Jones.</p>
<p>Item 4 (Item 7at previous meeting): Dog fouling continues to be a problem, especially in the Winslow Road area. An update on the new Dog Orders was planned for this meeting.</p>	<p>Update at the PACT Keith Eyles, Enforcement Officer, sent Apologies as he had unavoidably been called away.</p> <p>It was explained that the Dog Orders had come into force, and the notes would contain further details:</p> <p>Additional Information: Order 1: Removal of Dog Faeces Requiring persons in control of a dog to remove the faeces. This applies to land open to the air where public have access across the whole of the county (this does no apply to blind people with guide dogs and disabled people using trained assistance dogs) Order 2: The Keeping of Dogs on Leads Requiring people in charge of a dog to keep it on a lead within all designated community and garden areas and all Herefordshire Council owned cemeteries within the administrative area of Herefordshire Council. Order 3: Dogs on Leads by Direction Requiring all persons in control of a dog to put and keep the dog on a lead when directed to do so by an Authorised Officer. This applies to all land open to the air where public have access across the whole of the</p>

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	<p>county. Order 4: The Exclusion of Dogs from Certain Areas ...bans dogs from certain areas of land as specified in the order where children play, used for particular sporting or leisure purposes, community areas and designated fields.</p> <p>Additional Information: Maps indicating all the Order areas can be viewed on Herefordshire Council's website by inserting Dog Orders in the Search on the Homepage.</p>
<p>Item 5 (Item 10 at previous meeting) Blocked drains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - directly opposite the junction on Tenbury Road - 77 Old Road - Outside Rose and Lion, New Road 	<p>Response at the PACT: Although it was reported that some work had been done by Amey, there was still concern over the quality of the drains. In particular, there was an issue regarding the responsibility of the landowner to undertake the required work. Cllr Seldon agreed to speak to Clive Hall and Amey will inspect the day after the PACT meeting.</p>
<p>New Issues raised at the meeting</p>	
<p>Item 6 What is the position regarding the allocation of salt bins?</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: It was explained that requests for salt bins had far exceeded the availability. Each request site had been ranked A – E according to priority. The salt bin programme should be complete during the early part of December. A request was made regarding the likelihood of salt bins in the Thornbury group of parishes. Jane Jones agreed to find out the information and contact the member of public concerned.</p> <p>Additional Information: Jane Jones contacted Amey for information and passed this on to the member of public the day after the PACT meeting.</p>
<p>Item 7 Concern was expressed regarding the application of a local license.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Fred Spriggs, Licensing Officer, explained the current legislation. Changes are being recommended, but until they are legally enforced officers can only work within the law as it currently stands. Any establishment can apply for a license, and after it has gone out to local consultation the Licensing Committee decide whether it can be granted,</p>

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	<p>and what if any conditions can be attached. The application concerned had been withdrawn that day, but it is likely it will be re-submitted. Everyone who has responded to the first application will be contacted again, a Notice will be displayed on the premises and in the local newspaper. Interested parties are urged to look out for these.</p>
<p>Item 8 If there is a problem with premises after a license has been granted, how quickly can it be reviewed?</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Fred explained that should premises not comply with their license, a Licensing Officer would visit and issue a gentle warning. It was pointed out that Licensees generally respond to this as it is within their interests to comply. If however there are still problems, a review can be acted upon quickly. West Mercia Police advised that they can put pressure on a review, particularly if there are public disorder issues.</p>
<p>“Your local health and social care services are changing – tell us what you think”</p> <p>Rob Cunningham led a presentation on changes to the way in which health and social care is changing Herefordshire, and the way in which it is proposed to ensure a more locally based provision is delivered.</p> <p>Key changes include a proposed reduction in the length of time people spend in hospital, if they need to be admitted at all. There will also be a dedicated Stroke Unit for Herefordshire to ensure better outcomes for stroke patients.</p> <p>The presentation can be viewed at www.herefordshirepartnership.com/pacts (under the heading 2010 PACT Meetings)</p>	