

ARLECDON & FRIZINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Notes from the meeting of the Arlecdon and Frizington Neighbourhood Forum held at St Joseph's Community Hall on Monday 24 January 2011 at 6.30pm

Forum Chairman: Cllr Sunderland
Councillor Present: Cllr Connolley, Cllr Holliday
Apologies: Cllr Knowles, Cllr Hawkins, Cllr Close
Declarations of Interest: NONE

Councillor Allan Holliday, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, and Keith Parker, Head of Leisure and Environment attended the Forum to explain the confusion over the new waste collection and recycling calendars. The calendar has been printed incorrectly, but as of next week (w/c 31 Jan) they should be correct, apart for those on black sacks who will continue to get a weekly collection.

Q. The symbols on the calendar are a bit confusing, especially for the colourblind.

A. We're not going to correct the calendar, that would be too costly, but we took advice from the experts at WRAP (Waste Resources Action Programme); that format is a national standard.

Q. So it was through another quango?!

A. They funded the calendars.

Comment: There's no mention of the green and white bags; people might think they're not used anymore.

Q. Will there be a statement in the Whitehaven News?

A. Yes, I spoke to them today.

Q. Are you still carrying on with fining people if their bin lids are too high?

A. No. If a household repeatedly leaves extra bags of waste and they've received a few warnings, it might be a last option. It's more about educating people to recycle more.

Comment: I know a few elderly people who are terrified of leaving their bin lid high; they can't squash any more in.

Q. What are the white and green bags?

A. In some areas of Copeland there are collections for cardboard – white bags, and plastic – green bags.

Comment: I had a black box but it blew away. I also had a lot of trouble trying to get a new bin; I had to ring a lot and it took 4 months to get sorted. A few bin men were rude too but I reported them.

Q. Why have you changed things? We used to know it was recycling and then black bags.

A. We have to change now because of the way it's been published.

Q. Can I have a chimnea?

A. As long as you are not burning trade waste. We don't encourage people to burn waste but it's not against the law. However the Council can step in if there are problems e.g. smell and smoke.

Q. We were told that only so many bags can be put out but the ones that were out were getting left behind.

A. We have been rolling out restricted collections.

Q. There seems to be a lot of confusion. The logical thing would be to carry on as normal and swap the calendar completely.

A. For most residents the calendars will work from next week.

Topic: Refreshing the Parish Plan

A Parish Plan is a document that reflects your views and identifies actions that address community aspirations and desires to make the area a better place to live and work. The Arlecdon & Frizington Parish Plan covers Arlecdon, Frizington, Rowrah and Asby. The first plan was put together in 2005; after five years the plan is being reviewed to assess how much has been done in that time and whether priorities need to change.

Residents were asked to contribute their ideas along the themes of environment, volunteering, health, local business, derelict buildings, local transport, children & young people, traffic management, community safety and 'anything else'.

Environment

- Dog fouling in streets & in St Joseph's Graveyard
- Council don't rake up grass after cutting
- Yeathouse Lonin – why is it in this state and nothing is being done. It is a public right of way. The nearest access onto the track is at Parkside for ambulance, firemen etc. Why?
- Where have all the public seats gone? Lingla Bank, St Paul's' (Church Street), Coronation Drive, Parkside.
- Bus shelter, Main Street by The Looms
- More off road parking on Queens Crescent in compound

Anything else

- More facilities for the elderly – somewhere to go for a cup of tea and a chat
- Allotments are wanted in the village

Volunteers

- Youth sports
- CRB's put people off

Health

- New surgery at Griffin Close – could this be funded by all new build schemes

Local Business

- Promote/raise profile of less visible local businesses e.g. Smokehouse at Industrial Estate has a retail counter

Derelict Buildings

- The old Council Chambers needs attention quickly
- Eyesore on Birks Road (Cleator Moor) scrap business

Local Transport

- Future of 217 service
- Lack of public transport to Arlecdon and Frizington
- Prevent rural isolation – maintain current bus routes – dial a ride facility to prevent rural isolation
- Keep bus passes

