

## Appendix A

### PRESENT

John Jones	Biddulph Mayor
Rodger Deane	Biddulph Deputy Mayor
Ken Harper	Chair/Town Councillor
John Rushton	Town Councillor
Jim Davies	Town/District Councillor
Linda Deaville	Town Councillor
Madelaine Lovatt	Town/District Councillor
Hilda Sheldon	Town/District Councillor
Jeanette Walley	Town Councillor
Wayne Rogers	Town Councillor
Tony Hall	Town/District Councillor
Rob Whilding	Town Councillor
Kate Thacker	Town Chief Officer
Jean Gaunt	Town Officer
Ruth Reeves	Staffs Moorlands District Council
Karen Stevenson	Staffordshire Police
Insp Lee Crowther	Staffordshire Police
Sgt Kelly Wareing	Staffordshire Police
Beverley Webb	BVNCA
Helen Roberts	BVNCA
Kath Clark	BVNCA
Eileen Cox	Town Centre Resident
Ruth Reeves	District Officer
Carl Kisicki	Resident
Graham Swift	Brown Lees Residents Association
Ian Jones	Resident
Veronica Brown	Victoria Centre
Kally Harris	Biddulph Chronicle
Ellen Faulkner + 3	Newpool Meadows

## **NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN FORUM: COMMUNITY SAFETY HELD ON TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2010**

*For attendance see appendix A*

### **38.09 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

Councillor Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Forum.

### **39. INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were made. Sergeant Kelly Wareham has replaced Sgt Lindon Evans for the next six months.

### **40. Update from the police on their crime statistics and operations**

Inspector Crowther gave a DVD presentation on crime figures/community safety and initiatives to tackle them across the Moorlands. (Reporting Back – Moorlands Together)

### **41. Update on the actions taken since the last meeting**

Inspector Crowther gave a brief run through of the projects which had been identified as priorities following the last meeting.

#### **a Safer Schools Partnership**

Schools were working together with the police on social education. All middle and high schools in the town were teaching Community Cohesion as part of the citizenship curriculum.

#### **b Social space for young people**

Ruth Reeves reported that quite a lot of progress had been made. The next aim was to have mini trial runs in the town and narrow the choice to one or two venues. A new group had been formed and it was aiming to have its own constitution and bank account. Fundraising had begun as they wanted to get the trials up and running asap. More volunteers from the local community would be needed both to serve on the committee and to help with the project.

#### **c Alcohol awareness and related disorder**

Alcohol free zones had been set up in Biddulph town centre and were policed pro-actively. The zones would be before the Licensing Authority for renewal shortly.

#### **d Residents reporting**

The aim was to encourage residents to report issues as and when they happened not just at meetings. Councillor Harper had offered, as Chair of this committee, to

become the main focal point to receive these concerns and to pass them on to the relevant agencies. These could be any issue which was affecting the quality of life.

#### **42. Discussion on issues and solutions**

Discussion followed on these priorities and groups were encouraged to identify which could be removed from the list, passed to another forum, and any which they thought should be added.

It was felt that Young People's social space should be referred to the Children and Young People's forum. The importance of positive media was stressed. It was felt that the DVD should be viewed by as many groups as possible as it would give reassurance. The DVD was also viewable on the website ([www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk](http://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk))

A new issue of child safety would be added. Concerns had been expressed about the safety of children leaving the town's schools at the end of the day; a particular bottle neck had been identified at Knypersley cross roads where children from three schools converged. BVNCA reported that 2 park and walk buses had been introduced at Oxhey First School. The Leisure Centre had allowed use of their car park for parents to 'drop-off' their children.

#### **43. CLOSE**

Councillor Harper drew the meeting to a close at 7.50 pm and thanked everyone for attending. The next Forum would be held on Tuesday 20 April and the topic would be Economy and Sustainability, focusing on the town centre and regeneration.