Young People

- Misuse of bus shelter

Traffic Management

- Footpath provision from Rheda Close to Rheda Park and Birks Road to Bowthorn Road
- Stop traffic parking outside St Joseph's – danger to kids coming from school
- Traffic on Coronation Drive still a problem and parking
- Stop parking on greens outside their houses. Why should I pay for this area to be maintained when the persons parking on it don't pay rent
- Parking on double yellow lines & outside Paul's wines and other shops
- Some traffic restriction outside St Joseph's School
- Danger – turning out of Yeathouse Road onto Main Street (not just due to building activities)

Community Safety

- Does the CCTV actually work because no one sees anything in this village
- More Policemen around at night – dark – children/teens are playing around
- More lights

Children

- Newtown Play Park
- Play facilities for 12 years plus
- More activities for young people
- New Play Area – Newtown – something different for children
- The Pencil Fence near the County School is a mess and could do with a bit of paint

There will be a second meeting to be held at Arlecdon for those who were not able to get to the Forum at Frizington and would like to have an input into the refreshed Parish Plan.

Community Updates

Cumbria CVS – Bridget Hornsby-Smith, Senior Development Officer

Bridget is based at Maryport but covers the whole of West Cumbria. Cumbria CVS has a variety of services they can offer community groups. There are four types of support:

1. **Funding** - They can help with funding enquiries such as questions about budgets, carry out detailed searches for a funder for projects or provide feedback on completed grant

applications. They also hold Funding Fairs along with Cumbria Community Foundation and the Lottery;

2. The Cumbria CVS run a **Volunteer brokerage service** which matches up volunteers with organisations and promotes volunteering opportunities.
 3. They can offer **training programmes** responding to local needs;
 4. They also run a free **CRB disclosure service** for an admin cost of £7.50. They can also help groups develop a business plan, set up a new activity, generate revenue etc.
- Membership is free, there is a reduced cost for training and members receive a monthly newsletter.

There will be a Funding Fair for West Cumbria on the 15 June.

Q. Does a group need to be a registered charity to get help from CVS?

A. No, groups can be very small.

Together We Can – Frizington

An update on the first day was given along with a summary of activities that will be taking place throughout the week.

Q. Are you going to paint the pencil fence?

A. Yes that will be done in better weather in the spring; the Probation Service Community Payback Team is doing it.

Q. Could we have a skip on Rydal Street?

A. We tried to spread them around. There's one on Coronation Drive and one on Newtown.

Road closure: U4016 Arlecdon, starting 8 Feb for one week

Close U4016 from approximately 50m from its junction with the U4017 for a distance of 150m.

Q. I live at Hensingham and the traffic has been diverted down a back road by my house. I phoned the Highways Hotline about it and they said it was a main road. The diversion is down our road and it's an unclassified road. Someone came down to see us and show us the road maps, they said an Inspector would come and visit.

Action: Graham Sunderland to ring the Hotline

Action: Kenny Macleod to contact Stan Rothery and Karl Melville.

Comment: Highways issues should be reported this week!

Comment: We've had a light out at Queens Crescent for month but it was sorted today as an urgent priority.

Greenvale Court

'Greenvale Court is now empty and Home Group has applied to Copeland Borough Council for permission to demolish the building. The building has been stripped out internally and applications made for the services to be disconnected. We will demolish the building as soon

as planning permission is received and disconnections are complete. We are awaiting the results of the Copeland Borough Council Housing Needs Survey for Frizington before we decide how to redevelop the site.'

Provided by Elsa Brailey, Head of Development NW, Home Group Ltd

Comment: I thought they were going to build another home?

Comment: It all seems to depend on funding.

Comment: They haven't asked the community what they want; a lot of residents didn't want to move.

Comment: There have been petitions in shops and they've been ignored!

M.O.S.S Moving On Support Scheme

MOSS supports people who due to life circumstances have become socially isolated and vulnerable and have lost the social networks many take for granted. For more information about MOSS go to www.mossbefriending.org.uk

Copeland Borough Council

Representatives of Copeland Borough Council were present to take any comments, compliments of complaints about Copeland Borough Council services.

Grant Applications

Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Awarded
Arlecdon & District Community First Responders	Towards the cost of 20 Uniform Hi-Vis Jackets for the Group.	£514.10
Weddicar Parish Council	Towards a Community Garden with roadside landscaping at Keeke.	£150
Keeke & Padstow Senior Citizens	Towards a Summer Trip for Senior Citizens of Weddicar Parish.	£150

Next meeting: to be arranged